

NORTHEASTERN NEVADA STEWARDSHIP GROUP

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Working Together for Healthy Landscapes and Quality Lifestyles

NNSG General Membership Social Meeting Minutes

July 15th 2021 @ 7:00 pm Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, Nevada

President Gerry Miller called the meeting to order and welcomed all the folks in attendance.

Board of Directors and Officers in attendance: Gerry Miller (President), Katie Moss (Treasurer), At-Large Board of Directors: Larry Hyslop, Margaret Walch, Pam Harrington, Dave Voth, Gail Ross. Absent: Andi Porreca and William Kutosky

President Miller gave a big thank you to Ruby Mountain Hot Dogs for catering the dinner and to Gail Ross for bringing her microscope for attendees to view various soil samples. Gerry then proceeded to give an overview of the Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group and their current activities.

Leslie Creel discussed the Elko Trails Initiative Partnership and the intent of a Memorandum of Understanding that is being proposed. Curtis Moore elaborated a bit further on the opportunities this MOU provides and President Miller asked the audience if they had any concerns of this initiative going forward. Hearing none, the consensus was to keep on maintaining and cutting new trails moving forward into perpetuity. There will be low cost trail building workshops coming to Elko in the near future.

Larry Hyslop gave an update on the Friends of the Rubies Activities. National Trails Day activities in Lamoille Canyon were successful, Campground Talks each Saturday in July and Cool Canyon Evenings at the Powerhouse Picnic area on Saturdays are scheduled in August and there will be an informational table again at roads end on Labor day weekend – folks are welcome to join us at the table if interested.

President Miller mentioned that the check has been sent to the Nevada Native Plant Society to kick start the publication of former board of director Mary Winter's Flora of Northern Nevada.

President Miller discussed the difficulty of filling the Vice-President's seat on the Board of Directors, so rather than having ten votes, we've usually been a nine-member board. However, it would be nice to change the six at-large director's seats to seven at-large board of directors seats. There was some discussion that it might be beneficial to increase the Board of Director's to 11 or more to help accommodate other folks such as the Elko Trail System Initiative and other not-for-profits that we partner with to also have a vote.

Dave Voth moved to revise the NNSG Bylaws to eliminate the Vice- President title thus creating seven at-large Board of Directors rather than the current six at-large Directors and Four Officers. Pam Harrington seconded. Hearing no nays and all yeas, a consensus was reached and the motion carried.

Now that there was an open at-large seat on the Board of Directors: Dave Voth quickly nominated Paul Meiman and Larry Hyslop seconded. Motion passed.

President Miller called for any other nominations. Hearing none, a motion was called for vote, as there were only yeas, the motion passed. Welcome to the Board, Paul!

Other Business: We have a request from Nevada Outdoor School to assist in requesting funding for end of Lamoille Canyon road improvements such as installation of picnic tables and in early October, there will be the NDF/NNSG Tree sale.

Sage Grouse Local Working group is plugging along. The State Sagebrush Ecosystem Council is meeting in Eureka on June 23rd if anybody is interested in

attending. The McAdoo Sagebrush Carcass study is wrapped up and the final publication is taking shape for perhaps a presentation this coming spring.

The meeting was adjourned and Past President Margaret Walch performed magic on the video player and the nearly fifty attendees watched the Elko Premiere of *Kiss the Ground*. A documentary on regenerative agriculture which was very beautifully photographed, and presented. For us, thought provoking, which will help this human be a better steward of the landscapes I'm blessed to work upon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerald Miller

NNSG President