SERNW Monthly Board Meeting  
Tuesday, November 20, 2012  
6 PM-7 PM  
Conference call 605-475-6700 Access code 315192

Board Members present: Allison Warner (President), Janice Martin (Program Vice President), Barry Southerland (Executive Vice President), Jim Hallett (SERI Rep), Frank Reckendorf (Treasurer), Alaine Sommargren (Publications), Adrien Elseroad (Director at large Position 1), Joshua Chenoweth (Director at large Position 2), Keith Nevison (Director at large Position 3), Ray Entz (Director at large Position 5), Betsy Bermingham (Secretary), and Danielle Berardi (Student Guild Rep)

Board Members absent: Rolf Gersonde (Director at large Position 4)

I. Board Administration
   1. 9/18/2012 Meeting Minutes–Approval  
      a. Approved
   2. Treasurers Report  
      a. Frank gave an update on a few items (insurance) expenses = Mountaineers deposit, total expenses $5955, increased membership for third quarter ($2700). Total revenue $10,637.
      b. Alaine looked into mileage rate to see if it is up-to-date; it looks good.
   3. Please send Board hours for third quarter (July 1 – October 31 2012)

II. New Business
   1. Chapter awards for SERNW 20th event  
      a. Allison discussed her recommendations for Conservationist of the Year and the SERNW Special Award. She suggested the Board discuss in more detail at next meeting and welcomes other nominees.
   2. Turtle workshop proposal  
      a. Request for a partnership for OR Wildlife Societies Spring Workshop on turtles, seems like an opportunity to make more connections in OR. Adrien, Janice, and Keith agreed that it was a great idea. Keith can send Ben Wishnek’s contact to the Program Committee. Allison will talk with TWS about what they are looking for, more information. Keith suggested keeping Ben Wishneck (ben.wishnek@gmail.com) on the correspondence.
   3. CUH mailbox Issue  
      a. Allison will check with them after the holiday.

III. Recurring Business
   1. 2013 Campout  
      a. Summer campout 2013? Proposal of meeting location. Need to book campsite now- decide on date? Different approach? Similar to BC member meeting coupled with workshop?? (see attached location options)
         1. We can save money and stress if we get a group camp now; they open up for reservations in November.
         2. The other concept is to have a workshop coupled with annual member meeting, to attract more people.
2. **Board development**
   a. Betsy will defer this year – the Board needs to come up with a nominee for the secretary
   b. Adrien and Allison are willing to run again
   c. We may be a little out of sync on some of the At large Positions. Allison went over the bylaws. We probably should have appointed Barry for Exec Vice President. Barry will touch base with Allison and get the slate finalized.
   d. Allison recommends that we cultivate Samantha Rich for the secretary position, potentially have her who has bookkeeping skills – could mentor her to be a Treasurer so Frank can focus on workshops more.
   e. Barry will solicit other nominees in the next few weeks.

3. **Strategic Communications Team**
   a. Cascadia Restoration News- Nothing new to report
   b. Website
      1. Had first committee meeting a week ago (Alaine, Joshua, Keith and Betsy)
      2. Please send Alaine input if you see any issues.
      3. Committees website needs updating – Betsy will send a solicitation to Committee chairs for descriptions, also Grants needs an update (Alaine will contact Barry and Jim) and Jobs and Events needs to be updated regularly.
      4. Proposed a few new email addresses to be used on the website: Webmaster: contact for content on website; Sernw.main – basic contact us email for people that want to volunteer or have a general question; Restoration highlights submissions email – Ray will check this; Grants Chair email
      5. Allison recommended that sernw20 that just be for the program committee. Having a ser.org email address will take quite awhile, for now Alaine suggested we use gmail accounts for now.
      6. Keith suggested that we put the biographies and the photos up for each board member. Everyone thought this was a good idea. Alaine will need photos, she thinks she already has bios.

4. **Program Committee**
   a. 2014 Conference Planning – Betsy summarized the survey results
   b. Betsy will send out Table 3 reformatted.
   c. Program committee can utilize this when we get into conference planning
   d. We were planning on having a conference in Spring 2014, SWS is already planning on a conference at this time in Portland. Frank, Betsy, Barry and Janice are in support of contacting SWS to see if we could partner.
   e. SERNW 20th Anniversary Scheduled for March 1st at the Mountaineers building in Seattle, 6-10pm. Committee leads and upcoming tasks:
      1. Publicity: Betsy
      2. Donations/Partnerships: Janice. Janice has put together a donations letter and will send to Board members
      3. Speakers/Entertainment: Rolf. Jerry Franklin is interested in speaking
4. Restoration Walks: Betsy
5. Next meeting is Monday the 26th.
6. We would also like to recognize past board members. Janice will send out to board

5. Grants
a. Student Scholarship proposal
b. Frank noted that we are in fine shape financially to give two scholarships of $750 each
c. Jim will develop the application and have support from the Grants Committee

6. Student Guild Updates
a. Student guild members are not SERNW members. (Are they SER student members to join student guild?) Should we offer this as an incentive (any student that signs up with a guild is automatically an SERNW member)? (its only $5 to be a student member) If not, then Student guilds need to clarify to members they need to sign up in order to receive Restore and also our newsletter.

7. SERI Report
a. Caroline has taken a new position so consequently there may be some delays in responses

IV. Next meeting Dec 18, 6-7 pm (3rd Tuesday)