

NEWFC Board Meeting Minutes  
June 28, 2012  
Vaagen Bros. Conference

Next meeting: July 19 Annual Meeting + Field Tour – Collaborative Workshop July 20

Attending board: Russ Vaagen (president), Steve West (treasurer), Timothy Coleman (secretary), Dick Dunton, Maurice Williamson, Jeff Juel, David Heflick, Derrick Knowles (by phone)-- a quorum was present

Absent Board Members: Mike Petersen, Ron Gray, Lloyd McGee, Bart George  
Attending Technical Advisors: Tricia Woods, Lunell Haught (by phone)

A. Agenda:

1. Minute review
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Communication Protocol
4. Churchill Objectives
5. Lunell Discussion / MOU Revision
6. Collaborative Workshop, Field Trip and Annual Meeting
7. Letter to Fish & Wildlife Commission
8. Bugs

B. Discussion

1. Minutes: Review May 17, 2012 minutes. Maurice moved and Dick seconded to approve minutes. Approved.
2. Treasurer's Report: current checkbook balance is \$11,491.06. Dick moved and Tim seconded to approve the report. Approved

3. Communication Protocol

Dave presented a draft communication matrix to provide guidance re NEWFC board communication with the Forest Service. The matrix covers project collaboration and outreach to media. These protocols are an attempt to standardize communication protocols. A final version will be shared with the Forest Service for their input. Russ will act as point person to the Forest Service to resolve any conflict that might arise.

**Motion: Tim moved seconded by Steve to submit a final Communication Protocol matrix to Laura Jo West that clarifies NEWFC roles and Forest Service points of contact regarding communication between them. Approved**

4. Churchill Objectives

Derek's contract is serving as science advisor in implementing Vision 2020. The Taskforce and Forest Service are working with Derek in that endeavor. Derek has a history of working for the Forest Service and advising LMS analysis. There is a field trip schedule for July 26 to Power Lake.

5. Lunell Discussion / MOU Revision

Lunell Haught phoned in to facilitate a discussion and advise these recommendations:

A. Strategy: Adding new board members to increase diversity.

**Action: Russ will develop a list of potential board candidates.**

B. Committees: getting the recreation committee up and running. A to Z (Mill Creek area) is an opportunity to engage all the different recreation groups.

C. MOU: FS concern that NEWFC thinks it represents all interests. The word “consensus” is a term that FS has concerns about its definition. Lunell will parse out a definition. Other concerns:

- Page 2 (3)(1)The Forest Service “shall” - Laura Jo thought language “involve the coalition”... “where feasible...” It seems apparent NEWFC must get involved in Colville National Forest-Forest Service planning at 5 year and 1 year-out.

- Page 2(c), first paragraph is their concern.

- Page 2(B) ... “Mutual Benefit” – the process is more than “restoration” focused – it was suggested we remove the word and instead broaden it to “forestry.”

- Page 2(C)(3) ... FS concern about monitoring as written. Dave suggest a wording change “third party or multi-party” monitoring / CFLRP dedicates 10%.

- Page 3(6)... Monitoring: collaboration timing is pre-NEPA but FS is asking for support letter prior to project analysis is available. It’s a timing issue.

**Action: Dave and Dick will head up reworking language. Lunell will draft v4 of the redraft and it send out.**

D. Stewardship Contracting: Maurice and Lunell will further discuss retained receipts. Stewardship Contracting Authority for use of receipts but it hasn’t been using it.

## 6. Collaboration Workshop and Annual Meeting

A collaborative field trip to Mill Creek A to Z will be organized for July 19. A second collaborative workshop will be held the following day, July 20. The board agreed July 19 was a good opportunity to also hold NEWFC’s annual meeting and BBQ and offers an opportunity to invite commissioners, motorized recreation, ranchers and other interests.

**Action: Tim will work with Lunell and Forest Service re field trip and workshop preparation.**

## 7. Letter from NEWFC to WA FWS

A proposal was made to outreach to Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission. It was agreed to draft a letter to be signed by Russ that will outline NEWFC accomplishments, objectives and goals.

**Action: Derrick will draft up a letter and send around for review by the board.**

## 8. Bugs

Russ would like to do a field tour in the Boulder Pass area to look at beetle damage. Tim and Maurice have been part of a DNR collaboration re private and state land spruce budworm /bark beetle forest restoration in the Kettle and San Poil watersheds.

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Russ Vaagen, President

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Timothy Coleman, Secretary