

NEWFC Board – Minutes
January 21, 2010
NRCS Conference Room
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Next NEWFC meetings will be February 24

Attending board: Lloyd McGee (president), Russ Vaagen (vice president), David Heflick, Ron Gray (treasurer), Tim Coleman (secretary); Mike Petersen, Claudia Michalke, Dick Dunton, Maurice Williamson, Steve West, Derrick Knowles (**a quorum was present**)

Absent Board Members: Phil Carew, Jeff Juel, Bob Playfair

Advisors: Chuck Gades, Phil Aune

Agenda

1. Minutes review/approval
2. Recap of recreation meeting
3. Roundtable
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Executive Committee Report
6. Education & Public Relations Committee Report
7. East-Wedge Project

1. Minutes – Ron motioned and Russ seconded to approve the December 17 minutes. (motion passed)

2. Recap of Total Access meeting
Commissioner Guenther facilitated. The meeting was well done and professional. Gary Prewitt and Ted Wishon want to craft an agreement. Big concern is speaking for somebody else. There was some general support for Salmo-Priest Additions wilderness and consensus that no logging and no roads be permitted – there is another meeting tomorrow. No talk about expanding trails in IRAs. Primary concern is no loss of current access – which apparently is yet to be defined.

3. Roundtable
The Recreation Committee has split off into two groups. Range Committee is non-functional. There are certain things people want to ignore, especially conservation issues. The roundtable is about exposing group needs for all to see and discuss. That is where the collaborative work really gets done.

4. Treasurer's Report – Current checkbook balance is \$1,783.71; Revenue of 8,184.00 and disbursements of \$13,364.07. The Disabled Hunter grant funds have been spent and report written. Thanks to Claudia for this excellent report. We have expenses going forward of about \$500. Maurice motioned to approve the report and Steve seconded. (unanimous)

5. Executive Committee
The Taskforce was assigned to address the FLRA project. Rodney wants to meet with us soon to go over this proposal. The Forest Service wants something submitted by May. The project area includes private, state, federal and tribal lands. Project duration is at least 10 years and must encompass at least 51% USFS lands. Landscape strategy to be

developed using a collaborative process, best available science, key management priorities and economic return to the local community.

6. Education and Public Relations Committee

There is an article in the National Forest Foundation about the Coalition with quotes from Mike and Lloyd – nice article! Derrick is working on an article about the Disabled Hunter trails work. The committee would like to have a representative at the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation annual banquet to highlight this work. Russ pointed out it would this event is an opportunity for NEWFC to present a plaque to RMEF as well as have a display board. NEWFC DVD distribution and events will take place over the next couple months. Lloyd and Mike will be speaking at a forestry conference in CdA in February. The committee is looking into additional outreach opportunities.

7. East Wedge Project

The Phase 1 report and work was accepted by the Forest Service and is considered by them to be complete. On to Phase II. Road conditions in the project area are mostly good. This project will be discussed in greater detail at the afternoon meeting with the US Forest Service.

Lloyd McGee, President

Tim Coleman, Secretary