

Attendance:

In Person: Mark Paschke, Kristina Hufford, Josh Eldridge, Adrienne Pilmanis.

Phoneland: Brett Wolk, Brock Bowles, Megan Bowes, Ann Frazier, Tim Hoelzle.

President's Report

Mark traveled to Wyoming for the American Society of Mining and Reclamation meeting in Laramie and was particularly encouraged by the innovative work done at the Wyoming Reclamation and Restoration Center, which would be great to distribute among our members. The influx of Wyoming members into the Central Rockies SER chapter will only make us stronger and we look forward to continue growing outside the Colorado Front Range and helping connect people and ideas between Colorado and Wyoming members.

Treasurer Report

We held steady with an account balance of \$15,449.25. Our only account activity was an expense of \$9.78 to ship treasurer materials from the past treasurer Brett Wolk to our new treasurer Tim Hoelzle.

Secretary/Membership Report

We gained several members, but official numbers from SER were not available for the past month at meeting time. We expect an influx of student members in the next month due to the student scholarship requirement that applicants are members of the Central Rockies chapter. Let's try and find ways to keep students interested and involved in the chapter.

Webmaster Report

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Casey Cisneros submitted several glorious photo's and has won the t-shirt contest! He will receive a classic Central Rockies SER t-shirt for his contribution to improving the appearance of our website. We still need more photo's, and we still have more old t-shirts, so please send your shots to Jayne and you might get a classic Central Rockies SER t-shirt too!

Action Committee's

Student Scholarship Committee

The student scholarship application to support students attending the 2013 SER World Conference was distributed to colleges and universities throughout Colorado and Wyoming and posted on the CeRSER website. The plans to award four \$500 scholarships to support students attending the conference. The application deadline is June 15th and applicants will be notified by July 1st of award decisions. Awards will be prioritized for students that attend a university in Colorado or Wyoming, are doing research in the Central Rockies region, and are presenting (poster or talk) or otherwise contributing to the conference. Check out the full scholarship application on our website.

Events Committee

Ann Frazier was the only member of the events committee that was able to attend, and she just recently joined the Central Rockies chapter. The events committee has been focusing on organizing speakers and logistics for an evening pub talk series at different locations along the Front Range focused on post fire restoration on the Waldo canyon fire near Colorado Springs and the High Park fire near Fort Collins last summer.

Mark suggested we should maybe do a field tour of restoration sites. Starting small is a good idea and half day free tours would likely attract some interest. Possible topics include the High Park or Waldo Canyon fire, or contacting other grad students from the area and having them give a tour of their restoration research sites. The idea was brought up to partner with Wildlands Restoration Volunteers to combine a volunteer day with informational tour, but that was agreed to be an idea to pursue next summer. Other popular ideas were to tour Pawnee Butte seeds restoration sites near Greeley, visit the Pawnee National Grasslands or to hold an evening event at the Denver Botanic Gardens.

Fundraising Committee

T-shirts have been ordered and are expected any day now! The initial order was for 40 shirts with the Central Rockies SER logo. Look for order forms on the website soon.

It was agreed to solicit sponsorship for the student scholarships to the SER conference in Wisconsin as a test run for our fundraising. Opportunities for sponsorship will be offered to Central Rockies SER members first before outside sources are sought. The sponsorship solicitation will be sent out hopefully within a week in order to receive any donations before decisions have to be made on the student scholarship awards on July 1st.

Other Business

Megan Bowes again solicited speakers from the Central Rockies SER chapter for the Colorado Native Plant Society annual meeting in Boulder this summer. She is looking for someone to speak about restoration in the context of climate change and is entertaining too. Brett Wolk has volunteered, please contact Megan bowesm@bouldercolorado.gov if you're interested.

Next Meeting

Our next chapter meeting will be in August. Another doodle is coming your way to nail down a specific time.