

NEWFC Board
May 5, 2011
Vaagen Bros. Conference Room

Next meeting: June 9 – Joint meeting of NEWFC and Forest Service, 1-3 PM, followed by NEWFC Board meeting 3-5 PM, and then our annual picnic at the Elks (Dominion Meadows golf course in Colville)

Attending board: Russ Vaagen (vice president), Ron Gray (treasurer), Tim Coleman (secretary), David Heflick, Steve West, Derrick Knowles, Maurice Williamson, Dick Dunton, Jeff Juel, Bob Playfair and Steve West -- a quorum was present

Absent Board Members: Mike Petersen, Lloyd McGee, Phil Carew

Technical Advisory Members: Steve O'Connell, John Eminger

Agenda

1. Review Minutes
2. Approve Treasurer's report
3. Summary of NEWFC/FS Meeting
4. Committee Reports
5. Board Elections
6. Next meeting

Minutes

1. Review of April 2011 Minutes. Maurice motioned and Ron seconded to approve. Approved

2. Treasurer's Report

There is a current check book balance of \$3179.31. Maurice motioned and Jeff second to approve the Treasurer's Report. Approved

3. Summary of Joint Meeting with USFS

Temporary ranger district assignments in Republic and Newport are likely to negatively impact forestry projects. East Wedge is being held up by an apparent lock on data coming from SCCD and variable density thinning standards need to be defined and how large openings will be and road issues in RMZ.

4. Committee Reports

- Executive Committee

A) executive director search – Ron interviewed Katie Olson about taking on the position. Katie is articulate and qualified but she wants more money than NEWFC can afford. Russ talked with Staci about taking the position and she is somewhat interested.

Motion: Steve motioned and Tim seconded that Russ ask Staci to be NEWFC Administrator.
Approved

2) Annual meeting is set for June 9

- Education & Public Relations

- Columbia Highlands Initiative: CHI represents conservation and industry commitments – the Blueprint if you will – and changes boil down to names e.g. national conservation & recreation areas that honor NEWFC's proposed roadless area/wilderness, restoration and active management zones. Beyond the naming issue, what is new to CHI are ranch & forest conservation easements, everything else is essentially the NEWFC Blueprint. Recreation issues continue to challenge NEWFC and CHI even though the conservation community has actively courted and attempted to negotiate with motorized recreationists since 2004, and yet conservation has been accused of

being exclusive and even shutting down motorized access to the Colville National Forest. John E. felt the coalition should do more to support NCA and NRAs.

Motion: Dave moved and Russ seconded that on the 17th of May, business/industry will get together and explore/brainstorm strategic options for staying the course to legislated balance, and present options to conservation executive directors immediately following. Approved

Industry will report back to Conservation after the May 17 meeting their support for replacing the Current NEWFC Blueprint map (as per NEWFC agreements) with a the iteration included in the CHI board packets mailed to all board members last week.

- Projects Committee / Taskforce

Dick Dunton reported on status of the Misery Monitoring Project. Maurice noted that Power Lake could be a 50 mmbf sale. David said there was uncertainty regarding East Wedge Project mesic stand / restoration treatments and roads.

5. Board Elections

Board officers must be nominated and voted on each year per our Bylaws. Steve nominated: 1) Russ for board president, 2) Ron for vice president 3) Tim for secretary and 4) Steve for treasurer. All agreed to serve.

Steve will serve as "at large" Executive Committee member and Dave and Maurice will participate in Executive Committee meetings in their role as NEWFC liaisons to the Forest Service.

Russ will have Jennifer will look into venues for annual meeting.

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