

## **Notes from the CENREF Teleconference, 8:00 A.M. PST, December 15, 2009**

### Participants:

Debby Chenoweth  
Rich Deline  
Chris Gallagher  
Peter B. Lewis  
Marilyn Jones  
Dan Troglin

Darrell Lewis was unable to participate.

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

Peter reported that he had completed two letters. The first was to HQUSACE regarding their plans for the partnership position. He mentioned that he and Darrell had called Chris to get her thoughts before finalizing. He also completed a letter to Dr. DuBowy, who had cancelled his membership and a letter to be put in the CENREF newsletter. He asked if there were any comments and none were offered. The letters will go out as written.

Items to be put in the CENREF Newsletter and the Website were discussed. Debby is preparing Tips for preparing a proposal application. Peter suggested including the Melvern Lake application as a good example and success story. Dan suggested having someone from one of the adopted proposals write a note regarding what it meant to their project.

Website development was discussed. It was recommended that a thumbnail of the 5 adopted proposals be included as well as any updates. It was recommended that team members of the USACE Process Action Team (PAT) be included in the mailing.

Membership cards are ready to be printed. We will print a number which is a good break point financially. It was also recommended and adopted, that Lifetime members could pay in installments as long as it was done by credit card.

Rich and Darrell are still exploring the process to be included in the Combined Federal Campaign. The application is more for a non profit than a grant. Discussions regarding the December 11th deadline were explored and Rich will follow up.

The Natural Resources Management/Environmental Conference is scheduled for March 16-18, 2010 in Nashville. The CENREF will request that it be able to make a presentation. The Association of Partners for Public Lands (APPL) Conference is scheduled for February 12th in San Diego. Peter plans on going and would welcome anyone else to attend as well.

Debby will follow up with Ken Dial so we can finalize his inclusion as a Board Member.

We know that a Recreation Roadmap is being prepared at HQUSACE. We would like the Corps to know that we are ready to assist in any way they deem appropriate. (Marilyn provided copy of plan this date.)

**New Business:**

Chris explained the process that Fort Worth District was using an innovative approach to keep user fees. However, Mike Ensich has placed a USACE wide moratorium on this process until USACE has time to work with Office of Counsel. Fort Worth District's approach was via leased property capabilities to retain user fees. The Foundation stands ready to assist the Corps in any way. Dan will work with Peter and Darrell on this issue at the USACE Headquarters (HQ) level.

Chris noted the partnership position in Operations of HQ is still vacant and is now impacting the field's ability to carry out some of their planned partnerships. Chris requested assistance in finding out what was happening with this position. No one tasked.

Rich noted the National Trail Systems Board has a weak partner in the Corps on the Board. Suggested someone work with HQ to revitalize the Corps' position on the Board. Dave also noted that the Corps has only 2 or 3 people in Operations that actually work all these new business items, where the National Park Service and the Forest Service have 40 or more. Dan stated he will draft a letter for Peter concerning all the new business issues.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan. Rich seconded the motion. Motion called and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 A.M. PDT.

Respectfully submitted December 24, 2009  
Marilyn K. Jones, Secretary

Revised December 24, 2009