

**SOCIETY OF GRASSLANDS NATURALISTS BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2015**

Present: Anne Bernhardt(host), Hugh Armstrong, Eileen Cowtan, Gary Martin, Dave McKenzie, John Slater

1. **Call to Order:** 6:40 pm. President Anne in the chair, Eileen acting as secretary.
2. **Adoption of Minutes:** Minutes of the Jan. 6, 2015 meeting were adopted with the correction of the date in #3b from May 15 to Jan.15. CARRIED
Minutes of the Jan. 27, 2015 meeting were adopted as presented. CARRIED
3. **Action Items**
 - a) Letter from lawyer Kenneth M. Lutes re Dawn Dickinson estate:
MOTION: that GN accepts the proposed agreement stating that all of Dawn Dickinson's books "Caught in the Spin" and any future rights be given to the Society of Grasslands Naturalists and that the estate doesn't owe anything back to the Society. CARRIED
ACTION: Anne will ask Martha how many books are with Nature Alberta
4. **Reports:**
 - a) TREASURER, Membership and Correspondence: no report; Eileen has been away.
 - b) OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: Gary: no meeting planned in the near future.
 - c) ISSUES COMMITTEE: John
 - i) World Water Week: Mar. 16-22: Several organizations are planning displays and activities. More details later.
 - d) INDOOR PROGRAM: Dave and Gary
 - i) February Program: "Swift Fox"
Action: Gary will contact Milt with information for the Chronicle
Action: Gary is to determine the cost of bringing in the speakers and tell Eileen before the meeting.
 - ii) AGM March "Elk"
Action: Gary is to look into getting a room at the College
Election of Board Members: Bill Knibbs and John are working on filling the slate.
Lifetime Memberships: may be presented at the AGM meeting.
 - e) FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: Hugh
 - i) Bird Tales Project: Estimated cost is \$1700. GN Board has committed to \$500. Hugh has approached both The Medicine Hat Realtor's Charitable Foundation and the City of Medicine Hat Community Development Grants for possible funding of the remaining \$1200.
 - GN will be responsible for supplying the initial feeders and food and for training the home to carry on the program.
 - Masterpiece Corp asked for advice as to which plants to plant to attract birds and butterflies.
 - ii) Baby's Breath: Project on hold since Calfrac may not be able to participate. Is GN willing to monitor the site?
Action: John volunteered to contact the City to see if support is available to continue the project. Also, contact Calfrac to see if any employees would volunteer their time.

5. Other Business

a) Insurance: John: we have received an invoice of \$4163. Flood coverage has been removed. John suggested that it be paid in three installments.
The revised inventory list has yet to be completed.

b) Benefits for Staff: Still waiting for information from the staff.

c) Civic Recognition Awards

MOTION: Sean Allen be nominated for the Environmental Award. CARRIED

Action: John will initiate the process.

d) Community Foundation Endowment Plan

MOTION: that the Plan be set up. CARRIED

e) Butterfly pamphlet: Dave:

Waterford Press could print pamphlets for \$3.50 each but requires a minimum of 1000.

Action: Dave will contact Windmill Greenhouse to find out who printed their brochures.

6. Next Board Meeting: Thursday March 5, 2015 6:30 pm at John Slater's house.

7. Meeting adjourned: 8:20pm