BIOCHAR COALITION Board Meeting Agenda and Notes

Occurrence/time: First Monday of every month from 6:00 PM- 7:30 PM Pacific Time

Location: Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 885 1707 8492

Passcode: biochar

Facilitator: Tabor & Ken **Note Taker**: Ken (notes are not in bold)

Meeting Etiquette Reminders:

- Take notes within agenda in different font color
- Link documents and files if available
- Fill in actions steps from meeting and leads who are responsible
- Add **Action Requested** next to items needing BOD approval

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2025 Board Calendar

March, 3rd : 6:20 -7:30 PM Board Meeting Agenda

Guest Scheduled -

BOD Present: Ken , Peter , Tabor, Tom, Renee , preston, Ari, John, Tim

Guests Present:

Absent :

1. Welcome 6:00pm (5 Minutes) – Tabor/all
    1.1. Welcome
        1.1.1. Special Recognitions
        1.1.2. Community Information - work

1.1.3. Fire Network - Peter emailed the woman outreach coordinator, directed to the watershed center - kelly meyers talking to the board of forestry and peter wanted to do more RX restoration by incorporating bio kilns. .

1.1.4. Nevada County Firewise Districts

1.1.5. Public Comments

2. Board of Directors Discussion 6:05pm (35 Minutes) – Ken/Tabor/all

2.1. (Action Request) **Approve Last Month's Action Items & Minutes 22.2/3/2025 - tabor motions - preston seconds - all in favor - Aye**

2.2. **(Action Item) - approve the current 23nd agenda for board meeting - Tabor motions to approve - Ken seconds - all in favor aye**

2.3. **Discussion : May 24th - Wayne Angel -**

3. New Business (40 Minutes) 6:40PM – All

3.1. **Butte Burn Festival - N2N Q2 Grant (Ken) (March 1st and 2nd)**

3.1.1. Submitted Ed timesheet past quater

3.1.2. Timesheet is being completed - will be submitting by the end of week

3.2. **KonKow Burn for biology** - April 1st or 2nd week -

3.2.1. Proposal Submitted

3.2.1.1. DENIED

3.3. Tehama Together - CDFA

3.3.1. Farm to Fork - block 2 - community food hub

3.3.1.1. Farmelot, Biochar, Seminars, ext

3.3.2. David Burke - Fig Hunter

3.3.3. Seed and Scion Exchange - march 8th\
Tim will assist with the biochar for the festival

3.3.4. **Nevada City Launches Innovative Biochar Pilot -** Link Here
Theo - tom was asked to loan a kiln, but they found another

3.3.5. Spring Plantasia - Hamburg, NY - Thursday, March 13 2025 -
Meeting with gardeners - local fairgrounds - made great contacts in 2023-24 - wants John to give a lecture - David Clark (Buffalo Botanical Gardens) - John was asked by henry's garden to get a fall burn together

3.3.6. **DISCUSSION : what can we do as an organization to sell biochar as a product that is a for profit business**

Coalition needs to generate the certification program - to assert our approval for BO no S carbon and highlighting high quality AAA Biochar

Generate a B Corp type of brand that will associate with the best biochar producers known on the planet.

Peter : Raymond is generating a Hub, we really need to team up and work on this as a group. Together we are stronger, this is not a competition.

Tim brought up we advertise our events on the news and media, that we are not doing enough outreach to let people know about our events

Ken will be getting interviewed by Zeke Lunder - the lookout
Man from Oregon wants to document and create a documentary about the complete biochar process.

Joseph Powel offered in kind documentary at the BCEP

Greg Stanton interested in developing workshops trainings in el dorado county

3.3.7. Oak Tree park burn - north san juan, CA
3.3.7.1. Flyer - Reschedule date - March 22nd 2025
Star will be igniting the kiln with friction
3.3.8. Cohasset Burn - April 12th
3.3.9. Burn with butte Creek ecological preserve
3.3.9.1. Tribal Relations are growing stronger
3.3.10. Acquisition of 2 Kilns from Yankee Hill Firewise Council
3.3.11. 4th Annual Paradise Grazing Festival
Sunday, June 1st 2025
Set up: Beginning between 7:30 and 8:30am
Event Time: 10am-4pm
Tear Down: 4pm-5pm

3.4. Biochar In the Woods Monthly Meeting
3.4.1. Zoom meeting information

BiocharOnSite Monthly Meeting

March 5th, 2025 - starting at Noon Pacific (Meeting lasts 60-90 minutes)

