

NEWFC Board – Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2011

Vaagen Bros. Conference Room

Next meeting: September 15 Joint Meeting with US Forest Service

Attending board: Russ Vaagen (president), Ron Gray (vice president), Steve West (treasurer), Tim Coleman (secretary), Lloyd McGee, Bob Playfair, Mike Petersen, Derrick Knowles, Maurice Williamson, Jeff Juel, Steve West -- a quorum was present

Absent Board Members: Phil Carew, Dave Heflick, Dick Dunton

Technical Advisory Members: Steve O'Connell

Invited Guests: Mitch Friedman (CNW), Cassandra Hemphill (U of M)

Agenda

1. Review Minutes
2. Approve Treasurer's Report
3. Conservation NW Update
4. Committee Reports
5. Next meeting

Minutes

1. Review of May 2011 Minutes.

Motion: Maurice motioned and Ron seconded to approve. Approved

2. Treasurer's Report

There is a current checkbook balance of \$3179.31. Ron passed out an internal audit document that he and Claudia recently prepared following a standardized auditing check list-- there were no discrepancies.

Motion: Mike moved and Tim seconded to approve the audit. Passed

Motion: Maurice motioned and Jeff second to approve the Treasurer's Report. Passed

Motion: Maurice moved and Mike seconded to designate Russ Vaagen as NEWFC's check signer, replacing Lloyd McGee. Passed

3. Conservation Northwest Update

Mitch explained that CNW has put a large amount of money into NEWFC in various ways but with the changing economy, revenue is down and so there's a need to cut costs and to do that means pulling back from commitments to the Coalition. Russ explained that challenges have been created by the loss of Dave Heflick. Maurice explained that CNW has been integrally involved in the Coalition and this decision threatens to "blow-up" the coalition. Mitch explained that Dave spends 20% of his time on NEPA work and there are other projects that he will instead be attributing his time and that upcoming demands CFLRP is going to place his time exceed his capacity. Maurice pointed out that CFLRP comes with money to help cover costs of collaborative work, and also that most selected CFLR projects don't have the on-the-ground capacity that NEWFC has and as such the Coalition has distinct advantages in the current go-round.

4. Elections

- The Board is switching from an every year election timeline for all board members. Odd year board members are: Lloyd, Phil (not running, leaving NEWFC), Russ, Steve, Ron,

Derrick and Mike. Even year board members – those up for election next year - are: Tim, Dave, Jeff, Bob Dick, and Maurice. Backcountry Hunters & Anglers member Bart George asked to serve on the Board and the EC has discussed this via email.

Motion: Bob motioned and Tim seconded to elect Lloyd, Russ, Steve, Ron, Derrick, Mike and Bart George to 2 year terms. Passed

Motion: Mike motioned and Jeff seconded to elect board officers: Russ-president, Ron – vice president, Steve – treasurer, Tim – secretary. Passed

- Education & Public Relations Committee

The Committee has helped with preparation for the annual picnic, and is also looking into town halls, letters to editor and media opportunities. Russ met with commissioner Dansel to discuss work of the Coalition and has also engaged other constituents to discuss the Coalition’s proposal for managing the Colville National Forest. Ron and Russ have met with several community leaders to discuss NEWFC’s proposal. Ron, Tim, Dick and Ron met with WA Department of Fish & Wildlife to discuss work of the Coalition, its protocols, management proposal and board. There is likely to be follow-up with DFW in the future. Derrick compiled articles and LTEs into a single document for use by the Board.

- Task Force Committee

Tomorrow is the last day for comments on the Walker Project. Forest Service thinks they have all they need re East Wedge. Power Lake Project includes a lot of Restoration Zone Management area and because the FS has not gotten its Science Team recommendations out, complications related to RMZ are complicating project development. Russ suggest RMZ be broken into three categories: 1) prescriptions relative to more active/machine work zones, 2) less removals but still a commercial element and 3) hand thinning and other non-commercial restoration. Maurice said TF’s expectation was the Forest Service would come up with a mixed-severity treatment scenario, but that has not happened yet. Mike said the Coalition originally approached restoration as “park it out and back out” but in some situations (like Power Lake) something more is needed.

Next meeting July 14 – all day retreat

Russ Vaagen, President

Tim Coleman, Secretary