

Keep Montana Green
2016 Annual Meeting
May 4, 2016
MT DNRC Forestry Division
2705 Spurgin, Missoula, MT
2:00pm – 3:45pm

Call Meeting to Order, Welcome and Introductions – Steve Hayes

Attendees: Steve Hayes , President; Crystal Beckman, Executive Director; Steve Robertson, Vice President; Todd Klemann, acting Secretary Treasurer; Mike Kopitzke; Tim Ryan; Tavis Campbell; Gordy Hughes; Holly Ondrasek; Dave Cook, Chad Bauer and Larry Bush

Review and Approve 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes – Steve Hayes

Request for questions or changes to meeting minutes.

ACTION: Steve Robertson moved to accept 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes. Mike Kopitzke seconded, no discussion, all voiced aye, none opposed, and motion passed.

Review Financial Report – Crystal Beckman

- 2015 financials reviewed
- Where we are for 2016 was discussed
- Proposed 2016 budget was reviewed and discussed

ACTION: Steve Robertson made a motion to approve 2015 financials documents for Keep Montana Green. Tim Ryan seconded, no discussion, all voiced aye, none opposed, and motion passed.

Board of Director's decided to come back to the 2016 proposed budget after more discussion occurred on what KMG's next steps are for the coming year.

KMG Activities and Poster Contest Update – Crystal Beckman

- 55th year for the art contest, 112 schools participated, 147 teachers involved, and 3,000 students submitted art work
- 2016 membership (two contributing members Marks Lumber and Republic Services)
- New website went live Jan. 2016, traffic and content is good
- Twitter has 141 followers, regular tweets are posted
- Facebook has 132 followers, regular posts are shared
- One Less Spark, One Less Wildfire is the 2016 prevention campaign across all partners and agencies
- Wildfire Awareness Month May, [www.keepgreen.org's](http://www.keepgreen.org) website is the main source for all items WAM

Board of Director's continued discussion and shared ideas for future programs. Crystal also provided more information on previous work, KMG's history and future ideas.

- Cultural, sparks, urban focus, create citizen awareness
- Continue to increase membership, include forestry industry and fire
- Target audience extend beyond school kids
- Media spots
- Signs, logos, outdoors
- Work to get our website listed on other people's websites to increase traffic

- Work with MCFPA, middle school students
- License plates
- Rest area/highway signs KMG
- Hiking groups is one example of various groups that could be engaged in our mission and help support our effort
- Try to get a teacher involved
- Scholarship program for college students
 - Woodsman competition, chain saw companies, foresters ball, breweries

The Board decided that a Fall 2016 meeting would be useful. The purpose of this meeting would be to explore future ideas, devise a strategy and plan for KMG.

Crystal handed out project ideas that she needed assistance with. Board members picked up projects that they were interested in.

ACTION: Tim Ryan made a motion to approve 2016 budget for Keep Montana Green. Mike Kopitzke seconded, no discussion, all voiced aye, none opposed, and motion passed.

Election of Board of Directors – Steve Hayes

ACTION: Tim Ryan made a motion to have Mike Kopitzke be Vice President for KMG. Mike Kopitzke made a motion to have Tim Ryan be President for KMG. Steve Hayes closed nominations, no discussion, all voiced aye, none opposed, and motions passed.

2016 Board of Directors

- Tim Ryan, President - Red Lodge Fire & Rescue
- Mike Kopitzke, Vice President – Land and Fire Consulting, LLP
- _____, Secretary/Treasurer – Montana DNRC
- Tavis Campbell – Missoula Fire Department
- Holly Ondrasek – K Design Marketing, INC.
- Chad Bauer - Republic Services
- Larry Bush - retired fire professional

Crystal Beckman recognized Steve Hayes and Steve Robertson for their many years of commitment and time towards KMG. Both are now Honorary Directors for Keep Montana Green Association.

ACTION: Mike Kopitzke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Steve Hayes seconded, no discussion, all voiced aye, none opposed, and motion passed. **Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.**

President

Date