

Notes from CENREF Teleconference 8:05 A.M. PDT May 18th, 2010

Participants:

Peter B. Lewis, Board President
Debby Chenoweth
Rich Deline
Ken Dial
Dan Troglin
Dave Wahus
Chris Gallagher
Marilyn Jones, Secretary
Darrell Lewis, Treasurer was excused from call.

Peter opened the meeting at 8:05 A.M. PDT.

Treasurer Darrell Lewis provided an electronic report stating a \$6,800 bank balance.

Peter noted his attempts to contact Donna with APPL have been delayed due to APPL's board meeting being held this week in Dallas, Texas. He will continue to work on making contact, but would like to talk with Debbie and Darrell before his conversation with Donna.

Peter asked how the Board wanted to proceed with the projects selected in 2008 and 2009, noting that current workload has the Board busy and would like to request the Board's agreement in deferring acceptance of additional project application for at least the next 6 months. Board agreed to this and would like to get the message out to members, potential members and potential project requestors.

Rich asked the question of "how are we communicating with current and potential members?" The discussion led to the misunderstanding by Corps personnel thinking being a member of the Foundation was a conflict of interest. This will be addressed again through the newsletter and on the website. Further discussion centered around utilization of the Kevin Ewbank Unofficial Park Ranger Network and maintaining an email list as memberships are taken.

Rich discussed his findings of the absence of Corps membership in other groups like The Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS) and active support of the National Trails Association. Rich suggested that the Foundation could assist the Corps through becoming an affiliate member of the PNTS. The Board tabled decision on joining PNTS for further review and discussion and will be an agenda item for next call.

Dave noted the Foundation currently has 57 members and suggested the urgency for actively communicating with these members and other potential members in order to not lose their membership. Communication through a newsletter would keep them informed, involved and another recruitment tool.

Debbie will be meeting with Mary Webster this weekend and will finalize the newsletter and have a publishable product within the next two weeks. She will update Peter's "Letter from the President" and will ensure a bold note is provided about delaying acceptance of project applications for 6 months. Debbie will supply Chris an electronic copy to send out to the Corps' Division Representatives.

Dan is continuing his efforts to finalize the Foundation as a Combined Federal Campaign recipient. Dan also noted that in the newsletter all successes, great or small, must be highlighted. Board agreed.

Debbie suggested placing in the newsletter a spot for requesting suggestions and ideas for what the membership thinks the Board should be involved in.

Rich noted that the Parks to Trails Grant Program will be a excellent opportunity for the Foundation to gain funding for the National Park Service to assist the Corps projects with trails. He suggested that the 6 new trails on Corps property should be highlighted in this newsletter issue also. Chris will also post to the APPL Newsletter.

The next teleconference will be on June 15th at 8:00 A.M. PDT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 A.M. PDT.

Respectfully submitted May 18th, 2010.
Marilyn K. Jones, Secretary