**Aldo’s Broadband Steering Committee Meeting Monday March 11, 2024 Agenda\**

Attendees: Marcia, Denise, Joanie, Charmeine, Mary Lynne

Update from Sally – Marcia and Denise zoomed with Sally at 11:15 in the morning before the meeting. In addition to notes covered on specific topics below, Sally let us know that Lauri will be attending the WALTS training this year, and Marcia said she will also go. Marcia’s experience as a co-leader will be a valuable addition to the training. Lauri has also joined our steering committee and can attend in person or by zoom, as she chooses. Marcia indicated that she asked Charmeine if she would replace her as co-leader later in the year, and Charmeine is thinking about that, but Sally suggested that there could be 3 co-leaders. The steering committee is considering that idea.

Aldo’s BB Borderlands Committee

Next steps per Sally and Lauri – After speaking with Sally, Lauri indicated they came up with these next steps: They will wait until the April Borderlands Biodiversity Broadwalk where there will be a presentation. Then Lauri will organize a meeting for our Aldo’s borderlands committee to follow-up/report on the Broadwalk, and on next steps with Myles. Lauri will be the point person for our Borderlands Committee plus keep our borderlands google group up to date. Marcia suggested that this will be a good way to include the interested Silver City area members in an “on the ground” broadband stewardship activity too. And that this was one of our main focus areas regarding our broadband’s wildlife corridor stewardship projects.

Earth Day

- From GRIP: This year's theme Planet vs. Plastics, unites students, parents, businesses, governments, churches, unions, individuals, and NGOs in an unwavering commitment to call for the end of plastics for the sake of human and planetary health, demanding a 60% reduction in the production of plastics.

- Denise reserved 10 x 10 space for us at Earth Day for $5.00.

- the steering committee approved the handout and posters that Charmeine designed. Marcia will get 2 printed for the table, Denise will provide plastic sleeves for them. Marcia will get 25 of the ½ sheets printed and cut into half for a total of 50 ½ sheet handouts.

- Charmeine will edit the press release to include info about the drawing and send out edited version the Monday before Earth Day (add info - drawing will be done at 1:30, retrieve goodies by 1:45). Also need to sign the listserve to do the drawing.) Charmeine is also bringing tickets for the drawing

- Denise will order two stainless steel water bottles from Amazon for the drawing

- Denise will order 2 tote bags, and 2 bamboo utensils from the national office for the drawing, and will ask Sally about free koozies

- Denise will ask Carol and Marty about a table (Carol agreed to provide a table from UU)

- The Durango office is sending stickers and 20 national brochures, 25 bookmarks, 12 Broadsides

- Joanie will bring a gallon glass jar to put the tickets in

- Marcia will bring the cardboard display attached to something sturdy enough so it doesn’t blow away

- Set up/Take down – Denise and Marcia will set up around 9:15, take down TBD

- Table(ing) Volunteers – Marcia and Denise will sit at the table from 10-12 (Denise asked for a 3rd volunteer and Diane Smith said she would). Charmine and Joanie will sit at the table from 12-2 (Denise asked for a 3rd volunteer and Marty said she would).

- Denise will send out an email to remind everyone of what they need to do/bring.

June 100 Yr Gila Wilderness Celebration in Gough Park on June 1st – will need to go over the same details for the June tabling. Neither Charmeine or Joanie will be available for this event, so we will need to find others to help with the tabling.

Gila Wilderness Centennial & Our Annual Retreat – Sept 16-18, 2024

- Sally said not to use the word Rendezvous for the Retreat, as that is a term used for leadership meetings. She said that calling it a Broad Walk would be good, even if it is a limited number of people.

- Reservations have been made for the same buildings and spaces as last year. Marcia paid a deposit of $150

- Denise will make reservations for at least ½ of the RV/car camping spaces (Denise reserved 7 car/camping spaces)

- Sally informed us that our Exec Director Sara Husby wants to come and bring a GOB Board member. Denise will text Sara the details and ask what type of overnight space she/they want – indoor or outdoor (camping or RV). Sara could be a speaker on one of the evenings after a meal or during happy hour

- Need to decide how many participants we can accommodate and put that out in an email to the list serve

- Sally said that she can help with the registration process from Durango as they have a good system in place for that. We will ask Carol if she wants to work with Sally on this. One big advantage is making use of the GOB’s standard cancellation policy.

- Need to decide on a cost for the event that can be added to the reservation (at least for the 2 dinner meals that will be provided).

- Denise, Marcia and Charmeine zoomed with the Rio Grande Valley Co-leaders re next step planning on March 7th. We talked about having 2 dinner meals, with Irene and Susan bringing food from the Costco in ABQ. They are going to do a reconnaissance trip to Costco and get back to us on their ideas for food and drinks.

- Denise will ask Carolyn Koury to give out 1st day presentation, with the theme of the 100 yr wilderness celebration in mind

- We need to be sure and ask Las Cruces Broads if they want to participate

- Start a list of activities and possible presentations.

- Should we ask Carolyn to reserve the dates so she can be our speaker?

- Marcia will update the planning list/timeline that was used last year and send it to the committee for discussion at next monthly meeting.

- Marcia will ask Oliver and Patrice about possible service projects that we can do at the Cliff Dwellings

Riparian - Grazing Monitoring Team brief update –

Monitoring trips to the Gila Bird Conservation Area and Vigil Springs in November. Both areas still had cow(s) but the District Rangers are being responsive and letting us know what actions they are taking.

Postcards: Review postcards before re-printing. Marcia may get some printed along with the Earth Day printing jobs.

HR 6314 Voluntary Grazing Permit Retirement Act – A bill to expand the authorization of voluntary Federal grazing permit retirement, provide increased flexibility for Federal grazing permittees, promote the equitable resolution or avoidance of conflicts on Federal lands managed by the Department of Agriculture or the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

- several of us watched a recent webinar on March 5th, provided by our national office, that was attended by over 200 people. We asked Sally for some tips on advocating for this Bill.

She encouraged direct contact with our Reps in the Senate and the House. She said to contact their Federal offices, ask for a meeting, f/u by calling everyday to ask for the scheduler to schedule a meeting. Also would be a good idea to find out who the committee chair is/who is in charge.

We will discuss more at the next meeting.

UU Presentation on HR 6314 and Aldo’s Grazing Monitoring program – Denise has been invited to do a program on the HR Bill and our local grazing monitoring program. Possible dates were given in June, July and August. The steering committee said we should do this sooner than later, so possibly on June 23rd. Denise will ask Marty to do the presentation with her, and for Lynda Aimon Smith to chair the meeting.