

Notes from the CNREF Teleconference, 8:00 A.M. PST, February 15, 2010

Participants:

Peter Lewis
Darrell Lewis
Dave Wahus
Dan Troglin
Chris Gallagher
Marilyn Jones

Deb Chenoweth and Rich Deline were excused.

Peter opened the meeting at 8:00 A.M. PST

Dave Wahus was unable to attend the SAD Ranger Conference in Savannah, GA, due to a severe winter storm. Dave also noted the Foundation had received a membership from Richard Stokes from Arkansas and that membership cards have been printed (1,000 cards) and will be sending them to Chris for mailing. Same design as what the previously had been approved.

Darrell Lewis updated the Board members about the APPL Training Center. Approximately 50 registered and approximately 40 were in attendance. He used Rich Deline's Power Point presentation and all things were received well by attendees. The APPL is very interested in the CNREF and would like to partner or assist the Foundation some how.

Some suggestions from the APPL Conference were:

(A) Develop a \$25 Membership Fee for the GS-09 employees and below. All board members supported this suggestion.

(B) Consider a Lake/Project Membership.

(C) Nancy Rogers suggested approaching Sebastiani Wines to become a Foundation Supporting member.

(D) Handshake Agreement Grants are limited. Projects have to wait a year to apply for another grant, meaning, a Project can not received a grant two consecutive years. Bottom line, Projects can wait a whole year after starting a project to apply for another grant. Uncertain as to how things would work partnering with APPL to fund the second year's worth of work for Projects. Would like to research how the Foundation could fund projects in the "gap year" back through the Handshake Agreement group or through APPL. Through the Handshake Agreement, once a grant is awarded, the recipient has up to 2 years to expend the funds.

(E) Discussion was held concerning the implementation of an Institutional Membership like the NAI, Chambers of Commerce or NRPA. Darrel suggested the Foundation develop a Corps of Engineers Agency Membership.

(F) Darrell noted that Dorie Murphy from the Fort Worth District offered to coordinate a meeting between the Foundation and the Friends Groups in Fort Worth District. The Friends Groups will be meeting in Fort Worth, Texas this year and APPL

will be meeting in Dallas next year. This is an opportunity for the Foundation to work with the Friends Groups. Just need to decide if the Foundation will meet with the Friends Group this year or the APPL next year. Dorie and Doug Cox will be at the EN/NRM Conference in Nashville this year and Peter will meet with them about the Friends Group and how it works, etc. It was worth noting that HQ Office of Counsel and Doug Cox are working together to review and develop an SOP on how or if Fort Worth District could keep the user fees that are collected by Contractor run area, with the Corps taking 10% off the top of the total revenues to go back to Corps Operations. Doug Cox suggested the potential for the Foundation to take that 10% instead, to manage and utilize in funding projects approved by the Foundation.

Peter asked Darrell, Dan and Dave to help with updating the power point presentation for the EN/NRM Conference in March.

Dave asked Dan to get a bio from Ken Dial for membership to the Board. This was assigned to Deb. Dan will follow up.

Dan will make contact with Don Dunwoody about Board appointment.

Darrell asked about the application materials on the website and if the Board concurred with the changes he had made to date. All concurred. **Darrell moved to accept the edits for the Application Process materials. Dave seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion called and carried unanimously.**

Darrell moved to add an additional \$25 Annual Membership fee for Corps of Engineers' GS-9 and below grades. Dave seconded the motion. Discussion of the question of whether this should be extended to other people outside the Corps. At this time it was agreed to not do this. **Motion called and carried unanimously.**

Darrell moved to create a Lake/Project Membership Program for an annual fee of \$300. Peter seconded the motion. Discussion to keep the paperwork simple on this, just have the one category and not get into free memberships or reduced memberships with a Lake/Project Membership. **Motion called and carried unanimously.**

New Business:

The March EN/NRM Conference will be the opportunity to premiere these membership fee changes. Marilyn will send Darrell the wording of the two motions in a separate email. (Completed 3 Mar 10)

Need to hold an Annual Membership Meeting and maybe conduct it in conjunction with the EN/NRM Conference. Is it too late to get a room and on put on the Conference agenda? It would be better to go ahead and conduct the annual meeting than not and try to explain why the Foundation didn't hold an annual meeting this year. Chris noted that this annual meeting could be held with the APPL Conference next year. Darrell noted that in February 2011, the Foundation could hold the 2011 meeting in conjunction with

the APPL Conference. Chris stated she would be willing to help with this one. Decision will be held till March's conference call.

Dan moved to hold the first Annual Meeting of the CNREF in conjunction with the APPL Conference in Dallas, Texas, February 2011. Darrell seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion called and carried. Dan will take on the coordination of the annual meeting with the APPL Conference coordinators.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Peter. Dave seconded the motion. Motion called and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 A.M. PDT.

Respectfully submitted March 3rd, 2010
Marilyn K. Jones, Secretary

Revised and Approved for dissemination on March 3rd, 2010
Peter Lewis

Board revisions made March 5th, 2010
Marilyn K. Jones, Secretary