

NNSG BOARD OF DIRECTORS WINTER SOCIAL MINUTES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 5:15 pm

Duncan Little Creek – Elko, NV

1. Welcome and introductions determination of quorum
 - Board Members: Margaret Walch, Gerry Miller, Larry Hyslop, Paul Meiman, Andi Porreca, Katie Moss, Coralee Ditman, Gail Ross
 - Public: Doug Clarke, Colleen Lafferty, Nick Brancato, Trevor Walch, Tanya Meiman, Cindy Hyslop, Griffin Manzo
 - Coralee called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
2. Public Comment/Short General Discussion Period, Adjust Agenda
 - Gerry stated that he would like to increase BOD members to 15. Agendize for January meeting.
 - Gail also mentioned that there is a NNSG microbiome working group that meets to discuss teaming activities for collaboration. Agendize for all future meetings.
3. Approval of November 8th meeting minutes
 - **Paul made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes with his edits. Gerry seconded and the motion passed.**
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - Approval of Bills Accrued Since the Last Meeting
 - i. **Gerry made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Andi seconded and the motion passed.**
5. Consideration of exploring contracting the accounting services out
 - **Gerry made a motion to pay Katie Moss \$20/hour to continue to be the NNSG Treasurer. Paul seconded and the motion passed.**
6. BLM Mary's River riparian assessment:
 - a. Do we want to do a follow-up study since we have the funds for it, but we no longer manage the land?
 - NNSG has roughly \$30,000 to do an assessment or a study on the Mary's River. To move forward, we would have to submit a proposal in writing to the BLM. Melanie would like to see some sort of project proposal from NNSG. Andi contacted Greg Simmons and he does have the old data files from the original assessment. Open Range Consulting is interested in taking on the project and would like to do a new survey. Those present discussed different ideas of how BLM could cost share with us on getting monitoring completed, like a 50:50 cost share.
 - Item tabled for January meeting. Gerry will run the idea by Cam to see what his thought on the project are.
7. Friends of the Rubies Events Update

- The Avalanche Awareness workshop had 30 attendees, 5 of which were from the Forest Service. And on December 22, NOS is hosting a snowshoe hike at the Powerhouse Picnic area.
8. Updates on:
- Upcoming educational workshops
 - i. Cattlemen’s Update will be moving around Nevada January 9-13.
 - ii. ENLC Winter Conference will be held in Ely January 4-5.
 - Rangeland monitoring workshop November/December
 - i. Paul stated that he is available February 21-24 and March 6-8 to hold the workshop in Elko. He’d like to give a one-hour presentation giving an overview of some monitoring practices and then showcase some ranchers and their operations. Brad at WCF would like to see a proposal from Paul and Dave is also interested in helping to give the presentation.
 - Mary Winter’s Flora of Northern Nevada Book funding request update
 - i. Doug said that he would touch base with Gary on the progress of the book. Margaret stated that she would like to purchase 5 books and Cooperative Extension would like to purchase 25.
 - Lamoille summit trails partnership update
 - i. Leslie met with John Glenn, Dean Brown and Ptarmigan Trails. Raptor surveys still need to be completed for NEPA.
 - Road’s End education area
 - i. The Forest Service cannot support the Road’s End project, but there may be potential to move the educational area to the Lion’s Club.
 - Boot cleaning station
 - i. The station will be installed this summer by USFS seasonals.
 - Lamoille Canyon chronolog photopoint on the Range 2 fire
 - i. Gerry, Larry, Doug and Brandolyn are met on site November 11th to install the hardware. There was an article about the project in the Elko Daily Free Press promoting the cottonwood growth monitoring through citizen science.
9. Upcoming opportunities requesting contribution/partner support
- 2023 Cowboy Poetry Gathering panel discussion
 - i. There will be two panel discussion sessions, still needing some local folks to present. Doug has asked Brad from WFC for an update.
 - ii. Nevada Wild exhibit sponsorship February 1, 2023 – sponsored \$250 in the past
 1. **Paul made a motion to donate \$250 for the exhibit in February. Gail seconded and the motion passed.**
10. Sage Grouse Local Area Working Group update – Elko has a few credit and debit opportunities in the works and the LAWG will be monitoring the Sage Grouse Plan Amendment
- There will be a meeting at the NDOW office in Elko on January 18th to discuss interconnected landscapes and deer corridors.
 - NRMAC is currently working on updating the sage grouse plan. They meet the last Monday of every month.
11. Board Member updates/Public Comment

- Cooperative Extension has a new director and NDF has a new Forester II in Ely.
- Doug would like to see NNSG start hosting more frequent workshops, movies and other events like we have done in the past. Possible topics could be climate change and fire regimes, ecosystem resilience, Pete Coates or maybe a remote sensing presentation by Open Range Consulting? He recommending using the \$5,000 from NGM to host a fall 2023 symposium.

12. Determine the next meeting date (January 10) via Zoom.

13. Adjourn

- The December meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.