

Minutes of the State Board Meeting: February 11, 2012

Fenner Nature Center, Lansing, MI

Members Present: Todd Barkman, Becky Csia, Irene Eiseman, Richard Fowler, Judy Kelly, Robert Kelly, Pam Laureto, Emily Nietering, Larry Nooden, Sarah Nooden, Joshua Pope (RCC v.p., non-board member), Lynn Steil, Bev Walters, Alice Ward

Call to Order 12:06 pm by Judy Kelly

Approval of Agenda & Minutes: Judy Kelly called for approval of the agenda. Approval was passed.

Pam Laureto moved to approve the minutes of Oct. 8, 2011, Todd Barkman seconded, motion passed.

Pam Laureto moved to approve the minutes of Nov. 18 Executive Committee Meeting at Fenner Nature Center, Emily Nietering seconded, motion passed.

Roberts Rules of Order -- President Kelly said that our constitutional by-laws require us to use Roberts Rules of Order. Also, in response to comments on the 360 Report regarding the MBC Board meetings, President Kelly presented a portion of a video on Roberts Rules of Order. The pertinent issue discussed regarded the process for discussion recognition following a motion. The president will ask for hands to be raised and will call on members in order to speak before anyone can speak a second time. This process was used in today's meeting.

Announcements

Bev Walters announced that Ed Voss was home from the hospital with hospice in attendance.

Sarah Nooden passed the revised brochure around for update.

President Kelly passed her board member list around the table for e-mail and phone # updates as well as adding cell phone numbers for her use only.

President Kelly passed around the Appalachian Forest School information around to members.

President Kelly passed around the Isle Royal Botany Workshop information around to members.

Committee Reports

Awards - Emily Nietering gave us the discussed criteria for the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Emily moved the criteria for the Lifetime Achievement Award be accepted, Sarah Nooden seconded. Motion passed.

Emily gave us the discussed criteria for the Special Recognition Award.

Emily moved to accept the award criteria, Alice Ward seconded. Discussion followed.

Irene Eiseman questioned the meaning of the word, contribution.

Richard Fowler moved to amend the motion to eliminate "up to X awards" in the wording, Pam Laureto seconded, Discussion, Motion passed.

Robert Kelly moved that we table the Lifetime Achievement Award motion so Emily can edit & bring back for viewing via e-mail & action can be taken at the next board meeting. Motion passed. The original motion to accept was tabled.

Richard Fowler asked about the absence of the Lifetime Membership award.

Emily thanked Richard for making that point and indicated that it would be added.

Big Trees -- Andy Sawyer, no report

Web Master - President Kelly announced that Andy Sawyer indicated by e-mail that he asked to be relieved of this chair/duty. President Kelly said that he apparently was still active with the Big Tree project. Discussion followed. President Kelly said that she will express the Board's appreciation for his work on the website. Irene Eiseman said that each chapter president should learn to edit their chapter information on the website.

Todd Barkman moved that a small stipend be offered to one individual to design/run the website with what is expected. Pam Laureto seconded. Discussion followed.

Richard Fowler moved that the motion be tabled and the website stipend be referred to committee, seconded by Irene Eiseman. Motion was passed. Original motion was tabled. Irene Eiseman, Bev Walters, Judy Kelly volunteered to serve as an ad hoc committee and report to the Board as soon as possible.

The Michigan Botanist - Todd Barkman expressed a need for manuscripts. This problem is due in part to a lack of research funding. He asked the Board to solicit our chapters/universities for articles. Suggestions included biographies and reports of a historical nature. Judy suggested that we send ideas via e-mail to Todd.

Todd expressed the need for the Michigan Botanist to receive the annual \$1000 as was approved in 2010 for 2011.

Pam Laureto said since the 2011 funds were not sent to The Michigan Botanist that both the 2011 and 2012 funds should be provided.

President Kelly asked Todd to have The Michigan Botanist business manager send an invoice to the treasurer.

Nominations - Sarah Nooden said that the nomination process for the next board election will begin. A need for volunteers was expressed. Joshua Pope volunteered as a non-board member. Corresponding Secretary - Mary Danforth was not present but sent word that Feb. 29 is the next deadline for the Arisaema.

Michigan Botanical Foundation - Pam Laureto announced that the Michigan Botanical Foundation Board would like to send letters to universities/colleges about funding for potential student research projects. Also provided would be the opportunity to publish in The Michigan Botanist. A photograph and paragraph of project would be in the Arisaema.

Todd Barkman reminded everyone that The Michigan Botanist is a peer reviewed publication. Pam also clarified to everyone that one student is funded for the foray. The second student is the chapter's responsibility. Chapters wanting additional students to be funded must apply with a written request for each.

Treasurer- The treasurer's report was sent by e-mail. President Kelly announced Linda Pelkey's request to be relieved of her duty as treasurer. Robert Kelly has kindly volunteered to be interim treasurer. Sarah Nooden moved that Robert Kelly be our interim treasurer, Pam Laureto seconded. Robert discussed his extensive experience.

Motion carried.

Spring Foray - Larry Nooden announced that the information/plans for the spring foray at the U.M. biological station at Pellston are almost ready for the Arisaema.

History & Archives - Rob Riepma no report

New Business

Method of approval of minutes & other business - consent agenda: Irene Eiseman moved that a consent approval committee be elected for minutes approval. Discussion followed. Pam Laureto amended the motion to read that the minutes be sent to the executive committee for approval, Becky Csia seconded, motion passed. Irene Eiseman moved that the motions & actions be indicated with a line indicator & be distributed by e-mail 1 month after the Board meeting. Seconded by Todd Barkman, motion carried.

Michigan Natural Areas Council - Judy Kelly announced that MNAC would like to dissolve and rejoin MBC and be a committee within the club. Pam Laureto suggested the director of MNAC speak to the Board regarding their intentions. President Kelly will contact Chris Graham.

New committees (See Committee Charter Guidelines handout) Board 360 report from the NEW center - President Kelly referred to her letter to Board members. Much discussion followed. Many suggestions were given.

Pam Laureto moved that we forgo everything else to work/focus on the Board 360 Report only, Todd Barkman seconded. Discussion followed including the meeting be held at the spring foray in a split session during the weekend. Motion passed.

Report from Chapter presidents - Larry Nooden. President Kelly asked Larry Nooden that the responses to his questions he asked the chapter presidents be disseminated to the Board prior to the foray. He agreed.

Old Business

Michigan Consortium of Botanists - no discussion

Future State Board Meeting: Spring 2012 at the Foray at the University of Michigan Biological Station, Pellston, MI HVC hosting

Pam Laureto moved to adjourn, Robert Kelly seconded.

President Kelly adjourned 3:32pm

Respectfully submitted, Lynn Steil

Recording Secretary