

NMRC Minutes
October 15, 2010
Bahai Center, Sapello

Attendees: Debbie Risberg, David Blagg, Lea Knutson, Adam Berg, Will Zaremko-Wright, Steve Reichert, Phil Carter, Kristina Fisher, Abe Franklin, Bill Zeedyk, Peter Wilkinson, Adrian Oglesby, Scott Armstrong, Jeff Ogburn, Buck Wells, Nina Wells.

Adrian called the meeting to order.

Fieldtrip options: Nature Center in Gila? Isleta? Adrian will check on these.

Adrian discussed a project that NMRC can sponsor on a 35-mile tract at the south end of the Nature Center in Albuquerque. The City tore it down because of fire hazards. The Center doesn't want to do pole plantings. The Nature Conservancy wants to turn it into a grassland area and to rehabilitate it, and NMRC could sponsor this project. Public and private funding would be needed, and we could get volunteers to help with the work. Adrian suggested calling it the Cliff Crawford Memorial Grassland. TNC has water rights, but it needs to be determined if there is water there.

Bill wants us to think about what we would like to do as an organization, including building membership. "Each one bring one."

Adrian: work as a group on our web presence: include library, resource links, etc., and look through the boxes that we have of old projects that brought in members in the past. Bring in more presenters to the meetings.

Nina suggested to pitch to meeting attendees to get involved in community through:
Awards – for our peers
Membership recruitment
Fieldtrips
Research needs

Bill: if successful restoration projects, we need to look at morphology, hydrology – room for researchers and practitioners to get involved.

Adrian: people can come show off their restoration projects at our meetings

NMRC purposes:
Clearinghouse of information for agencies
Advisory entity: list of experts, resources
Public awareness in regard to riparian areas
Sponsor symposiums/workshops – need more money for this, so need more membership
Treasurer's Report: \$2000

Adrian discussed the awards that we gave out at the Watershed Forum.

Nina Wells and Steve Reichert (Tierra Y Montes SWCD) gave presentation on the tour that we had that morning: Restoration of Manuelitas Creek and its Tributaries.