

Keep Montana Green
2014 Annual Meeting
April 24, 2014
MT DNRC Forestry Division
2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, MT
12:00pm - 3:00pm

Lunch and Preview 2014 Winning Posters

Call Meeting to Order, Welcome and Introductions – Steve Hayes

Attendees: Steve Hayes , President; Crystal Beckman, Executive Director; Steve Robertson, Vice President; Ted Mead, Secretary Treasurer; Pat McKelvey, Board Member; Tim Ryan, Red Lodge Fire

Review and Approve 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes – Ted Mead

Request for questions or changes to meeting minutes.

ACTION: Steve Robertson moved to accept 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes. Pat McKelvey seconded, no discussion, all voiced aye, none opposed, and motion passed.

Review and Approved Financial Report – Ted Mead & Crystal Beckman

- 2013 financials reviewed
- Where we are for 2014 was discussed
- Proposed 2014 budget was reviewed
- Proposed purchases – computer, non-profit financial software, fire proof safe/file cabinet
- Transfer of funds from DA Davidson to First Security, \$2,000 requested

ACTION: Ted Mead made a motion to transfer and spend \$2,000 as needed for Keep Montana Green operations. Steve Robertson seconded, no discussion, all voiced aye, none opposed, and motion passed.

IRS 501c3 Update – Crystal Beckman

Application submitted to IRS. Carol Daly was very helpful in reviewing the application and providing technical assistance. It was mentioned to provide Carol with a thank you gift for her time. We are now waiting to hear back from the IRS. The IRS will contact us to let us know if we need to provide more information or if they have enough to process the application.

KMG Activities and Poster Contest Update – Crystal Beckman

- 90 schools participated
- 114 teachers involved
- 2117 students submitted posters
- Mailed 2014 KMG poster contest winner calendars to government agency and private companies who are KMG supporters
- All posters posted on www.keepgreen.org
- Visited 10 schools to provide awards
- Utilized Twitter to advertise KMG poster contest
- Tim Ryan mentioned he could help out with KMG facebook page and mentioned the idea of creating scholarships for students

- Supported *Firefighter Appreciation Night* aka Bobblehead night, \$250, Missoula Osprey Baseball game. Goal: support local firefighters, raise awareness about KMG and fire prevention.
- Supported *Montana Wood Products Week*, \$250, which included being listed on their website as a sponsor and in their printed material. Goal: raise awareness about KMG to other event sponsors and participants who could be future KMG members and support natural resource programs/events.

Election of Board of Directors – Steve Hayes

Pat McKelvey let the Board know that he will no longer be able to be on the KMG Board due to his busy schedule.

Board discussed new board member recruitment and how it would be beneficial to have wide representation of board members from all professions.

- Educators
- Timber and Natural Resources
- Fire Service
- Business

Bruce Schlaebitz, Judy Banks, Cindy Guthrie, Central Valley Fire, Rural Electric, NW Energy, FireSafe MT, FWP, Nature Conservancy, Tree Farm, Milling Association, Small Wood, Montana Logging Association, Rail Link, and Burlington Northern were mentioned as ideas for members and board members.

ACTION: Ted Mead made a motion to have Tim Ryan be a KMG Board Member. Steve Robertson seconded, no discussion, all voiced aye, none opposed, and motion passed.

2014 KMG Board Members

- Steve Hayes, President, University of Montana
- Steve Robertson, Vice President, Full Moon Concepts
- Ted Mead, Secretary/Treasurer, Montana DNRC
- Tim Ryan, Red Lodge Fire & Rescue
- Don Lorenzen, State Farm Insurance

Next Steps for Keep Montana Green and Open Discussion Forum

2014-2015 Goals

1. Education - Poster Contest
2. Recruit Board Members and General Membership
3. Debris Burn Campaign for Spring 2015

Why would you want to be a member or on the board of KMG

1. Affordable
2. History
3. Respected organization
4. Low time commitment
5. Opportunity to network and learn about new organizations
6. Give back to your community
7. Events

ACTION: Ted Mead made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Steve seconded, no discussion, all voiced aye, none opposed, and motion passed. **Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.**

Steve W Hayes
5-4-14