

SOCIETY OF GRASSLANDS NATURALISTS BOARD MEETING November 4, 2014

Present: Anne Bernhardt, John Slater, Eileen Cowtan, Gary Martin and Hugh Armstrong, Monica Bartha (host).
Guests: Tina Regher and Martha Munz Gue.

1. Call to Order 7:03p.m. – Anne
2. Review & Adoption of GN Board minutes from October 7, 2014. Motion carried forward.
3. Additions to Agenda.
4. Action Items:
 - a. City of Medicine Hat berms – John/Tina: Tina and John shared new information regarding the berms around the City of Medicine Hat. Tina shared her questions and concerns.
 - b. Community Foundation Vital signs report – Hugh: Any not for profits can enter their name on the list.
 - c. City contract list of equipment update – Eileen: Eileen spoke to Corlaine and there will be a meeting arranged with Randy Taves within the next couple weeks.
5. Reports:
 - a. Treasurer's & Correspondence report – Eileen: GN Total \$21,971.09; Interpretive Program Total \$49,226.91 as of September 30, 2014. No new letters.
 - b. Membership report – Eileen: Total members: 93.
 - i. Motion carried forward to update the GN membership waiver form (John).
 - c. Issues Committee report – John:
 - i. Saskatchewan 2014 count of Sage Grouse was 8 displaying males on 3 leks, which is the lowest it has ever been.
 - ii. Plastic bottles and bags – Dave absent: no report.
 - d. Indoor Program Committee report – Dave/Gary/Monica:
 - i. Friday, November 7th will hear back if we have the Swift Fox speaker, if not we will ask Dave Munz Gue to present a Part II of his trip to the Galapagos Islands.
 - e. Fund Raising Committee report – Hugh:
 - i. We need a project to raise funds. Sean Allen has come up with a project to remove invasive plants but Corlaine Gardner and the City have no reservations.
 - ii. Possible projects: Bird feeders at local nursing centers and Birding Trail maps.
 - iii. Gifts & Goodies Gala at Fifth Avenue Memorial United Church on Saturday November 15, 2014 from 10:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. Anyone can set up as a vendor for 6' table \$20; 12' table \$30. Set up Friday November 14, 2014 between 1:00 to 3:00p.m. or Saturday at 9:00a.m.
 - f. Budget Committee report – John for Paul Thibault: The updated Budget for the GN Club was presented. Motion carried to adopt.
 - g. Governance Committee report - Hugh:
 - i. Amended Budget committee P&P approved.
 - ii. Amended Communications committee P&P approved.
 - iii. All GN Members should take note and read through the Abuse Policy. Printed copy available at nature center and on the Grasslands Naturalists website. Place a blurb in the Chronicle to let all members know where to view the Abuse Policy.
6. Other Business:
 - a. Medicine Hat college proposal for YNC – Martha and John: Joint agreements including insurance between MHC and GN for YNC are to discuss further with the MHC at meeting on November 5, 2014. The college running the YNC would be the simplest.
 - b. The info session regarding Lion's Park berm on November 6th is to attended by John.
 - c. Pamphlet for Butterflies (Dave absent) and Wildflowers (Martha) report.
 - d. Staff benefits Meeting with staff – Anne will speak with Corlaine.
 - e. Community Foundation Endowment Plan – Anne: Invite Mike Christy to attend the General Meeting in November to speak to members during coffee.
 - f. Nature Alberta – Martha: Shared the report about the last Nature Alberta meeting.
 - g. Birding Trail Project – Hugh: Received two quotes for the pamphlet. The Birding Trails committee is meeting Nov 7th to discuss the pamphlet; particularly maps and write up.
 - h. Next General Meeting Tuesday November 25, 2014 Police Point Park at 7pm.
7. Next Board Meeting: Tuesday December 2, 2014 at Hugh's. 15 Partridge Street NE.
8. Meeting adjourned at 8:55p.m.