

AKES Business meeting minutes 2/5/2011

Officers present: Pres Matt Bowser, VP Derek Sikes, Treasurer Roger Burnside, Secretary Jim Kruse, Directors Ken Philip, Dominique Collet, and Mark Schultz.

Treasurers report: 2010 -

18 paid members; 2011 so far 14. 80% of these used the new on-line PayPal system. Secretary will put out another dues notice. Dues are for calendar year. On-line form allows you to pay dues. Looking at a donation field or button. Current balance in account is \$2442.00. About \$1000 of this consists of donations. A list of what the money is used for is desired, and will be helpful to encourage donations. Currently we are doing a student competition, looking at Bug Camp sponsorship, with eventual goal of an endowment. We can list winning students on website, etc.

Checking account - discussion on moving from Key Bank to Northrim Bank. On-line services are reportedly better. Motion made and seconded that we change banks. Motion carried.

PayPal account - needs bank to deposit, needs active management.

ESA affiliate status - National has deferred us to Pac Branch. Roger is working this.

Non-profit status - still not really feasible or desirable for us. We make less than \$25,000/yr. We are operating under authority of our TIN with IRS.

Website - future desires and options discussed.

Membership management - changing names of membership categories. Recommended change of Junior to Junior/Student.

Products/services that AKES can provide - Currently: annual meeting, newsletter, website, student presentation award. Expansion ideas toward our stated purposes: Denali Bug Camp scholarship, Science Fair awards, web/published products e.g. featured species, species of concern, links to keys, something on the fauna, workshops/professional development, t-shirts, flyers, "curation blitz", bioblitz, sponsor an expedition/travel for various purposes, photo gallery - document societal activities, faunal summary of some kind.

Top ideas to act on this year are a Denali Bug Camp scholarship/partial and science fair award.

We decided to provide at least one half scholarship for one student to attend Denali Bug Camp (about \$250), with the option of providing a half scholarship for another student if additional donations are received toward this end.

Science fair award: best way may be to notify teachers of the award and learn about submissions that way, rather than try to scan all the state science fairs. There may be road blocks to this. We need more information on how the science fairs work - find the "state-wide" fair. Potentially we could do it this year. We will give a certificate of award and a \$50 gift certificate to BioQuip. Vice President is POC for this award.

Elections - Nomination of officers opened. Motion made and seconded that the current slate of officers retain their positions for another year. Motion carries. An option for future years would be to encourage grad students to take up some officer positions.

Next meeting scheduled for 27/28 January 2012 in Anchorage.