



Announcement:
**Meeting of the Willow Bend Environmental Education Center Board of Directors
and Guests**

**January 9th 2023
4-5:30 pm – at Willow Bend**

Willow Bend Environmental Education Center, 701 E Sawmill Rd, Flagstaff, AZ

4:00-4:10 - Welcomes, check in's

- I. 4:10; Call Meeting to Order**
- II. 4:10 to 4:15; Public Comments**
- III. 4:15 to 4:20; Review and approve December minutes (Board may vote)**

Motion to approve the minutes from December meeting.
- IV. 4:20 to 4:30; Program Report/Updates**
- V. 4:30 to 4:40 PM; Financial Report Update/Discussion**
(Board may vote to approve financials as presented)
- VI. 4:40 to 4:45; CNRCD Updates, ag day, and food programs**
- VII. 4:45 to 5; New Fundraising Event updates/discussion**
- VIII. 5:00 to 5:25; Board needs, Retreat, upcoming board meetings**
- IX. Items not on the agenda**
- X. Vote to adjourn**

Upcoming Meeting: February 13th

Notes 1/9/23

Roll Call

In Person

Moran Henn

Neil Weintraub

Eric Souders

Mary McKell

Stacy Hamburg

Jana Sterling

Jillian E Wagner

Ash Shields

Melissa Eckstrom

Ariel Leonard

Jillian B Worssam

Karen Cordasco

Jessica Holton

Via Zoom

Andi Rogers

Benny Aja arrived at 5:13pm

4:17 Call Meeting to Order

Public Comments – none, no members of the public present

Review and approve December minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from December meeting.

1. Ariel – made motion
2. Unanimous approval

Note: Jana to send Board and staff minutes earlier

Program Report/Updates

Planning – 2023 6 months confirmed/near confirmed

Directors Report

Appeal to members sent (Eric and great team effort) – exceeded fundraising goal!!

Quick action on handling donations and sending thank you notes. (thanks Melissa and Eric)

Downtown Geology Tour partnership approved

Sponsorship for Ft Tuthill for KidWind / Climate Summit program approved from Coconino

Board of Supervisors – Jillian B interested in recommending teachers for program.

Jana to finalize funding for additional tour from SWCA.

Staff working on Annual Report.

Financials

P&L YTD

Fiscal Year is July 1 – June 30

CNRCD Updates, ag day, and food programs

No meeting in December.

Working on developing new programs funded by the Giovalli family. (Ranch tour, food systems, agriculture education)

Ag day is on a Tuesday in March. Evening speaker at the center? Staff to provide program materials for teachers?

*Moran to ask John about soil/water/runoff display. Ash to ask Makala Ellen at NRCS.

New Fundraising Event updates/discussion

Bug dinner – March 3 \$100/plate for about 10, membership perk

-Chef xx will need Board help with food prep.

-Neil Cobb – Eric to contact for program related.

-Looking for event name ideas, so we can start advertising

Camel event – May 19th/20th Guided tour on Beale Wagon Road

-start advertising in February

-10-12 people \$325/non-members \$275/members

-Special Use Permit application sent to Kaibab for approval

-set up registration waitlist (no cost until permit approval)

-Neil and Eric to provide itinerary details, photos, etc to Melissa by January 25

- list of equipment needs to Board

Neil's new guided tour based on book by John Vankat (sponsored by SWCA)

- ¾ mile downtown loop

- Historic places from his book

Board needs, Retreat, upcoming board meetings

-Need adult workshop from July

Karen Cordasco

1. Nature journaling/watercolor (August)

Jillian B

1. Citizen Science

Science Saturdays

January 21 Wildlife Tracking – Tom

February ??? Jillian E Wagner – maybe planetary theme? Will coordinate with Ash

March 4 – Archaeology Month – Neil

Board Retreat – decide on date. Moran to send Doodle poll to decide on dates.

- Jillian E suggested reserving room at Lowell

- Sundays are possible

2023 Board Meetings

Timing – 4:30pm on second Mondays

CNRCD update Benny

Bill that will include water protection fund for District.

Scott Carter, advisor to the Board passed away.

Mail box issue (location/quality) – Moran will bring proposal to next CNRCD meeting.

January 26th 12pm meeting (4th Thursday)

Board update - Danny Foley stepping away from Board for the moment. Will continue geology tours.

Items not on the agenda, next meeting topics

Vote to adjourn

Mary motion

Ariel second

Unanimous approval 5:23pm

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