

MBC State Board Meeting Minutes — March 1, 2014

MBC State Board Meeting March 1, 2014 Michigan Environmental Council Office, Lansing, Michigan

Members Present: Tyler Bassett, Becky Csia, Irene Eiseman, Craig Elston, Richard Fowler, Aaron Fown, Jim Hewitt, Bob Kelly, Judy Kelly, Pam Laureto, Larry Nooden, Sarah Nooden, Tony Reznicek, Lynn Steil, Bev Walters

Call to Order - Judy Kelly 12:01

Approval of agenda

Changes to minutes: Mary Danforth not there. Jan. meeting was supposed to be Sat. Jan. 25. Judy asked for minutes to be accepted with changes... motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Larry urged that the Smith Fund (CD) would be identified as such in the report. Bob Kelly said he would amend the report and resend. Tyler, moved to accept the treas. re- port. Aaron seconded. Motion carried. Larry Nooden reminded everyone that foray expenses not be taxed.

Robert's Rules of Order - Judy reminded everyone

Announcements

President's email list sent around to Board for revisions

Botany Workshop on Isle Royale National Park, 9-14 June 2014 reminder

MBC brochure - Sarah Nooden passed around the brochure for updating

Judy Kelly announced that the MNAC is merging with Stewardship Network.

Judy Kelly announced the Fall meeting will be held at GVSU in Allendale on Oct.18.

Committee Reports

Webmaster - Aaron Fown: 40-50% more visitors (5-8 people) Aaron will do a workshop on editing after the meeting. Larry asked if we need PHP security. Aaron said the present system is needed to access our information and affirmed the necessity for this system and his satisfaction of the system.

Corresponding Secretary - Mary Danforth: Mary e- mailed a report to Judy Kelly. Costs for Spring Newsletter @ \$1,000. Mary asked that descriptions of foray field trips be in to her by May 15. The Foray Edition would be out May 30. The April edition would not have all of the registration information in it. All articles

should be in by March 15th for the April spring edition. The regular edition will have the directory, foundation info, treas. report, M.botanist info, two sets of minutes, preview of foray. Richard Fowler moved that we have two newsletters, the second to include foray registration forms. Pam Laureto seconded. Motion carried.

The Michigan Botanist: Judy reported that Michael Huft met with Todd and Issue #4 is complete. He has manuscripts he is currently reviewing. Michael is currently looking into legality of putting on-line regarding copy- right issues. Discussion followed regarding recent changes in the law regarding posting. Regarding the business manager: Michael Huft's sister is interested as Carol Barkman would like to resign. Pam moved to accept Nancy Robbins as new business manager. Larry seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer - Bob Kelly said that we are losing a little in- come every year and cash flow is a little concerning. He said that he feels we need to re-think what we are doing. Discussion followed. Pam Laureto said the

\$2000 a year should be requested from Hanes' funds by a letter each year for The Botanist mgr. Irene mentioned that we haven't had a financial audit of The Botanist.

Tony said that he used to send in an annual report to the treasurer. Irene felt that now is the time we should ask for that. Pam suggested that we pull a few individuals together to do that audit. Irene moved that Bob Kelly initiate an audit, seconded by Sarah Nooden. Motion carried. Pam suggested that this would be included into the transition from Carol to Nancy.

Constitution & bylaws committee - Michael Huft, Becky Csia, Bev Walters & Sarah Nooden will arrange to meet.

MBC foundation: Pam Laureto announced that not much has changed in Joan Robb student scholarship in- formation. She passed information to each chapter for getting out to local students. She announced that there were few grant proposals in. She also said that there were not a lot of individual contributions this past year but holdings are doing well. Pam said she will publish more in Arisaema. Discussion regarding the foundation's relationship to MBC. Pam explained the fact that as a stand-alone group it operates separately. Richard noted that it was tax exempt and therefore not connected to MBC and is a legal separation. Becky Csia said the foundation tries to keep the connection by publicizing the grants given each year, general comments, etc. Guidelines are specific to the foundation with defined roles of Board, requests for funds, etc. which guarantees that support is not biased. Larry expressed a concern for complete autonomy with endowments that were donated

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by MBC members. Pam and Bev expressed the fact that legal status is there and clear and donors should know the clarity. Irene said that since the MBC treasury is running into problems, would we be able to get support from the foundation to sustain the club and The Michigan Botanist? Becky expressed that as long as it is within the guidelines for the request there should not be a problem.

Old Business

Mission Statement: Sarah Nooden suggested we table the mission statement for today as there were differences of opinion with changes.

Nominating committee - Sarah Nooden ex- pressed the need for a non-board member.

Spring Foray 2014 Planning

Dates of foray July 10-14.

Events

Thursday, July 10 - no meals, start of room reservations Friday, July 11 - no meals, evening program, snacks, rooms

Saturday, July 12 - 3 meals, evening program, snacks, rooms, field trips Sunday, July 13 - 3 meals, evening program, snacks, rooms, field trips

Monday, July 14- breakfast & boxed lunch

Committees

Field trip leaders & evening speakers - Lynn Steil, Larry Nooden & Tony Reznicek: Tony announced that our speaker for Friday evening is Bill Rose from MTU. He will be speaking on the geology of the area. Emmet Judziewicz from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point will be speaking Saturday evening on Isle Royale and Tina Hall from TNC will speak on Upper Peninsula conservation programs. Lynn Steil passed out a working field trip planning form with 13 of 16 field trips identified with leaders. It was suggested that Lynn ask leaders about limitation of vehicles (size & number) to the field trip sites and the need to be back at 4pm. Lynn should also ask for maps for carpool drivers.

Transportation - Judy & Bob Kelly, Irene Eiseman: Irene discussed the difficulties with getting a large bus for the entire MBC to take north. These difficulties included expense, numbers required and expense involved with time at the foray. Also, this bus could not be used for field trip locations. It was suggested that each chapter look into smaller (15 passenger) buses if desired.

Registration - Bev Walters, Aaron Fown & Rich Fowler: There will be no on-line registration but will be able to print out the form from the website. Registrations will go to Bev Walters. Committee will ask White Pine Chapter about the plastic name tags.

Booklet - Mary Danforth, Craig Elston & Sarah Nooden, Richard Fowler volunteered as well. It was suggested that color was not necessary.

Lodging: Emily Nietering, Alice Ward & Ruth Hart: Judy Kelly read Emily's letter sent earlier. It was suggested that Emily ask MTU if we are on the hook for 60 rooms if all were not chosen. It was suggested that we tell members to check "no" for hotel room if not staying in the dorm as rooms may be at a premium. Larry felt spaces of 120 will fill. It was suggested that we invite field trip leaders to dinner/speaker. MTU requires an ID badge if on campus/\$10 fee which should be included on registration form. Note individuals driving will need \$2 parking fee tag which should be ordered on line. It was decided that a standard box lunch be included for Monday. Need to ask campus about parking for evening events. It was suggested that we advertise speakers on campus. Can pay reg. with no meal/rooms. Time for breakfast: 7-8am.

Logistics - Pam Laureto, Sarah Nooden and Becky Csia volunteered as well. Ask leaders that they meet us at MTU to lead us to the site. Registrations should be in by June 20 to Bev Walters.

Special events on Monday

Eastbound trip to Grand Island near Munising. Those wishing to go on trip should make reservations on-line for the 12 -12:30 ferry/bus.

Westbound trip to Porcupine Mountains State Park

Future State Board Meeting

Saturday, April 12, 2014 at MEC headquarters in Lansing, MI 12-4pm

Meeting adjourned at 2:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,

—Lynn Steil, Recording Secretary