



Columbia Gorge CWMA Education & Outreach Committee Meeting

October 30th 2019, 10:00am—11:00am

Teleconference

Attendees: Courtney Gattuso (CSWCD), Sam Leininger (CSWCD), Emily Stevenson (Skamania County NWCB), Mika Barrett (FOCG), Sara Woods (FOCG)

10:00 Welcome

10:05 2020 Education & Outreach Committee Chair Election

- The Education and Outreach Committee holds an official election for the 2020 Education and Outreach Committee Chair, and the group elects Mika Barrett as the Chair, once again!
- The group is very happy with having Mika on board and looks forward to the upcoming year with her as Chair again.
- **ACTION:** Courtney to make the Chair election announcement to the Education & Outreach Committee and Steering Committee. She will announce all of the 2020 chair positions once Steering Chairs are elected in January 2020.
- **ACTION:** Courtney and Mika will meet to discuss the Coordinator Work Plan for 2020 and see how the Education & Outreach Chair can provide support for the upcoming year.

10:10 Invasive Species & Exotic Pest Workshop

- The group reviews the Invasive Species and Exotic Pest Workshop draft agenda:
 - What are the available time slots? Who are we missing?
 - The group agreed that a climate change topic would be great to have at the event.
 - **ACTION:** Sam and Courtney will take the lead on reaching out to climate change presenters for ISEP, securing someone for a 50 minute time slot.
 - The group will come up with a “plan C” if both speakers fall through.
 - The group also agreed that “Volunteerism in Gorge” would be a fantastic topic to showcase at the event.
 - **ACTION:** Mika will take the lead on securing speakers from Oregon State Parks and US Forest Service to present with her at the event.

- Save the date & registration
 - **ACTION:** Courtney will send the Save the Date with event flyer within the next week.
 - Registration will get sent out once agenda is finalized; the Committee plans to keep the cost per person the same as last year's event. (\$50 per person)
- Credits (ODA? WSDA? ISA? OLCB?)
 - The group decided that ODA, ISA, WSDA, and OLCB credits will be great to offer to our attendees, but it will be a lot of applications to get in at the same time. (30 days prior to the event)
 - **ACTION:** Courtney will send the Speaker information sheet to the group, deadline to return these will be end of the year (December 31st) to apply for credits.
 - **ACTION:** Emily will assist Courtney with crediting applications.

10:45 Boot Brush Kick-Off

- The group starts brainstorming for the upcoming Boot Brush Kick-Off, tentatively scheduled for April 25th & 26th 2020.
- Emily counted her Worst Weeds of the Gorge booklets, and she has about 1000 books remaining. Courtney, Sara, and Mika do not have many remaining from last year's event.
- **ACTION:** Courtney, Mika, Sara, and Emily will count remaining Worst Weeds of the Gorge books and brushes to gauge if we need to place another boot brush order this year.
- **ACTION:** Courtney and Mika will run some numbers on volunteer swag to present to Steering for approval.

11:00 End

Next Education & Outreach Committee Meeting

January 22nd, 2020; 3:10pm—4:00pm

Hood River Fire & EMS—Ty Taylor Fire Station (Leonard Hay Community Room)

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