

**Minutes - BCW Board Meeting
3 October 2023 7:30 pm (Zoom)**

In attendance: Kevin Doyle, Randy Eide (recorder), Mary Ann Feist, Sarah Johnson, Chris Noll, John Zaborsky

Call to Order: John called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Minutes of 31 May 2023 Board Meeting: approved – Sarah motion, Kevin second.

Old Business

Annual Meeting recap – Sarah noted participation of 18-20 and also representatives from Friends of the Namekagon Barrens Wildlife Area. Kevin commented on the nice mix of field botany and area history – the competitive game was especially great! Paul and Derek got free registration and meals. In addition Chris will take care of their \$50 honoraria and 65.5 cents/mile (Fed rate) travel reimbursements. Chris said we came close to breaking even financially on the event.

BMAP recap– Registration opened up only for BCW and BMAP for the first 2 weeks, and the class filled up – all 15 slots taken. Later there were some cancellations, so about 10 for each session. The cost was \$50 for the 3 classes.

Cross Promotion – John contacted the North Woods Native Plant Society about some collaborative projects via their web site: <http://www.northwoodsnativeplantsociety.org/>, without any luck. Alex Graeff and Quita Sheehan were identified as contacts via Facebook (they are both on our mailing list) and John will contact them. There were also contacts with the Madison Sunset Garden Club and Sheboygan Garden Club (Kevin).

New Business

Treasurer's Report – Chris will get out a report for year-end. NRF took a hit earlier in the year -- \$19K is maybe \$17K now he thinks. Checking balance is \$4500.

We decided to take the NRF \$800 disbursement rather than reinvesting it.

There was discussion of amounts and conditions of Thomson awards – 1000 undergrad and 1500 for grad? Should award be allowed to be personal stipend – Is it a gift or a grant? They should be expected to give a talk or write an article. These things are all hard to enforce. In award letter we should at least require photo and blurb for FaceBook. Does the university/college take some or all of the award? Does the IRS find out about any of this?

It was decided to add \$500 to the current awards – Motion Kevin, Second Chris.

It was also decided to invest \$2000 from checking in a 9 month CD (at about 5%) – passed with no objections. We will discuss this again in spring or early summer to decide whether we renew or change the amount invested.

Chris expressed his desire to phase out of his Treasurer position and recommended member David Eagan, who had expressed interest in the position.

It was agreed by all to invite David Eagan to attend Board meetings with the expectation of phasing into the Treasurer position after a transition period with Chris. Could he be appointed a Member at Large? (See item below.)

Newsletter – The following topics were mentioned while brainstorming:

Plants that have gone extinct – to be rediscovered? (Sarah)

SNA spotlight

Summer event recap – need photos and write-ups

Archives article

Thomson undergrad report – Gentians (John contact)

Paul Skawinski – article about aquatic plants

Surveys in Nat'l Forest recap survey (?)

Invasives? Jason Granberg contact at DNR

Seed Banks – MN Landscape Arboretum, Chicago ...

Botany Crossword – how to do for online newsletter? Botany Dept, Baum. Kevin's result:

<https://crossshare.org/crosswords/GxhWGTrV9VRhPEnVrt7v/botanical-crossword-just-a-t-zer>

175th anniversary – UW anniv also. 1849 April 1 deadline. (Sorry, can't actually remember what this was – RE)

Ferns of Minnesota review

Nick Tippiary

Nora Mitchell – UW-Eau Claire curator interview

Good Foray photos needed

Monthly Meetings –

Oct 21 James Riser Gibraltar Rock Field Trip

Nov 4 Foray Workshop

Other ideas:

Spring some time – Allison Mahoney on Packeria

Bob Cowell grad student Solidago

Lee Froehlich U of M Earthworms

Brad Herrick – Worms

Tyrell

Brandon Corder

Sam Anderson

Welby Smith about book

Ellen Damschen Lab students

Keir – peatlands

MOSS surveys

Members at Large – Call for volunteers to fill new positions on board? Appoint David Eagan. Sam Anderson as possible student member. James Riser, Stephanie possible. How to decide – rotate among university/other campuses?

We should write up duties and expectations for these positions (by email if necessary) for Student and Member at Large to prepare for a spring call for nominations. Good to have off-cycle from regular elections.

General discussion – FB notices each month to announce Madison Socials at the same time but different locations. Chris – Players, Mickey's ...

Next Meeting – Feb 6th 6:30 pm (Zoom)

Adjourned – at 9:17 (Motion Randy, second Kevin)