NMMS Board Meeting

February 13, 2011: 10am – 12pm at Bruce Trigg's house

In attendance: John Sparks Jr., Bruce Trigg, Sharon Chong, Mark Kalin, Linda Zobrist, Rich Thierren, Molly Fread

1st Item: Sharon gave handouts: current membership list, bank balance, inventory.

2nd Item: We set meeting dates for 2011 (Tuesday nights in ABQ, Sunday afternoons SF). Historically, there are no meetings in January & December.

Mar 1st: ABQ Apr 4th or 11th (Sunday) SF May 3rd: ABQ June 7th: ABQ July (Sunday) SF Aug 2nd: ABQ Sept (Sunday) SF Oct 4th: ABQ Nov 1st: ABQ Dec potluck

Sharon will contact Barbara Hays for Sunday pm meeting availability at her Santa Fe clubhouse (April- July- Sept).

3rd Item: Foray

Board will assume Foray Committee duties until Chair/co-Chairs are finalized. Linda willing to be Co-Chair: meals, lodging, etc. We have agreed to scout the location and reserve our space very soon.

David Wallis is willing to contact mycologists.

Potentials:

- Henry Young, head of scientific committee at Santa Cruz Myco Society & mushroom poisoning expert
- Britt Bunyard, from Fungi magazine
- Michelle Seidl, a cortinarius expert
- Michael Kuo, mushroomexpert.com (expects travel coverage + stipend)

We typically cover their lodging, food, and foray fee.

Top Date Picks:

- 1) August 25-28th
- 2) August 18-21st

Current Top Location Option:

1) Red River

Scouting trip Monday 3/7 at 9:30am: Linda, Molly, Rich, Bruce, Mark.

4th Item: State Mushroom proposal w/Rep. Mimi Stewart—Boletus barrowsii considered.

5th Item: Picking licensure for selling to/serving at restaurants.

John would like a committee formed with Ted on this matter. The issue is that New Mexicans are not legally allowed to pick and sell to NM restaurants, and there is currently no way to become licensed. Other Board members wary of "unintended consequences" when getting legislature involved that might unintentionally result in the restriction of our picking.

6th Item: Mark inquired what new Board's mission is for 2011. In past, the BOD's goals included holding interesting meeting programs + hospitality, and attracting new members to the club. The 2011 Board will be committed to holding field trips, prominently posting this on our website, as a way for people to learn more about identifying mushrooms. Bruce proposed, Molly seconded.

7th Item: March 1st meeting—Bruce will do program, Molly hospitality.

8th Item: Scheduling field trips/weekend trips on future agenda.

9th Item: Must post on website that we will be doing weekend field trips (spring, July through September), a foray in August, and the ABQ meeting dates (SF to be decided). Molly will ask David about posting on website.

10th Item: We do an electronic newsletter now, but Mark is wondering if anyone would like to do a hard-copy newsletter? Sharon would like to see a 1-2x/year mailing with return dues envelope. We will ask at the next meeting for a newsletter volunteer.

11th Item: Payment for Jonathan Caldwell to operate and maintain website. John requested Sharon to create of list of suggestions for Jonathan to make website more user-friendly. Bruce proposed that for the next Board meeting we bring laptops and work on using the website (seconded by Mark). Mark moved that we ask Jonathan how much cost he incurs to run the website, and that we reimburse him (seconded by John).

12th Item: Discussion of possible programs for this year's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:22pm.

Next Board meeting: Sunday, March 13th at 10am-12pm at Bruce Trigg's house.