Google Meet joining info: **https://meet.google.com/rgj-gtsn-ujq**

Or dial: **(US) +1 505-738-2334 PIN: 115 822 247#**

More phone numbers: https://tel.meet/rgj-gtsn-ujq?pin=6407762643674

4. Old Business (15 minutes) 7:00 PM - Al
    4.1. **Butte Burn Festival - N2N Q2 Grant**
        4.1.1. February & March Burn - $4000
        4.1.2. March 1st - BCER - Char lecture (45 mins)
        4.1.3. March 2nd Lake ConCow - Concow CampGrounds
    4.2. **Regenerate Paradise** - (March 1st - 2pm)
    4.3. J**ones Barr FireWise Community burn** - Nevada County, CA
        4.3.1. Reschedule date -march 1st - Pilot project for a community wood slash reduction project - drop off
    4.4. Employee HandBook
        4.4.1. No Progress
    4.5. Board of forestry BOD meetings
        4.5.1. Added to Schedule to calendar
    4.6. **384A - NRCS program** - TSP (Technical Service Provider) - (Still available)
    4.7. **376 NRCS - IRA - soil health, range , pastures - fund now code** -
5. Committee Report (30 minutes) 7:15 PM - All
    5.1. Executive Committee:
        5.1.1. Filed Statement of Information

    5.2. Finance Committee (Tabor,Ken)
        5.2.1. 990 submission - Filing
        5.2.2. Budget Sheet
            5.2.2.1. Donations -
            5.2.2.2. Current Total Balances: $3,668.02
            5.2.2.3. Checking : $2,449.74
                5.2.2.3.1. Ken spent 32$ on fuel, mix and bar oil for chainsaw
                5.2.2.3.2. Ken spent 103$ on 200 feet of garden hose
            5.2.2.4. Savings : $1,205.94
            5.2.2.5. Paypal account : $0
            5.2.2.6. Amazon account : $12.34

        5.2.3. Website Committee (Tabor,Ken)
            5.2.3.1. severely modified content
                5.2.3.1.1. Added CharMap
                    5.2.3.1.1.1. PLEASE ADD POINTS WITH GOOGLE EARTH
                5.2.3.1.2. Reconfigured Landing Page
                5.2.3.1.3. Fixed Events Page
                5.2.3.1.4. Generated Sign up form
                5.2.3.1.5. Fixed Iphone version with donation button issue
                5.2.3.1.6. Added content to calender
                5.2.3.1.7. Organizing content into collections
                5.2.3.1.8. Adjusting Education center
                5.2.3.1.9. Work on workforce

5.2.3.1.10. Fixed About us Page

5.2.3.1.10.1. Need to add Renne - Need Bio

5.2.3.1.11. Need audio content ASAP

5.2.3.1.11.1.1. RADIO - Interviews -

5.2.3.1.11.1.1.1. Peters Radio Broadcast/ Forest

5.2.3.1.11.1.1.2. Tabors Interview

5.2.3.1.11.1.1.3. Prestons Interview

5.2.3.1.11.1.1.4. Kens Interviews

5.2.3.1.11.1.1.5. CharCast

5.2.4. Tabling Committee -Tabor, Ken

5.2.4.1. Did Not meet

5.2.5. Membership Committee - Tabor, Ken, John

5.2.5.1. **Membership Program Tier C - CharBorn** or Fan of the Flame

5.2.6. News Letter committee (Ken + Peter)

5.2.6.1. Peter has been working on a design

5.2.6.2. Edition 3 Released

5.2.6.3. Need to update the newsletter contact sheet

5.2.7. BiocharMing (B-Corp?) - (ken-tabor-preston-john)

Biochar selling - Service Side and project side - Board members can participate if they wish, however we are offering Board members the opportunity to help build this enterprise.

5.3. **Fundraising Committee** - Ken, Preston

5.3.1. FundRaising Document

5.3.2. Lease office to obtain a climate action fellow to handle basic office tasks

5.3.2.1. Incubator office in Nevada City

5.3.2.2. Climate Action corp - labor from the state

5.3.3. Rose Foundation Watershed Fund

5.3.4. PG&E Settlement Fund - Butte County

5.3.5. *List of upcoming Grant opportunities*

5.3.6. WINTER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ? - Oak Library - membership party -

5.4. Review Action Items and Adjourn (5 Minutes) 7:20PM - Tabor

5.4.1. (Action Request) **Approve Last Month's Action Items & Minutes 21.1/6/2025 - Tabor motions - Preston 2nds - All in favor Aye**

5.4.2. (Action Item) - approve the current 23nd agenda for board meeting - Tabor motions - tom seconds - all in favor - AyeMotion Tabor to Adjourn meeting - Ken Seconds- All in favor Aye

Secretary - Kenneth Scherer - 3/03/2025