

**2017 Nez Perce Trail Foundation  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**July 22, 2017 • Wallowa, Oregon**

**Meeting commencement:** 4:00 pm

**Attending:** Dick Seymour, Charlie Moses, Jr., Margaret Moses, Karen Heagen, and Jim Zimmerman

**Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes** of July 16, 2016: Motion seconded, Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** (prepared by Tricia Taylor)

- A. Financial Report was distributed to those in attendance; balance sheet was distributed and reviewed by the Board of Directors present.
  - 1. Announcement that the Wyoming Archeological Report has been PAID IN FULL.
- B. Jim Zimmerman states that the Membership renewal forms were sent along with the annual NPNHT-FS Day Planners, along with a self-addressed envelope. Response was positive and returns of renewals and donations were higher compared to previous years.
- C. \$250.00 will be paid to the Partners of the National Trail System (PNTS) for continued membership in 2017-2018. This is an ongoing beneficial membership commitment based on the partnership with the NPTF.

**Hike-the-Hill Report:**

Jim Zimmerman attended the annual **Hike-the-Hill** meetings with government officials in Washington, D.C. He was reimbursed for the hotel fees, but personally paid for expenses of travel, meals, and registration. He reports that Jaime Schmidt has replaced the retired Joe Meade of the USFS. He explained to him that the NPTS is operating on very low funds, no CCSA agreements, and no Executive Director w/salary. Later, he sent a letter of correspondence to Mr. Schmidt re-iterating the NPTF's position as a questionable partner, and as of this date, has not received a response. Jim's letter was sent in March, 2017.

**Federal Agency Cooperation & Participation:**

All members in attendance agree on the importance of relationships with agencies other than the USFS. Historically, the National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management have proven to be great and cooperative partners with regards to the NPTF and its efforts to protect the Trail.

**Wallowa Whitman Forest Service Office:**

Dick Seymour states that the Wallowa Whitman Forest Service office located in Baker City, Oregon had received funds in the amount of \$10,000. That was to be earmarked for Trail preservation. The funds remained in their general fund and were never utilized for that intent. To our knowledge, the NPTF was never notified as to the availability of these funds or any allocation efforts by that office.

**Big Hole Battlefield:**

Jim Zimmerman attended the annual “Coyote Camp” at the Big Hole Battlefield, MT. this summer, and gave numerous presentations on the Lt. C.E.S. Wood character. He relays that the youth groups were very attentive and the presentation was well received.

**Promotional DVD:**

Jim Zimmerman proposes the development and creation of a NPTF DVD to be utilized for educational, marketing, and promotional purposes. Focus would be on the Nez Perce Trail, the Nez Perce Tribe, and the importance of the Appaloosa horse within the Tribe, historically and present. To be discussed further to assess feasibility and costs relative to benefits.

**Comprehensive Management Plan Review:**

Jim Zimmerman to follow up and report regarding the status of the CMP that is being currently produced by the USFS. Ongoing.

**By-Laws:**

Motion to approve the new By-Laws created by Paul Wapato, B.O.D. for 2017: Motion seconded, Motion approved.

**Oklahoma Projects:**

Jim Zimmerman states that he has recently visited the mass gravesite of the Nez Perce in Kansas and Oklahoma (Baxter Springs, Tankawa, Ponca City, Ft. Leavenworth areas). Lapwai (Nez Perce representatives) dedicated the site in 1960's. He reports that it is in good condition and is well maintained by the neighboring tribe. Future efforts by the NPTF to recognize the site(s) will be spearheaded by Jim, Matt, and possibly Larry.

**Voting of Officer Positions:**

All of the below positions and titles were nominated, voted upon, and approved per meeting protocol and motions to elect:

**President:** Karen Heagen

**Exec. Vice President / Tribal Liaison:** Charlie Moses, Jr.

**Vice President:** Dick Seymour

**Secretary / Treasurer:** Tricia Taylor

**Head of the B.O.D. / Inter-Agency Communications:** Jim Zimmerman

**Membership Chairman:** Matt Nowak

**Next Meeting:**

Jim Zimmerman suggests the next NPTF scheduled meeting occurs in the Fall of 2017, possibly in Vancouver, WA. **TBD**, with advance notice given for travel considerations and schedules.

**Meeting Conclusion:**

Motion made to conclude, motion approved. Meeting concludes at 5:30 pm. PDT.

**Meeting Minutes taken by Karen Heagen  
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