

North Coast Watershed Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2016
Astoria, Oregon

Members present: Carla Cole, John Tilotson, Mark Garrigues Mike Seppa, Scott Rekate, Tessa Scheller, Katie Voelke and Chris Faraar

Staff: Brooke Stanley

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 with announcements called for. Katie notified us that she is pregnant! Minutes approved as presented; Mike/Chris, all, passed

Brooke presented the treasurers report and provided some detail and answered questions. We asked that Peggy be here for meetings or provide for "transaction detail". Mike/Mark, all approved Motion to: "Make Brooke Stanley a second bank signer for checks, not to herself, for under \$500.00 as a single signer and as a second signer on all other checks."

A priorities exercise was initiated by Brooke with a flip chart and guidance from her annual review. Her stated goal is to help get us clear about establishing her and our priorities, goals and themes and looking forward to next year.

We had wide ranging discussions and selected priorities by placing small dots indicating our individual choices and adding a symbol for those priorities that could be facilitated by board members or other volunteers. We agreed that writing the biannual Capacity Grant and getting reports in on time are essential priorities.

Our rankings in order:

- 1, OWEB small grants
- 2, OWEB large grants
- 3, Maintain plantings (case by case and best negotiated ahead)
- 4, Volunteer water quality monitoring
- 5, Fundraising
- 6, Update policies and bylaws
- 7, Annual celebration
- 8, Build Councils
- 9, Organize archives
- 10, Hire additional staff
- 11, Utilize watershed assessments
- 13, Outreach, stories to the media
- 14, Fill Board positions
- 15, Put minutes/agendas on website

Many of the above priorities were considered suitable for volunteers to assist with.

Themes for the biennium:

We used a similar process for the Themes selected.

- 1, Habitat improvements
- 2, Fish passage

- 3, Volunteer engagement
- 4, Water quality monitoring
- 5, Education
- 6, Outreach
- 7, Partnerships
- 8, Capacity building
- 9, Lower water temperatures

We agreed by consensus that this exercise represents our votes on the matter.

Coordinator's report: See written report. "My focus has been on water quality monitoring, working with ODEQ, calibrating and deploying the data loggers." Brooke detailed placements and volunteer training. Mike noted discussions at Youngs Bay WSC. Some sites are yet to be confirmed. "I'm in the water and still having fun!"

Nature Matters was another great success.

Meyer Memorial grant writing in process

Many potential projects that we reviewed, see the list

Work Plan updating in process.

Clatsop County needs mitigation and culverts can facilitate fish passage.

Umbrella Association and Council relations. We may address this at a future meeting.

Annual celebration/party; A weekend evening, maybe, September 10 is preferred and a standing Party Committee consists of Carla, Chris, Mark, Tessa and Brooke.

Tessa secured agreement from CREST to sign a two party MOU: CREST/Skipanon WSC in the event of dissolution that NCWA would be the recipient of funds. NCWA will create the MOU.

Chris noted a number of concerns and solutions regarding the Russian River.

Nature Matters is moving to a second Thursday night schedule.

Good of the Order: Ty Williams, Assistant District Forester will be the next ODF rep. for our NCWA board. We thanked John for his past service to the Board.

NCLC will have a Celebration July 25th. NORP desperately needs volunteers on Monday June 27th.

We adjourned at 1956.

Respectfully submitted,
Tessa J Scheller