NMNF Minutes 200808

Present: all members

Mike convened the meeting. Minutes of last meeting were approved. Treasurer’s report showed bank balance of $24,187.42 was reported. We sold approximately 240 butterfly books making $5523.40 – postage of approximately $251.00 for approximate revenue of $5272.40. We have an outstanding invoice of $ 169.20 from Rowe Sanctuary.

Current grant summary:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Nebraska Master Naturalist Foundation Grant Application Activity** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Claire M Hubbard Foundation**  | **Approved**  |  | 17,500 NMNF | 25,000 |  |
| **SUBMITTED** |  |  | 7,500 NMN JR  |  |  |
| **Foundation** | **Activity** | **Status** | **Next Steps** | **Amount**  |  |
| Abel Foundation | Submitted | Declined |   |   |  |
| J.A.  Woollam Foundation | Correspondence | Declined |   |   |  |
| Pegler Family Foundation | Submitted | Pending | May board meeting | 5,000 |  |
| Rogers Foundation | Submitted | Pending |   | 10,000 |  |
| Dillon Foundation | Submitted | Pending |   | 10,000 |  |
| Union Pacific Foundation | Submitted | Declined |  | 10,000 |  |
| First National Bank of Omaha | Submitted | Declined |  | 5,000 |  |
| Union Bank & Trust | Submitted | Declined |  | 5,000 |  |
| Quadratec Cares Grant Program | Submitted | Pending |  | 3,500 |  |
| Turner Foundation | Submitted | Pending | Letter of inquiry; mailed 6/21/20 |   |   |
|   |   |   |   |  |   |
|   |   |   |   |  |   |
| **PROSPECTS** |  |  |  |  |   |
| **Foundation** | **Activity** | **Status** | **Next Steps** | **Deadline** | **Amount** |
| Acklie Charitable Foundation | Correspondence | In Process | Focused on COVID; email in the Fall | Q4 application | 10,000 |
| Aspegren Charitable Trust | Correspondence |   | Reach out in the Fall  | 31-Jan |   |
| Pisces Foundation | Research | In Process | Liz to research |   |   |
| Ducks Unlimited | Research | In Process | Vicki to research |   |   |
| Cabela's / Bass Pro Shops | Drafting | In Process | Vicki to review |   | TBD |
| Walmart Foundation | Drafting | In Process | Vicki to review |   | TBD |
| Pheasants Forever | Research | In Process | Sandy to contact |   | TBD |
| Cooper Foundation | Correspondence |   | Outreach in Fall 2020 |   | TBD |
| Lauritzen Foundation | Research | In Process |  Mike working |   |   |

We have not received invoice from UNL yet for 6/30/2020 billing of $17,500.00. We discussed need to look at short and long tern NMNP needs from NMNF. If we receive other grants, what will funds be used for? We talked about how well our membership supported the NMNP and NMNF.

Vicki told us that Matt J and she were working on postcards to send out. Mike indicated that he had asked Anne Hubbard if she wanted her Foundation added as partner to the website, but she has not responded yet. We talked about having the NMNP doing a newsletter, Mike will talk to Andrea. Leslie sent Heron Haven newsletter as an example. Vicki told us she had talked to Matt J about 2021 calendar. The calendar committee is about done and it will be printed thru UNL printing and paid for with marketing funds from NET grant for 2021. The calendar will be preordered thru the NMNF website similar to how butterfly books were done, tentatively scheduled to start In near future.

We talked about some national legislation. The Legacy Conference will be done thru zoom this year during 19-23 October.

Action items: (This List also includes those from last official board meeting)

Bob - director/board insurance costs

Mike - signed copy final MOU NMNF and NMNP

Vicki - post minutes to website

            Followup on possible grants

            Donate button on Facebook pages

 Invoice Hubbard in November

Matt J - inventory on NMNP for UNL.

Sandy – contact Pheasants Forever

Upcoming dates:

NMNP board meeting October 8

NMNP Core Training at Schramm. October 9-10

Legacy Conference via zoom. October 19-23

NMNF board meeting. November 2

Regards

Vicki