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Working Together for Healthy Landscapes and Quality Lifestyles

NNSG board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 11th, 2024 at 5:30 pm
7018 Brewery
Elko, Nevada 89801

1. A quorum was present.
 - a. Board of Directors: Leslie Creel, Gerry Miller, Gail Ross, Margaret Walsh, Larry Hyslop, Dave Voth, Paul Meiman, Mark Lattin
 - b. Other's: Jeff Moore (BLM Liaison) Doug Clarke, Cindy Hyslop, Bill Wells,
2. No public comment
3. Approval of November 14th minutes. Gerry moved, Larry seconded. All in favor.
4. Treasurer's report.
 - a. Larry sent Thank You's to the two donations in memory of Joe Rosevear.
 - b. Larry spent \$130 for a new Friends of NV Wilderness Shade Shelter.
5. Contribution requests or partner support
 - a. Doug will confirm with Brandolyn if the \$100 for chronolog photo station goes directly to NOS.
 - b. Gerry made a donation of \$100.00 which bought pizzas and sodas for the Sage Grouse Local Area Working Group meeting on 10 December 2024. He does not need a receipt of contribution.
6. Group and partner updates
 - a. **Sage Grouse Local Area Working Group** had a meeting yesterday. 10 people showed up. No one is now leading the LAW. It seems appropriate that NDOW would lead this consortium. Doug will write a letter to Alan Jenne and Marissa Murphy.
 - b. Paul will be working to get the **Rangeland Monitoring Workshop** going before Schultz retires in late June. He is looking at February dates. There was discussion on if the intent is to entice ranchers to monitor or inform them so they understand the BLM's goals. It would be good to have the Forest Service and BLM present. Doug suggested two parts: the first to give highlights and agency perspective; the second part would be implementation (perhaps the app). It was suggested to ask Martin Paris the Cattlemen's Association thoughts. Gerry reported that the last workshop was on a Thursday from 6-10 pm and that worked out ok.
 - c. Doug Clarke reported that a lot of people are interested in the **Grass and Forbs Workshop**. A workshop now times well with soon-available copies of Mary Winter's book. He is targeting late May or early June. It was suggested to partner with GBC and make it a continuing ed class.

- d. **Microbiome working group** has nothing new to report. Compost week is May 4-10.
 - e. **Friends of the Rubies** hosted the Avalanche Awareness Intro at Spring Creek Golf Course on December 4th. Last year the room was packed and this year, there were 12 attendees. The first meeting was held in 2016.
 - f. **Elko Trail Systems Initiative** - Phase 1 of the Humboldt-Rubies trail received \$80k for scoping, to be managed by Elko County. At the same time, Phase 1 was short-listed for construction funding, which means that it is "no longer competing against other applications, but rather verification of the merits and defining the scope of work, costs, and schedule."
 - g. **Dark skies** - no activity
7. Agency Updates. Jeff Moore reported that the O'Neil PPA and fuels level habitat restoration project is now in the appeal period, through December 19th. They are expecting appeals. There has "almost been a decision" for a long time, since 2016. There is a lot of Lahontan Cutthroat Trout (LCT) stuff going on and there was a horse gather in the Ely District of about 2000 horses.
8. Board Member Updates
- a. Gail Ross reports that Nevada Outdoor School (NOS) is looking for two board members.
 - b. Doug Clarke reports the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering Stewardship discussion panel is moving along. The subject is Properly Functioning Conditions (PFC) for creeks and communities. Sherm., Steve, Agee (Shoesole), Catherine Dyer are likely panel members.
 - c. Dave Voth reports that Ag and the classroom is March 6th with the teachers. The kids will be a couple months after that.
 - d. Doug mentioned stationing a booth at an Environmental Education event in Lamoille in May for 5th graders. It's 4 days, ~8-2:30 pm. Prepare ~20 minute presentation, such as hides & skulls, or deciduous vs evergreen.
 - e. Mary Winter's books will be stored at Gail's office. NNSG receives 90 copies, for which they have prepaid. The selling price is \$25. If we need more, we can purchase from NNPS' 700 total.
9. No public comment
10. Next meetings
- a. Wednesday, January 8th, 5:30 pm at the Elko Interagency Dispatch Center, 725 Aspen Way.
 - b. Wednesday, February 12th, 5:30 pm
11. Adjourn at 6:45 pm.. The bill at the 7018 Brewery was \$87.00 dollars