

**Society of Grasslands Naturalists
Board Meeting September 3, 2013**

Present: Anne Bernhardt, Jim Black, Eileen Cowtan, Paul Thibault, Barry Anderson, Ken Sauer

Hosted by: Darlene and Jim who provided the food and refreshments.

Call to order at 7:05 pm.

Minutes:

1. The June 4, 2013, board minutes were reviewed. **Motion carried** to accept the minutes.

Action Items:

1. Ken Sauer provided detailed information regarding how to apply to the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission for eligibility for a casino licence and, if approved, how to apply for the licence itself. Revenue from a 2-day casino would raise approximately \$19,000 for GN but would require around 15 volunteers to work the event. The GN board will discuss this fund-raising idea further at the October 1 board meeting.
2. Eileen proposed an idea to recognize David Gue for the volunteer computer work he provides at the Nature Centre. Further discussion of her idea will occur at the October 1 board meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Eileen presented GN and IP Balance Sheets and Income Statements up to August 31, 2013.

Correspondence:

1. Eileen shared information from the newsletters and magazines received over the summer months.

Other Reports:

1. Governance Committee

- **Motion carried** to purchase 10 binders for board and executive members to retain on-going GN documents such as by-laws, contracts, policies, procedures, guidelines, etc. The cost of around \$85.00 will be taken from the GN Board Discretionary Fund. Binders should be available for the next board meeting.
- Paul provided the most recent hard copies of the GN Policies and Procedures for External Organizations and Human Resources: Abuse, Harassment and Discrimination. **Motion carried** to accept these documents.
- After some discussion, it was decided that the Policy and Procedure for Field Trips be sent back to the Governance Committee for revision. It was suggested that this document become a Guideline, rather than a Policy.

2. Budget Committee

- **Motion carried** to accept with deficit the GN Budget for the period April 1 to March 31, 2014, draft #2.

3. Operations Committee

- The next meeting will be held September 9 @ 4:00 pm at the Nature Centre.

No other reports were available at this time from Issues, Communications, Interpretive Program, Outdoor Program, Field Trips and Nature Alberta.

Other Business:

1. The following list represents the hosts for the up-coming board meetings:
 - October 1 Jim Black
 - November 5 Eileen Cowtan
 - December 3 Anne Bernhardt
 - January 7 host needed

- February 4 Barry Anderson
- March 4 host needed
- Other dates TBA

Adjournment at 9:40 pm. The next Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 1, hosted by Jim Black at 29 East Glen Court SE @ 7:00 pm.