

KAWO Executive Committee Minutes of December 15, 2021

1) Jessie called the meeting to order at 7:04.

Present: Alysia Babcock, Ruth Caputo, Jessie Davis, Quyen Edwards, Ann Fraser, Ilse Gebhard, Mike Klug, Kathy McGoff, Noel Ocen-Gorgone, Paul Olexia, Kim Patrie, Margo Rebar, David Riggs, and Dave Wendling.

2) We approved the minutes of Nov 10, 2021.

3) We approved the Treasurer's report.

4) Old Business

a. We approved the 2022 Budget, with the change that the Membership Budget be increased to \$1200.

b. Glen Park. The bench has been delivered and all is set for the January 9 event.

5) New Business

a. Ballot Results. Ann reported that 43 Ballots were cast, all candidates were elected. We accepted the results of the election, including Gale Simmons as the new member at large.

b. The 2022 Plant Sale Committee report was presented by Ann. We approved the proposal as presented, understanding that further details and modification are to be expected.

Below are some highlights of Ann's presentation.

The name is now Wild Ones Community Native Plant Sale. It will take place at the People's Food Co-op on Saturday June 18th, from 12-4pm (two weeks after the Plant Exchange). Several local plant vendors were interviewed and Bill Schneider's Wild Types Nursery was selected. They can supply all our needed types of plants at very competitive prices and have been very responsive. He will deliver the plants directly to the sale site the morning of the sale.

No "plant kits" will be sold, but lists will be provided for people to make their own assortment of plants for a specific installation. Any plants leftover will be sold at a discount at the end of the day, any left after that will be given to worthy causes as in prior years. We will not announce this on the promotional materials, but we are prepared for a rain date of the following Sunday. Wildtype has agreed to be available if needed to do the plant delivery on that Sunday.

Square is the recommended vendor for payment. They have low fees and use a simple free attachment to any smartphone.

The budget request will be \$8500, including \$7800 for plants, and an expected income of \$15000. The cost for plants is somewhat higher than in previous years in part because Wildtype's trees are sold in larger sizes, and hence are more expensive.

c. We agreed on this arrangement for Executive Committee meetings.

1. Meetings will be the third Wednesday of the month (except November which will be the second Wednesday).

2. Reports will be due Wednesday the week before the meeting.

3. We will implement "Open Meetings Light" by announcing the Executive Committee meeting time on the web site, and inviting members and the community to attend the meetings.

David, the retiring Secretary, will deliver his archive of minutes (since 2016) to Quyen.

d. Ann, Jason, Kim, and Neil currently have access to our gmail account. National has issued the demand for us to standardize on a new system. There are still unclear details about what they want us to do and how we want to do it.

e. There are still too many problems with locations and precautions for us to decide when to have our general meeting in person. We will continue to monitor the situation.

f. We agreed to continue Executive Committee meetings on Zoom, and to revisit the issue in April.

Due to lack of time we tabled the topics of the direction for KAWO moving forward and Dave's discussion of Native Plants Project.

6) Committee and Other Reports.

See the separate committee reports for full details.

a. Community Projects.

b. Programs. Ruth asked for more volunteers for the panel discussion presentation. David volunteered.

c. Wild for Monarch. To increase the number of sites, Mike suggested libraries and other in person events.

- d. Outreach and Education. Noel is looking for other sources for the Wild Ones garden signs.
- e. Membership. Jason was not at the meeting but we noted that there has been a large increase in membership.
- f. 2022 Plant Sale. Jason will prepare a report to be distributed to the Committee.
- g. Site Visits. Dave will report next month.
- h. Hospitality.
- i. Operational Guidelines. Jessie will reconvene a group to update the 2015 Guidelines, but will continue to follow the 2015 Guidelines until they are updated and approved.
- j. Publications. We will revisit the question of the web site in February. At the moment the following people are responsible for these areas (with backup people who have access in parentheses):

Facebook: Jennifer (Mel, Quyen, Kim)

Youtube: Ann (Kim)

Web Site: Ann (Jason, Kim)

Seedlings: Mel (Jason and Kim have access to the Mailchimp account)

Kim reported that the bookmark proofs should be available next week. They will quickly go onto the printer. The flier should be done in January.

7) General Announcements

- a. We will hold a celebration event in January.
- b. Jessie requested that all members elected for the 2022 year meet in January to review KAWO Operational Guidelines 2015 and National Policies and Guidelines Rev. 2020-01.
- c. We are planning to partner with Kal-Haven Trail and SWMLC to provide volunteer opportunities.

8) Adjournment at 8:37.

>>> Next Meeting: Wednesday January 19, 2022; 7 PM; Zoom Meeting

Submitted by David Riggs, Secretary