

LUCKIAMUTE WATERSHED COUNCIL MINUTES

September 13, 2012

5:45 pm LSNA Tour, led by Peter Guillozet, Project Manager

6 p.m. Education/Outreach meeting – not held this month

7 p.m. General Council Meeting, Luckiamute State Natural Area Office

CALL TO ORDER – Vice Chair George Grosch called the meeting to order. Present were: Gail Oberst, George Grosch, Karin Nembach, Ron Nestlerode, Kirk and Judy Lewis, Kristen Larson, Dan Farnworth, Peter Guillozet, Michael Cairns, Steve DeGoey, Luciano Chiaramonte, Robert ? from Butterfly World

ACTION: Karin moves and Dan seconds the motion to approve August 2012 minutes with no changes

PRESENTATION

Luciano Chiaramonte , Salmonid parasites in the Willamette River

Discussion of the temporal and spatial distribution of *Ceratomyxa Shasta* in the Willamette River – a study of Salmon disease. 2010 Sampling. *Ceratomyxa Shasta* is a microscopic parasite that uses Salmon or trout as its host. This parasite study is important because of the threatened species listing of Chinook and Steelhead runs in the Willamette River. The parasite causes intestinal hemorrhaging and bloating of the fish. The fish can be affected at all life stages. This study was conducted from the main stem of the Willamette River in Eugene all the way to the mouth of the Columbia River in various places, as well as in the Klamath River basin. Summer salmon runs evolved with this parasite as they migrate through the rivers, but with higher concentrations of the parasite in the water now, due to lower water levels from anthropogenic causes, the fish cannot accommodate it.

REPORTS

Steering Committee

New Coordinator Introduction

Kristen Larson is introduced as our new coordinator; she gives the group some background information about herself. George G. motions to hire Kristen with a start date of September 17, 2012, Dan F. moves and Gail O. seconds the motion. No one opposes.

New Coordinator Orientation Plan and Liz Redon's Orientation Proposal discussed. Organization enhancement and potential contract with Liz Redon for other services postponed. Proposed Action to approve Liz Redon's work proposal to assist with orientation of the new coordinator. George G. motions to approve Gail's proposed contract with Liz not to exceed \$1500 for employee orientation, Dan F seconds, no one opposes.

Kristen will provide an update to us as of the next meeting as to how much of the training has been accomplished.

Unemployment filing – we owe \$1300 now, and every month we don't pay another \$100 is added on. We need to make a decision soon as it's already been 30 days. Dan will talk with Barbara our accountant at Administrative Insight.

Treasurer and Budget Committee report

Dan talked with Peggy Nelson to make sure she is adding in the money for monitoring to our expenses. Dan reports that Wendy from MMT says “we will get funding from MMT for 2013, but then for 2014-2015 we will need to reapply and compete for new OWEB and MMT money”. A final say on how this will pan out is coming in the next couple months.

Steering committee to discuss Peter Gillozet's new contract proposal at the next Steering committee mtg.

Dan asks the board if it is ok to use Barbara for payroll services, all o.k. with that, Gail moves to hire her as a contractor and Karin seconds. No one opposes.

New committee proposal - Council Support Committee- George and Dan propose forming this committee to help get the council's financial house in order and ask for volunteers. Dan, George and Kristen volunteer, Dan will ask Hollis if she is interested.

Projects Update

Wendy Sparks- upper Luckiamute side channel reconnect

Rack proposal for Upper Maxfield Creek

Japanese Knotweed = extent goes from the mainstem and Pedee to below 99, and also on the Lil Luckiamute. We should pursue a knotweed grant outside of the Model Watershed for Lil Luckiamute and mainstem knotweed control. This will tie into the MMT work. \$175,000, proposal – mid to late October, by Oct 22nd. Peter is very familiar with knotweed and how to mitigate, he'll make a proposal and let us know at the next meeting.