

## **NAFSR Board of Directors**

### **Conference Call Notes (Final), February 9, 2016**

On the call – Darrel Kenops, Jim Golden, Marlin Johnson, Max Peterson, Corbin Newman, Mac Gramley, Rich Guldin., Tom Thompson, Rich Stem, Larry Payne, Ranotta McNair, Jane Kollmeyer, Pete Griffin, Johnny Hodges

#### Jim's Update

Jim said things have been a bit slow in the past month or so. We did sign a joint letter with the Public Lands Foundation to the Attorney General concerning the Malheur situation in Oregon.

#### Membership/Financial Updates

Johnny reported that our current membership is 656. We have well over 200 members that have not paid their 2016 dues.

Our current bank balance is \$18,468.63 and includes 31 lifetime memberships. Many Golden members have been very generous in their donations.

#### Corbin's Update

Corbin has a call scheduled with the Chief later today. Sen. Murkowski and others plan to link a solution to fire funding along with changes in process improvement. They are trying to move HR2647 within 2 months

Rich gave kudos to the Board for moving quickly in December to write a letter in support fire funding.

#### Leadership Transition

Larry gave an update on our leadership transition to replace Jim. Jim retires May 1 and Larry will serve as interim chair if needed.

Selection of previous chairs occurred when someone stepped forward or we targeted someone and went after them. He would like an open process this time and will seek nominations from the Board and the membership at large.

Larry asked the Board for characteristics of the future chair. We need nominations first before getting into too much detail. For the vetting process we will need someone to contact nominees. Larry needs 2 people to help him with the search.

## AWCP

Corbin said we must participate in at least one AWCP meeting per year. This year the AWCP will meet with partners at the North American in Pittsburg on March 15. Their second meeting is in Adirondack, NY in August. Let Corbin know if you could represent us,

## Restoration Discussion

Rich sent out a paper a year ago concerning Restoration. Yesterday he sent out another paper with 5 options on how to proceed. What does the Board want to do? What is the agency's plan?

Larry said reforestation is too big of an issue to do nothing,

Max said we should consult with agency first. No legislation will happen this year.

Jim said there is too much data collection needed for us to do it ourselves. We should consider working with other groups (TNC, State Foresters) that have collected data. We need to go forward some way because if we don't speak up then no one will.

Jane felt the FS has a lot of the necessary information.

Corbin believes the agency does have a good idea of their restoration needs and we should not get bogged down in details (acres, etc.). We should we focus on the bigger picture.

Rich said we want to gather big picture information of the situation. What do we do with the information and how can we help?

Marlin feels the FS has plenty of information and we don't want to add up numbers. The cost of treatments will result in huge dollar amounts that Congress doesn't want to talk about. We should talk to the FS first and ask where do they want to go.

Ranotta said we should talk to Chief first.

Tom said to write down our general concern very succinctly before talking to Chief.

Rich asked the Board to give him comments and he will write something.

## R-1 Recreation

Rich talked about an article in the Montana Standard reporting on the status of recreation in R-1 from the regional recreation director. He will send the article to Board members.

## Annual Plan of Work

Corbin said he had received no input from the Board on the annual Plan of Work. He will put together final draft which will be small with 3 or 4 items. He feels the current priorities are:

(1) Fire funding issue

(2) Condition of NFS lands

(3) How do we (NAFSR) plan to transition to new administration

#### Annual Report

Corbin wants to prepare an annual report. He has received one report from Jack Troyer and nothing from other Board members. He would like a short list from each Board member of what you did for NAFSR in the past year.

#### Website Update

Corbin reported that Ken is working on a draft of the revised website. Ken was not available for the call today.

Corbin, Ranotta, Jane, Johnny, Jim are members of the committee working on the website update with Ken and will hold a discussion following this call.

**Johnny Hodges**  
**Secretary**