

NEWFC Board – Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2011

Vaagen Bros. Conference Room

Next meeting:

Attending Board: Russ Vaagen, Ron Gray, Tim Coleman, Dick Dunton, Derrick Knowles, Maurice Williamson, Jeff Juel, Dave Heflick (via phone) -- a quorum was present

Absent Board Members: Bob Playfair, Steve West, Mike Petersen, Lloyd McGee

Agenda

1. Review June Minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Strategic Plan
4. Committee Reports
5. Next meeting

Minutes

1. Review of June 2011 Minutes.

Motion: Dick motioned and Ron seconded to approve. Approved

2. Treasurer's Report

In Steve's absence Ron gave the Treasurer's Report. The current checkbook balance is \$3109.31.

Q. Dick asked where Misery monitoring deposits were being recorded? There was a deposit of \$1942.52 made in May 1.

Action: Ron will call Sheri to investigate circumstances re Misery monitoring grant deposit and report back to the Board.

Motion: Russ moved and Maurice seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Approved

3. Strategic Plan

Russ will draft up a strategic plan for 2011 and bring that to the Executive Committee and the Board for review.

4. Forest Plan Proposed Action

The BOD decided the Taskforce + Executive Committee would draft a NEWFC response to the PA. NEWFC will also need to meet with the FS about the PA within the context of NEWFC's proposal and which fits within management zones (AR2 & 3) proposed by the FS and recommendations that came out of the Forest Summit and other FS-led forest plan collaborative processes – where there was consensus agreement re non-degradation of IRAs and NEWFC's active and restoration zones. In the case of IRAs not recommended for wilderness, national conservation or national recreation area status should be considered. There is specific concern related to new IRAs (Deer, Owl, Jackknife, Quartzite) and acres added to existing IRAs be given similar conservation measures as afforded IRAs covered by the Roadless Rule. NEWFC commends the FS for recommending wilderness but they have missed some areas that should have been recommended, and at a minimum all IRAs must be managed for non-degradation of wilderness characteristics. The Board agreed two separate things are needed: 1) one is

response to the recently released draft, and 2) submit comments to Forest Service leadership expressing our dissatisfaction with the PA.

Next meeting September 15

Russ Vaagen, President

Tim Coleman, Secretary