

Columbia Gorge Earth Center Board Meeting Minutes 2.1.2008

Present: Nick Walrod, David Skakel, Tara Johnston Kairnes, Jared Fuscaldo, Pierce, Bruce Bolme, Ben Zimmerman, Shar Carney, Tomi Owens.

GLCC- Steering committee meeting, to step up marketing and renewals.

Redirect Guide- no Action.

Hood River County Chamber- yes, become a member again.

Climate Change Forum- 20 people so far on a committee/ in a group – Gorge Climate Change will follow up with email to list serve. Earth Center could provide a chair to the group. Pierce Louis doing follow up for now.

Need Secretary in Tara's absence.

Treasury Report submitted by David.

-GRC- ISO is going away, still hasn't been replaced for profit yet. Currently is huge portion of income. Need reserves now. 2-3 month reserve- other material as possible replacement for ISO and deconstruction must come into place by the time reserves run out.

-Rediviva- no much action

-Retreat-put off till later when board members prove rested and up to speed. Shoot for August.

-Priorities – need to prioritize events/initiatives for next 6 months- don't take on too much.

Michael Shumman may be able to do presentation on April 15<sup>th</sup>

-Film and Lecture- Pierce

See [?] Proposal

-location-Suggesting some smaller venues that seem cozy with fewer people. Want to seek something free or cheap. –green drinks, Jared, Eileen interested, could dovetail with film and Lecture, to discuss. David suggests Solar Living type of curriculum in the future.

-First Film in March, maybe Feb.

-list each even on website with description.

Board Recruitment—Jared Fuscaldo

Tara motions to bring Jared on to board. Nick Walrod Seconds motion.

Unanimous in favor—Welcome Jared.

*Green Drinks*- Discussion about CGEC coordinating Green Drinks, which is a “green” networking phenomenon that takes place in local eateries and/or taverns....possibly schedule

these Green Drinks in parallel with (right after each) of our Films & Lectures as a way to continue the conversation.

#### GRC Memo of Understanding (MOU)

- David to distribute to Board Member in advance of next meeting.

#### David's Position

- David due to interview for 2 other jobs. One job is local  $\frac{3}{4}$  time, in which case David suggests that Board expend his CGEC Executive Director role from .15 to .25 fee. The other job is full time in Portland. The implication of the second job is that David would relinquish all exec. dir. activity with CGEC.

- Board in support of  $\frac{1}{4}$  time funded director focusing on grant writing at first.

- would like to wait until it's a reality prior to carry or further discussion.

- Tara points out that we may not have funds any more than the  $\frac{1}{4}$  time with out further fundraising between now and then.

#### Earth Day

- Shar will take lead with the fun run.

- done market research and put together a to-do list.

- volunteers, may need 7-8. David feels like that is a lot. Need to mobilize now.

- Tomi thinks we won't have the capacity unless we partner with some other organization.

- Email to go out seeking volunteers\*\*\* if we get 8 volunteers we will do it. 6 volunteers will be the threshold for proceeding with the Fun Run. We will need another 2 or 3 volunteers to also proceed with the Procession of the species.

Bylaws change proposed: Change meeting Quorum from "majority of board" to "3 board members"...

approved as stated. Nick makes motion, Tara seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

#### Gorge Games

- moving forward with meeting and agreement toward involvement. They want support/guidance on making Gorge Games a more 'sustainable' event.

- recommending that we get assigned staff from them, as we are likely to get request for lots of volunteers

- also of CRK or Ecology Institute or Friends of the Gorge.

- We get contribution from Gorge Games as beneficiaries for volunteers, consultation and ideas.