

Minutes of the State Board Meeting: May 25, 2013 — Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI

Members present: Becky Csia, David Chambers, Craig Elston, Irene Eiseman, Patrick Fields, Richard Fowler, Judy, Kelly, Robert Kelly, Ken Kirton, Pam Laureto, Emily Nietering, Larry Nooden, Sarah Nooden, Tony Reznicek, Janet Skeberdis, Dorothy Sibley, Lynn Steil, Bev Walters, Alice Ward

Call to Order - Judy Kelly 5:03pm

Approval of Agenda

a.) Minutes of Jan. Board meeting: Judy Kelly moved to approve the minutes of the Jan. 26th, 2013 Board meeting. Dorothy Sibley seconded; Motion carried.

b.) Treasurer's Report: Larry Nooden asked that the Smith funds (CD) be identified as such in the report. Robert Kelly confirmed. Judy Kelly moved that we accept the Treas. report; Bev Walters seconded. Motion carried.

Robert's Rules of Order - Judy Kelly reminded everyone that each person has the opportunity to speak once before one can speak a second time.

Announcements

a.) Update president's email list. Judy Kelly said that she would add David Chambers to the president's list.

Committee Reports

a.) Web Master - Aaron Fown; no report

b.) Nominations - Sarah Nooden said that nominations would be taken in 2014. c.)

Corresponding Secretary -

Mary Danforth; no report

d.) The Michigan Botanist - Todd Barkman - Judy Kelly reminded everyone that Todd wishes to step down as his term is up. This will be taken up under Old Business.

e.) Treasurer - Bob Kelly - Bob said that he will be sending out a request for dues in July. Things look good.

f.) Fall meeting 2013 - The MBC fall meeting will be held at the Discovery Center; Waterloo Recreation Area, Oct. 12th. There were concerns over scheduling and time allocations for the fall foray. In this context Pam Laureto announced that the MBF is required to have a meeting once a year. Since they are meeting tomorrow (May 26th) a meeting in the fall may not be needed.

New Business

a.) Report on back issues of The Michigan

Botanist - Patrick Fields forwarded a message from Caryle Spence that many members have been getting back issues and the number of boxes have been reduced from 17 to 7.

Old Business

a.) Mission statement - Larry and Sarah Nooden - The mission statement committee offered a potential mission statement. A few Board members questioned the meaning of "wise use" in the statement as it is a term with political implications. Pam Laureto reminded everyone that to change the Aims is a constitutional change and requires certain procedures. She suggested that everyone give the committee (Sarah Nooden, Larry Nooden, Tony Reznicek, Ruth Hart) our ideas for both the mission statement and Aims even though it may still require certain procedures under the constitution. Becky Csia reminded everyone that the club is a C-4 organization and is allowed to conduct political activity. Sarah Nooden will ask for recommendations from the Board on the Mission Statement and Aims with a date due. Judy Kelly said that she will send a digital copy of the constitution to the entire Board.

b.) Status of RCC - Patrick Fields said that he sent out a request for involvement in RCC to approx. 40 people. He received only 8 replies and 7 said "No, too busy". Patrick felt that this basically meant that the chapter was defunct. Steve Davis (treas.) will send bank funds (received for foray) back to the Foundation but hold on to funds needed to pay for The Michigan Botanist for the remaining year, 2012. Irene Eiseman said that she had received 9 requests to continue as "special" members. Pam Laureto thanked Patrick for the tremendous amount of work on behalf of the chapter, Board and Foundation. Discussion followed regarding special member representation. Pam Laureto made the point that special member representation on the State Board does not occur now and would probably require a change in the constitution. Judy Kelly asked the Board for any suggestions. Pam Laureto suggested a constitution committee be formed. Judy Kelly said that a constitution committee could be formed at the fall meeting. Irene asked Patrick if he would inform the present members of the status of the chapter and that they can become "special members". Pam Laureto and Judy Kelly said that they will figure out the number of Michigan Botanist issues to print for RCC and they will inform Patrick.

c.) Search for new editor for The Michigan

Botanist - Judy Kelly reported that Todd Barkman could not find a replacement for his position as editor. Tony & Pam said that they thought it was the job of this Board to search and replace. Pam said that she thought Todd had asked the old Michigan Botanist Board for interest. Tony said that Garrett Crow might be interested in the job of editor. Judy Kelly said that she would approach him. Discussion ensued regarding the position of editor. Everyone was reminded that there is no stipend except for the business manager. Editors have a maximum of 6 yr. term. The job can be daunting. It was suggested that there could be co-editors or associate editor, or ask the editorial Board to help out with the duties of editor. There was general agreement that these ideas be explored. Pam Laureto said that this could require a constitutional move as well. She said that she would help to make the duties of the editor clear. Judy Kelly said that she would ask the present business manager if there was still interest in the position.

d.) Spring Foray 2014 planning - Judy Kelly reminded everyone that the State Board would be organizing the 2014 foray. Venue suggestions given by Board members included Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton Ontario, summer foray in the upper peninsula. Discussion ensued regarding difficulties of distant planning and the need for connecting with other botanical organizations, universities, etc. to help with planning. Tony Reznicek said that it was worth having a committee to determine the venue. Pam Laureto suggested the executive committee

serve this purpose. The executive committee agreed and Judy Kelly said this committee could meet at dinner following this meeting.

Future State Board Meeting - The meeting will be held at the Fall Meeting of the Michigan Botanical Club Oct. 12th, 2013 at the Discovery Center, Waterloo Recreation Area.

Meeting adjourned 6:07

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Steil, Recording Secretary

Addendum: Executive Committee (Foray Venue Committee) meeting following the State Board meeting. Members present: Judy Kelly, Bob Kelly, Pam Laureto, Emily Nietering, Lynn Steil  
General discussion began with the expression of interests in the two areas discussed at the State Board meeting (Hamilton, Ontario & the upper peninsula of MI). Lynn Steil mentioned how three members of the SW chapter had expressed interest in a foray in the Keweenaw Peninsula. A few years ago members of the MBC (and spouses) had enjoyed a summer foray held on the western upper peninsula put on by botanical organizations & state/forestry workers in that area. Discussion regarding having the foray in the summer in the upper peninsula would lend itself to interesting/different plants. Lynn suggested contacting Michigan Nature Association who had preserves in that area. Pam Laureto thought Mich.

Tech. may be a good central meeting/housing place. As discussion continued it was clear that the committee felt that it could be pulled together. Also, since it is such a drive for those in southern Mich. summer may be more feasible and also a Monday could be used for a "special" trip for those who wanted to make the trip part of a larger vacation.

Judy Kelly asked if everyone agreed to having the foray in the Keweenaw peninsula. It was unanimous. The date agreed on was July 11-14 of 2014.

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