

## Tim Boyle

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**From:** McBride, James E. "Jamie" [jmcbride@minneapolisparks.org]  
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January 2009 MNA Board Minutes

Mt Olivet ; Farmington, MN

January 15, 2009

Board Members Present: April Rust, Hallie Wunsch, Tim Boyle, Krista Prokosch, Pam Welisevich, Crystal Wold, Brett Sieberer, Cristina Palmisano, Rob Blair, Jamie McBride

Board Members Absent: Jodi Gustafson, Joel Light, Robin Trott

Called to Order at 4:22pm.

Amended agenda to include meeting minutes. Motion: Pam; 2nd by Rob. Approved by board.

Agenda: Motion by Hallie to approve; 2nd by Krista. Approved by board.

Minutes: Motion to approve by Rob; 2nd by Pam. Approved by board.

Annual Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Tim; 2nd by Rob. Approved by board.

Secretary's Report - nothing new to report.

Treasurer's report - Shared pre-conference report. Still working on budget and conference financial information. Will prepare for March meeting. Motion to approve by April; 2nd by Hallie; Approved by board.

Standing committees:

- \* Info Network; Newsletters sent to wrong address so will pass them out at the registration table and then send newsletters to those not attending; next deadline will be Dec. 15th
- \* Metro Training - Held at Wildlife Science Center on 1/12/09. 56 attended.
- \* Legislative: No new business.
- \* Ad Hoc: Promotion and Outreach Committee Report - will forward contact information from Master Naturalists to Jodi for brochure designer.
- \* Scholarship Fund: Discussion about having scholarship recipients pay a portion of their conference cost in order to insure attendance. Brett will write up recommendations for policy on this to discuss and solidify at next board meeting.
- \* ESF: Have new applications - 2 from fall 08 and 1 from Jan 09. Can we carry money over? Jamie will look into question, Pam will double-check if we spent any of the ESF funds last year. April will send applications to Joel.

- \* Conference: Scheduled at Lake Shetek Bible Camp, Nov 6-8

New Business:

- \* NCLI activism? Yes. Jamie will follow-up.
- \* Discuss budgeting.

Accountability:

- Jamie - check to see past members' participation barriers
  - send all committee goals to group.
- Everyone - going to send committee goals to Jamie.
- Brett - set suggested guidelines for scholarships
  - write newsletter article
- Crystal - contact Katie H. for transfer of responsibility naturalist training.
  - Recruit members for naturalist training committee.
  - Email board list of nature center facilities
- Pam - do the budget and share with board.
  - checking if we paid ESF funds in 08
- Krista - first fundraising push for the year Tim/Hallie/Jodi
  - get out newsletter
  - Get board updates on the website, process with Gordon.
  - Set up mna info email address
  - Enforce dates for newsletter submissions
  - Include notes for pdf vs paper in newsletter
  - Begin timely announcement from secretary
  - Work with Gordon on website
- April - 2 Conference plannings
- Rob - Attend 1 conference planning meeting
  - ID undergrad EE programs in the state

Meeting adjourned: 5:04p.m.; motion by Brett; 2nd by Cristina. Approved by the board.