

Saturday, November 19, 2016

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of the Washington Native Plant Society's Salal Chapter

The meeting was called to order shortly after 10 am by Chapter Chair Brenda Cunningham. There were approximately 40 people in attendance, mostly WNPS members. The meeting was held at the Padilla Bay (Breazeale) Conference Center in Bayview.

Brenda described the benefits of WNPS membership and thanked Barbara Lechner and Simone Spiess for providing refreshments. Brenda also mentioned the dates and programs of the first two meetings of 2017. The first will be on Saturday, February 18, at 10 am at the Padilla Bay Conference Center and will feature Abe Lloyd of the Koma Kulshan Chapter who will talk about ethnobotany. On May 20, the chapter will meet at 10 am at a picnic shelter at Deception Pass State Park where the Park Manager Jack Hartt will lead a tour of a native plant beach restoration project. A potluck and barbeque will follow; the chapter will furnish items for grilling and members will be asked to bring salads, side dishes, and desserts.

Brenda said the chapter is in the black and that a financial report will be published in the next *Potent Teller*, the chapter newsletter, after the 2016 books are closed. There will also be a budget meeting in December to look at 2016 expenditures and to budget for 2017. Brenda said she'd like to see the chapter bring back scholarships (with WNPS memberships) for students to participate in the annual WNPS study weekend.

The slate of officers for 2017 was presented with the three current officers, Brenda, Jean, and Kathy Murray (secretary) standing for reelection. Kerman Kermoade volunteered to serve as vice chair. Brenda called for nominations from the floor. There were none. Libby Mills moved and Helen Kermoade seconded a motion to elect the officers submitted. The ballot was unanimously accepted by voice ballot.

Before the program by Ben Legler of University of Washington Herbarium at the Burke Museum on the revision of Hitchcock and Cronquist's *Flora of the Pacific Northwest*, Jim Duemmel moved that the chapter contribute funds toward the completion of the Hitchcock revision. There was no second; however, members asked several questions including what would be an appropriate amount. Jim said that the Koma Kulshan chapter gave \$2000 and that he hoped Salal would give at least that much. Ben said that a number of WNPS chapters have contributed; the least given was \$250. Jean said that the chapter plans to make a contribution—but only after reviewing its financial status. During his presentation Ben provided a slide showing that the project cost was expected to be \$400,000 and that about \$384,000 had been raised to date. He also gave a web address for information about the project and ways that individuals can contribute: www.pnwherbaria.org/florapnw.php.

After the business meeting was concluded, Kathy introduced Ben Legler who gave a detailed overview of the "Hitchcock" revision process. The book will be even larger than the 1973 edition because of the addition of about 1000 species. Publication is anticipated in late 2017.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Murray, Salal Secretary