



PACIFIC NORTHWEST  
**Salmon Center**

PNWSC Board Minutes  
4:30 – 6:30 pm @ Pacific NW Salmon Center Property  
September 9, 2009

**Directors Present:**

Fred Barrett                      Al Adams                      Sue Patnude                      Neil Werner

**Director Emeritus:**

**Directors absent:**

John Burgess                      Mike Henderson                      Paul Hirsch                      Leslie Krueger  
Larry Peck                      David Petersen                      Bill Portuese

**Staff:**                      Michelle Hori

**Guests:**                      Herb Gerhardt, Community Member

**Call Meeting to Order: Chair**

The meeting was called to order by Fred Barrett at 4:30 pm.

**Roll Call: Secretary**

The President called the role. We do not have a quorum.

**Minutes Approval: Secretary**

*Tabled due to lack of quorum*

**Financial Reports: Treasurer/Staff**

*Tabled due to lack of quorum*

HCSEG is proposing renting the new property facility from the Salmon Center (SC) which will be guaranteed income. As the SC grows, rent will decrease proportionately and the SC will take over bills, utilities, etc. The Farm is still the purview of the SC. We are looking at various funding sources to fund the Farm. When we get the completed farm plan we will have a good picture of our needs and long term sustainability. As programs currently under HCSEG move over to the SC, the grants that fund those efforts and the associated admin costs will move to the SC as well.

**Public Comment:**

Herb mentioned the Brick by Brick program at Theler and suggested we think about donating one to get our name out there, increase visibility and show public support for our neighbor, Theler Community Center. This action will require a vote by the Board so we will add it to our next meeting agenda.

**Director's Report:**

Our current landlord would like us to vacate by October 1. We are doing our best to make that possible. We have been moving everything we can from storage to the new property so when our building permit is approved and we gain temporary occupancy (if necessary) we have a minimal amount to move.

Alpacas – Initial Alpaca talking points were distributed for review. Dave Sund has a herd of about 25 alpaca and would like to reduce his herd. He is willing to work with us creatively to get us started with alpacas including possible donation or delayed payment until offspring are sold. So our start up costs would be nominal. We can house them in the open field between the house and barn after rebuilding the fence (a USFWS grant is available) and moving an existing farm shed for shelter. This could happen within a month if we want it to. Need board approval so will table for now but staff will continue to research our options.

Alpacas can be a good demonstration project. By fencing the animals out of the waterways we improve water quality. Demonstrating best management practices (BMPs), we can use droppings as fertilizer and put directly on fields as they are not “hot”. There are also multiple demonstration and educational opportunities associated with the care and maintenance of the animals, shearing, uses for wool, etc. Staff and Sue will work out the per animal costs of maintenance per year. Neil will meet with the Sunds and an alpaca veterinarian on October 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss options further and come back to the Board with a complete proposal.

We need to make sure public understands we have not lost our focus and show the relationship between BMPs, water quality, the ecosystem and salmon habitat. We need to clarify the idea that the farm can subsidize the SC as a whole and contribute to our mission.

**Approval Items:**

None

**Discussion Items: President**

Budget discussion – After the subcommittee meeting held August 27<sup>th</sup>, Sue has developed a working list of wish list items and has a place to start for the 2010 budget. Once we get more information on the farm plan we will have a more solid basis to work from. Sue and staff will work on expenditures and needs based on current programs. The goal is to have the 2010 budget approved at the December 2009 annual meeting. We need to get the Board serious about getting some funding in. Make a goal, approve it and clarify with the Board their responsibility in making it happen.

**Fundraising Committee - President:**

Boys and Girls club will have their Barn Dance Friendraiser Oct 10<sup>th</sup> at the Barn. We are coordinating with them to meet their needs.

**Communications: Admin**

There was a special report on TV this past week talking about the Hood Canal studies Dan is involved in . We can capitalize on this. Staff will ask Dan Hannafious to get some information to Fred about the study.

Nadine, the Boys and Girls Club scholarship recipient for HCSEG Salmon Camp this summer, has now declared that she wants to become a marine biologist. So we CAN make a difference! Mendy Harlow of HCSEG will be speaking to B&G Club about the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant the school districts receive. She will share the spot with Fred so he can talk about the SC and our partnership with B&G Club. We have many success stories with HCSEG interns and past Americorps volunteers and we need to publicize those.

Local schools are hurting for supplies and HCSEG will be giving each school \$500 to support them.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55pm

Submitted by Michelle Hori  
For Paul Hirsch, Secretary