

NNSG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 5:15 pm

**Nevada Division of Forestry
911 Falcon Lane Elko, Nevada**

1. Welcome and introductions / determination of quorum
 - Board Members: Gary Reese (via Zoom), Gerald Miller, Larry Hyslop, Andi Porreca, William Kutosky
 - Public: Doug Clarke, Coralee Ditman, Paul Meiman, Josh Nicholes, Connie Lee
 - Gerry Miller the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.
2. Public Comment/Short General Discussion Period, Adjust Agenda
 - i. Larry stated that he would like to have the NNSG sponsor his attendance at the June SRM meeting. There was not a quorum so sponsorship could not be voted on.
 - ii. Andi to get NNSG logo to Vogue Cleaners so new hats can be made.
3. Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes and May 11, 2021 Minutes
 - **No quorum, item to be voted on at July Board meeting.**
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - Approval of Bills Accrued Since the Last Meeting
 - i. Katie will need to write a \$2,000 check to Nevada Native Plant Society and send check to Gary.
 - ii. **No quorum, item to be voted on at July Board meeting.**
5. Update on NNSG Brochure
 - Dave worked on and updated the brochure last year. Katie will forward to Gerry and Andi.
6. National Trails Day Activities – June 5th in Lamoille Canyon
 - Volunteer activities occurred at Road's End, Thomas Canyon, Talbot Creek Trail and at the Nature Trail. Volunteers will be picked up garbage, brush removal, oiling benches and adding stencils to brochure boxes. New posts were installed, benches and posts were painted with linseed oil. There were 8 volunteers from the Forest Service. Pam and Gail worked on closing off trails and some work was also done on the Ruby Crest Trail by volunteers.
7. Lamoille Summit Trails Partnership – discussion of next steps and what is the ask of the Stewardship Group
 - The County has committed to step up on the funding side of the project. NNSG will continue to support and will coordinate projects as needed.
8. Friends of the Rubies Update – every Saturday in July scheduled with Campground talks and Saturdays in August scheduled with Cool Canyon evenings
 - There will be informational booth's set up at Road's End and volunteers on July 4th and Labor Day.

9. Kiss the Earth Community Showing – Need to determine a location (at/behind museum) and date for movie
 - Gerry will look in to having the meeting hosted at the museum in the theater as well as food options for attendees. Doug will get a flyer for the event started and email to Andi.
10. Mary Winter's Flora of Northern Nevada Book Funding Request Update
 - Janel has talked to the printer and all new edit's will need to be approved by Mary's sister. Paul will remind Janel to get Gary Back's dedication to Mary added to the book before it goes to print.
11. Upcoming Opportunities Requesting Contribution/Partner Support
 - 2022 National Cowboy Poetry Gathering
 - i. Gerry will send out an email to the Board to compile ideas for a discussion panel. What should the theme be?
12. Sage Grouse Local Area Working Group Update – Elko has a few credit and debit opportunities in the works
 - The netting from the Echo Fire cache has been removed and there are lots of new forb plants coming in.
13. Updates from Agencies, Partners and Landowners
 - Gerry Miller – DCNR
 - i. Stated that the McAdoo caches are looking really good right now and that rolling caches have had the most success. He would also like the Board to submit anonymous comment/suggestions on how they would like to see the NNSG moving forward. What does the Board want to the NNSG to be focusing their efforts on?
 - Paul Meiman – UNCE
 - i. Monitoring-
 1. Paul brought copies of the Rancher's Monitoring Guide (Schultz et al.) revised in 2020 for the Board and he is interested in taking small groups of people out in the field to do some method classes.
 - ii. Josh Nicholes – USFS
 1. Finished seasonal orientations and after June 20, they should have all of their seasonals on-board and working. There is lots of leafy spurge taking off up Lamoille Canyon, so that will be their first area of attack. The fire prevention tech is on now, but no law enforcement yet. FS will be working on the Canada thistle along the road by the Nature trail.
 - William Kutosky – USFWS
 - i. Currently looking for science-based projects for their Nevada Invasive Treatments and Applications Program. They have \$300,000 to put towards invasive annual grasses treatments. Looking for a chemical that will attack cheatgrass when its growing among native plants without harming them.
 - Coralee Ditman – NDF
 - i. Has money for crews to treat weeds at South Fork with SB508 funding.
 - Doug Clarke – public

- i. Has committed to do a write-up on the optimal window for collecting sagebrush seed. Write-up will include info about seed collection, how to store, and how to protect the seed once it's on the ground and how you don't have to use just sagebrush carcasses, can also use other materials.
- ii. Doug also stated that he'd like to have the group move forward with using NDF crews to do leafy spurge removal in Lamoille Canyon. He will work with Andi on LS phenology and securing an NDF crew.

14. Public Comment

- Larry stated that he will be applying for the BLM RAC position. He would like NNSG to support him moving forward with his endeavor by writing a Letter of Support.

15. Determine the Next Meeting Date and Location

- July 15 at the Northeastern Nevada Museum.

16. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.