Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative

Annual Meeting

May 15, 2014

Minutes

Board Members Present – Beth Nielsen, Sheila Skaggs, Roz Aceto, Jude O’Connor, Jennie Gannon, Ginni Greer, Kirsten Springer

Board Members Absent – Jan McCabe

Others in Attendance – Cara Doyle, Nancy Wood, Sara Edinberg, John Carr, Linda Carr, Kim Dufty, Kevin, Gail Smith

The meeting was called to order at 5:15pm by Ginni Greer

Introductions

Approve agenda – Sheila motioned to approve the agenda; seconded by Jude

Approve March Board Meeting Minutes – There were no changes to the March board meeting minutes. Jennie motioned to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Roz

Treasurer’s Report – Jennie presented the treasurer’s report. Currently have 8157.16 in the bank. This includes the restricted scholarship funds.

Rare Alpine Plant Project Update – Funding has been approved by RAC, however, we don’t have any money from them yet. Will have a larger team this year with Cara, Dusty Gannon, 3 environmental stewards, Leah Lentz, Kim Dufty and Ginni (in a reduced role). New this year, use the Whittaker Plot to display relative species abundance, and to visualize species richness and species evenness. Also, would like to start an Adopt-An-Area program where volunteers would go to a specific area once a week, once every other other week, or monthly to gather data on what is currently growing in that specific area.

Trails Update –

* an NCCC crew will be coming to the area next week. MRHI will have them for 2 weeks to work on a number of projects—Tie Hack and Limber Grove trail, Alma Cemetery, noxious weed pulling.
* Badger Flats partnership with CMC – June 14-15 Volunteer Day – most of work this year will be GPS to identify areas needing work next year

Food, gear and leadership provided by CMC

Many meetings between Denver, Salida, South Park, Colorado Springs about OHV’s – need people to participate that may be alternative users for a balance for resource mgt for multiple users – John has a sign up sheet for those interested

* Ginni – trails – we have received a grant for illegal road closures on National Forest land.
* Cameron Amphitheater – site for rare plants, old social road going into sensitive area where *Eutrema Penlandii* grows. This is a project with Wildlands Restoration Volunteers to replant the road and make it back into single track. July 12 & 13 - sign up ahead of time at WRV website

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Environmental Education update – do the Adventure Series year round

10 Environmental Education workshops for children based on Growing up Wild

Let Cara know if you want to work on this

Other Project Updates –

* Scholarship – money donated by Kim in honor of mother Joanne – at this time 6 applications, may be more – write essay on how they are an explorer, artist & community activist
* 2013 Accomplishments – see attachment for list
* 2014 Goals – see attachment for list
* There are sign up sheets at the back of the room to sign up for MRHI activities
* Community education – Story Walk – part of Great Old Broads for the Wilderness – take a children’s story book and place pages along the trail (will publicize, have an event – leave it up for 2 weeks so people can visit later)
* VISTA for this cancelled and we can’t get one until August
* WaterboxTechnique – research study – grow trees in a challenging environment – they died – highest location they had tried – 2 limber and spruce

Park County Historic Preservation Certificate of Appreciation – MRHI received a certificate of appreciation for our work in creating and installing historic signs.

MRHI Board Nominations – first, Jude is stepping down because she is not available on weekends, other current board members wish to stay

Jara Johnson was nominated to join the board. A motion was made by Kirsten to approve Jara’s nomination; seconded by Sheila.

We usually elect officers at this meeting, but we should actually have a separate meeting to do that, so no elections tonight. No date has been set yet, but can do it at our next scheduled meeting.

Public comments –

* Beth noted that CUSP is sampling 95 wells in South Park so that there is a base line for water quality.
* Kirsten talked about NCCC and Beaver Ponds.
* Beth talked about CUSP

1. received $300,000 for sampling wells in S Park – 95 wells identified by depths and geologic features. Doing this so that there is a base line for water quality.
2. CUSP would like to partner with any road closure projects & rehab
3. Northern Watershed Coordinator moving into Northern Platte area

* BPEEC – NCCC group & Kevin & GUW
  + USFS, CDPW, CDLT project
* CDLT – 21st yr celebration May 3, 2015

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm by Ginni