

WNCGBC Board Meeting - Meeting Notes

Date: May 7th, 2007

Location: Earthfare Conference Room



Roby Moody	+
Kevin Ward	+
Lindsay Moody	+
Maggie Carnevale	+
Jack Bebber	+
Richard Soderquist	+
Mary Love	+
Emily Coleman-Wolf	+
Geoff Ferland	+
Michelle Spevak	+
Hans Doellgast	+
Frank Gomez	
Marcus Renner	+
Matt Siegel	+
Maggie Leslie	+
Rachel Della Valle	+

1. Executive Report

- Process has been established for Executive Comm.
 - meet with staff the Monday before the Board meeting
 - formulate an agenda to email out for suggestions from Board
 - goal is to streamline Board meetings

2. Treasurer's Report

- See attached report (April 2007)

3. Committee Reports

- Social
 - See attached report
 - August 7th, Social Only, 6pm. (Place to be determined.)
 - Green Ideas and Networking Presentations:

First presentation will be on Crawl Spaces, July 3rd, @ 6pm. (Place to be determined.)

- Speakers Events

- Marcus taught a class of 30 eco-realtors recently
- ½ day Annual Greenprints-type conference for developers at Warren Wilson is upcoming on June 20th

4. Feedback from Exposition

- Were expecting 30 tables and 120+/- people who responded
- There was much positive feedback and lots of new faces
- Suggestions:
 - Keep track of the number of people
 - One entrance, man the door, ask people to sign in
 - Check with AIA for conflicting events next time
 - 3 hours may be a better timeframe – a little too long at 4

5. Liability Exposure – plans for a presentation

- Try to schedule for next executive meeting and invite all board members

6. Appalachian Offsets

- Website is up and running – now is the time for feedback
- Basically an online calculator to determine carbon footprint
- Fees cover administration costs
- Waste Reduction Partners do commercial audits
- Revenue goes to community projects. In the works currently are:
 - Asheville Housing Authority - 500 CFLs to changeout
 - Mtn. Housing – solar hot water systems
- A volunteer is making a PowerPoint and will promote to the public

7. Annual Meeting

- Arboretum - June 9th, 11:30 – 3:00 pm, Potluck.
 - 11:30 – 12:30 food
 - 12:30 – 1:45 presentation by someone
 - 2:00 raffle for Segway Tour for 2.
 - 2:00 – 3:00 tours of Arboretum & various presentations

8. Benefit
 - Fresh Air Concert – June 10th Grey Eagle for WNCGBC, Environmental Defense, Canary Coalition
 - Local bands, beer, raffles, speakers for 15 min between sets
9. Need for Strategic Planning
 - Non-Profit Consulting
 - Non-Profit Pathways was voted on to contact and have consult (date and time to be determined)
 - The goal is to establish strengths and weaknesses
 - Potential grant at the end of the free consultations for priorities that result
 - This consultation which required 100% of the board and staff can take place in lieu of July's board meeting
 - Establish Committee
 - We should wait and see if this is found to be necessary through our consultation
 - Roles & Responsibilities of Board vs. Staff
 - Need to be described in strategic planning
 - NPP can help with this
10. Meeting Location
 - Outside was thrown out, Earthfare is fine for now.
11. AmeriCorps Volunteer
 - Although Rachel may leave, the position is secured
 - Renewed on an annual basis

Next Board Meeting: **Monday, June 4th, 5:30 PM, Earthfare**

Social Committee Report

Hey all,

In case you haven't noticed there have been a lot more social gatherings lately. This is definitely going to continue. We are busy planning future events including the Annual Meeting and a short presentation / social event every other month on various topics such as crawl spaces and geothermal heating. So here's my assessment of the past events and some things to keep in mind about future ones.

See you soon.
Emily Coleman-Wolf
Social Committee

March 31, 2007, Member Meeting: Gathering and Home Tour.

Kitty and Ske Boniske were kind enough to open their home to a group of about 20 people from the Western North Carolina Green Building Council. Kitty and Ske welcomed us with Pizza and Salad. We got to have lunch sitting in groups throughout their passive solar greenhouse and earth-bermed living room. They were willing answer any questions about their home including showing us a photo album full of pictures from the start of the house to its completion. After lunch we took a tour of the entire house including its solar panels in the backyard and the solar light tubes the closets. I had a wonderful time and would like to thank Kitty and Ske for their hospitality.

Earth Day Weekend, April 21 & 22.

The Western North Carolina Green Building Council had booths at 2 different events this weekend. The ECO and Blue Ridge Community College Earth Day Event on April 21 and Greenlife's Earth Day Celebration on April 22. During both of these events we gave out literature and information about green building practices. We also sold Compact Florescent Light Bulbs and Water Kits. We had some wonderful volunteers man the booth at both of these events. Thank you so much. Also, if any of you want to volunteer please email emilyacw03@gmail.com or info@wncgbc.org.

WNCGBC Exhibition, April 26.

This event went so well. Thank you to all of our tabletop exhibitors and volunteers and everybody who helped make this happen. Also, thanks to Handmade in America for the use of their beautiful space. We had 30 tables with companies ranging from designers, to suppliers, to subcontractors. There was great food as well as beer and wine donated by ... What more could you ask for?

Future Events:

Members and Friends Annual Potluck Meeting, June 9. NC Arboretum, 11:30 – 3:00 or so. I know that sounds like a long time, but the meeting portion will only be about an hour. First there's lunch (bring a dish), yummy. Followed by a short presentation on the state of the WNCGBC, this is a great opportunity to find out more about what's going on. Then there will be the option of a guided tour of the gardens, a presentation about the Arboretum, or just spending time in the Arboretum. There will also be a raffle to win 2 Segway tours (the winner will be able to schedule the tours for a more convenient time). It will be a lot of fun.

Green Ideas & Networking Presentations, July, TBA

There will be a presentation on a green building topic every other month beginning in July. This presentation will take about a half an hour and be open to the public. The details are still being worked out so stay tuned.