



MINUTES
NEZ PERCE TRAIL FOUNDATION SPRING BOARD MEETING

March 13, 2010
Nespelem Tribal Agency
Nespelem, WA

Welcome: President Charlie Moses, Jr. called the meeting to order and roll call was taken. He welcomed all and said we would go to Nespelem to tour the completed rest stop after our meeting. He stated that this site must be certified as part of the trail.

Attendees were: Lynn Fleming, Jeff Fee, Ruth Wapato, Stan Hoggatt, Mike Seale, Margaret Moses, Donna Hamilton, Roy Hamilton, Myrna Tovey, Paul Wapato, Linda Fleming, Jim Evans, Charlie Moses, Jr., and Dick Seymour (conference call)

Secretary's Report: Minutes have been published and distributed. Dick Seymour moved that the minutes be approved and Myrna Tovey seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Oct 1 – Dec. 1, 2009 CY fourth quarter: This is the 2nd qtr of the old fiscal year with \$11,447 beginning balance and end balance of \$10,861 for a net loss of \$586. Current quarter, 2010 Jan 1 –Mar 11: income, \$11,969 expenses \$8,414 net balance of \$3,555. Current total bank account balance is \$13,392 (checking plus savings).

In order to shift to a new fiscal year schedule that will be closer to the actual federal grant funding reality, we have sought to extend the FY 2009 funding to last until April 30, 2010. This is seven months beyond our normal fiscal year. Fleming's periodic projections have shown that we should have around \$5,000-\$6,000 surplus by end of April. He remains confident we are in good financial condition and shouldn't have any problem getting through this fiscal year transition if it is approved.

Executive Director's Report:

Jim Evans handed out a copy of his **2008-2009 REPORT**. This takes the place of the Newsletters that were published in the past. It is emailed or mailed to all NPTF members.

Jim met in Missoula with National Forest Service David Bull, Maureen Kirchoff, and

Roger Peterson regarding the Completion Document required on the projects that we have completed. Jim asked that our name be included on the new NFS sales map, which will be available soon.

The seventh auto tour, a brochure of the Nez Perce Trail through Yellowstone is done. We have till March 16 to send comments. **Stan Hoggatt will review and give comments to Jim to be sent to Sandi McFarland in Washington DC.**

Out of the 6 projects NPTF submitted under the Cost Share Agreement, only two were approved: the operations project (\$47,080) and the teacher in-service project (\$3500). Jim plans to have a conference call meeting on April 7 with Missoula to discuss the operations project.

The next step in developing the Comprehensive Management Plan is meetings along the trail to get input from citizens. We are waiting to get the list of the 10 different places where they hope to meet so that we may have representation at the meetings.

Jim asked for volunteers to join a **Task Force to write a position paper** on the Comprehensive Management Plan to give our message in these meetings. We need to be strong about our desire to have on the ground designation of the route.

During the discussion, Jeff Fee suggested that the NPTF has to come to the feds to let them know that we want trails and sites identified along with protection agreements to honor the Nez Perce people. Jeff suggested Wendell Davis of Kamiah would be a great person to help out on this committee as well as Carolynne Merrell. **Committee volunteers were Jeff Fee, Paul Wapato, Stan Hoggatt, and Jim Evans. Paul Wapato was asked to be chairperson.**

Birch Creek Project is completed with the exception of the dedication. BLM wants us to have a miniature signature event there to dedicate the site in June. **Jim asked for a Nez Perce representative to be at the dedication.**

Howard Springs/Targhee Pass project signage is being put on rocks, which are now in place. Nez Perce man on horse, wife, child and dog silhouettes similar to the ones at Wallowa will be added as soon as the snow clears.

Our standard signage at **Laurel Riverside Park** is yet to be completed.

Signage done by Smoker Marchant at the Nespelem rest stop that includes a metal header above the NPTF regular signs is a nice addition. Jim hopes to add this to other projects. Jim would like to have **tribal participation to dedicate the Nespelem site.**

The NPTF portion of the **Camas Meadows Project** is done; however, the State of Idaho wants to charge a lease fee for having our signs on state land. Parties are working to resolve this issue.

The new director of history at Yellowstone wants to open the opportunity to participate in the newly approved **2010 Yellowstone teacher in-service project** to all teachers in the four states that are involved in the trail.

The next **National Trails Workshop** will be held in **San Antonio, TX from May 13-15**. Jim will know how many slots we may have soon. Members need to let Charlie or Jim know if they have an interest in going.

Membership Report* – Ruth Wapato:

Membership has declined from 140 to 120. Our renewal rate is good; however we need to pull in new members. There was discussion of strategies to increase our membership.

Roy and Donna Hamilton suggested that there be a **sign put up by the highway to designate Shaw's Fruit Stand near Nespelem as a place where membership and other information regarding the Nez Perce Trail is available**. Jim will get a sign made and delivered to them.

The Tonkowa tribe has invited the Nez Perce to join the **125th Anniversary Celebration of the Pow Wow at Tonkowa, OK from June 25-27, 2010**. There is a Nez Perce cemetery on the reservation, which the Tonkawa have maintained.

New Business:

Jim asked for volunteers for a **Fund Raising Committee**. Roy Hamilton will join Jim Evans on this committee.

The **Nominating Task Force** will be Charlie Moses and Myrna Tovey. They will find candidates for Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, and new Board members. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting in October.

A **motion** by Paul Wapato was made to **purchase a portable display panel with Trail Foundation information @ \$197**. Lynn Fleming seconded. Motion passed.

Jim will have a **Trading Post brochure published locally** that will advertise items available for purchase.

Lynn Fleming proposed that we change our fiscal year to May 1 to April 30. All finances are in Quicken, a simple accounting program that provides any financial data for any time period we desire. We have prepared to make this adjustment by spreading our income over a 19-month period.

A **motion** was made by Treasurer Fleming **to change the NPTF fiscal year from the federal fiscal year of Oct. 1-Sept. 30 to May 1 to April 30** time frame. Paul Wapato seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jeff Fee moved with Mike Seale seconding that the **Annual Meeting be at Bear Paw on October 1, 2010**. Motion passed.

Charlie Moses suggested that we use NPTF monies to have a dinner on Friday night. The Bear Paw Memorial will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2. **Myrna moved that \$600 of NPTF funds be donated to help with the dinner**. Mike Seale seconded the motion. Charlie and Myrna will personally each donate \$100. An additional \$500 has been donated by an outside party.

There was discussion regarding revising our **Vision Statement**. The revision reads:

Our Vision - To honor the strength and resolve of the Nez Perce people in the 1877 Nez Perce War and the events that followed.

Paul Wapato moved that we adopt these words as our vision statement. Lynn Fleming seconded. Motion passed.

Myrna Tovey moved that we **approve the reprinting of our membership brochure with the revised Vision Statement included.** Paul Wapato seconded. Motion approved.

Mike Seale moved for adjournment at 2:00 p.m. Myrna Tovey seconded. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Fleming



Membership list available on request.