



Minutes of the March 28th, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting

Present:

Carl Exner
Steve Rayne
Jesse Holt
Roy Iwai
Corinne Handelman
Steve Wise
Bill Weiler

Katherine Cory
Gerald Murphy
Dianna Pope
Greg Wanner
Terry Black
Jill Josselyn
Todd Alsbury
Christina Shintani (guest)

Council Development

- a. Called to order at 6:35 by Carl Exner
- b. Approved the minutes from the January 25th, 2016 meeting as submitted.
Motion by Steve Rayne.
- c. Finances and Fundraising:
 - a. Year to Date Financials- Katherine Cory:
 - i. 2016 YTD Income: \$40,432.78
 - ii. Year to Date Expenses: \$100,796.69

Update on grants submitted between November and January amounts to over \$400k over the next three years upon approval. Notifications will be made from March 31st through May.

Newly submitted grant applications since January meeting: Captain Planet, Oregon Parks Foundation, City of Sandy CPP, OWEB Small Grant, US Endowments Fund Healthy Watersheds, Clackamas SWCD. Amounts to ~\$240k over the next four years.

Committed funding since January Meeting \$5500. Anticipated to receive commitment for an additional \$23k from CSWCD and OWEB Small Grant.

Our total administration costs are 9% of expenses

- b. Board fundraising update: Discussion of full participation of board needed, with ask for a subcommittee to be formed. Carl and Terry volunteered to sit on this subcommittee.
- Celebrating the 10-year anniversary of the Marmot Dam removal and also the Council's 20th birthday represent a possible fund-raising event for 2017.

- d. OWEB Updates
OWEB Small Grant approved by subcommittee for the Sandy Watershed Learning Center naturescaping project.
Education&Outreach application not recommended for funding.

- e. Board Subcommittees:
- a. Executive Committee
 - b. Restoration (RFP review) Committee
 - c. Fundraising Committee (formerly Events)
 - d. Equity Committee

Discussion surrounding the strategic planning retreat, and the vision for our organization. Further discussion about whether all board members should serve on ONE committee (encouragement vs. mandatory).

- f. Equity Self-Assessment
- Corinne noted that an anonymous full participation survey of how we identify ourselves would be the best next step.

Learning Moment

Todd Alsbury, ODFW
Sandy Fisheries Update

The Sandy River's winter steelhead are showing an increasing trend of return, associated with ocean conditions and good restoration projects. Over 4500 *wild* adults returned this past year, the most the river has seen in 20 years. 2014 had the highest return of wild Coho to the Sandy River in over 15 years. 5942 were counted. The average is 1200 annually. There was a poor return in 2015 which is thought to have been due to ocean conditions. Approximately 5000 hatchery Coho return each year.

Overview of stray hatchery fish control program discussed the fish weirs in the Salmon, Zigzag and Bull Run Rivers. These are operated between July and October, and are checked several times a day. The trend is that less hatchery fish are headed beyond the hatcheries each year, and there is a goal to be able to remove the weirs eventually.

Council Project Updates

- a. Delta Projects:
- NAYA participation over Spring Break. At least 12 tribes represented among the students.
 - March 31st event to have over 150 students with Friends of Trees.
 - Friends of Trees, Daimler and the Trail Blazers are set to plant on April 1st.

- b. AmeriCorps Program:
 - Beaver Creek interpretive sign to be created with the goal to cross roads between restoration and recreation.
 - EcoBlitz Update: Species ID specialists have been contacted and are committed to leading community members through the Delta for observations in community science.

- c. SBVRC:
 - Partners are tracking phenology of Policeman's Helmet
 - Planning summer 2016 EDRR partnership continuation.

- d. MHCC Campus Retrofit:
 - Campus is 220 acres of possibilities
 - March 30th kickoff meeting with partners
 - EPA Urban Waters grant application notification will be March 31st
 - Since the Kane Road culvert blow out, the college is more aware of the fish impediment that the pond is creating.

Emerging opportunities

- Beaver Creek outreach at Troutdale's First Friday event on 4/1, and the Gresham Saturday Market on 4/46. Roy and Jesse to attend.

- Cold water refugia in the Sandy, which is 3 degrees cooler than the Columbia River.

- Looking to create a State of the Sandy by October 2017.

Guest Comment

Christina Shintani is a student from OSU. She prepared and presented a map of the Sandy River. She was able to consolidate public data from DEQ, ODFW, and OWEB. Her findings show that temperature is the most exhaustive water quality issue.

Several PSU graduate students were also in attendance.

Next meeting date: May 21st