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**: Peter (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

April 7th 2025 : 6:00 PM Pst -7:30 PM PST Board Meeting Agenda

Guest Scheduled:South Carolina team , Bodi

BOD Present: Peter, Ken, tabor, Preston, Tim, John

Guests Present: Absent : Phillip and Alex, Bodhi and Matilda

1. Welcome 6:00pm (5 Minutes) – Tabor/all
    1.1. Introduction - Welcome
        1.1.1. Thank you Board Members
    1.2. Community News Not on Agenda
        1.2.1.

1.3. Past Event Recaps Seed Swap, Stone house wants char. Funding through a grant. Forest health extravaganza 5 yrds made

1.4. **Nevada City Launches Innovative Biochar Pilot -** Link Her OES is pursuing grant funds from the N2N to train.

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

2.1. (Action Request) **Approve Last Month's Action Items & Minutes 23.3/3/2025 tabor motions Ken seconds - all in favor**

2.2. **(Action Item) - approve the current 24th agenda for board meeting - Discussion**

2.3. Reach out Intake Form - Phillip Kendal - (Ken)

Intake Resoruces - Phillip Kendall - Biochar Coalition

2.3.1. We just met yesterday to discuss ideas and possibilities for creating a biochar coalition here in Western North Carolina. We're looking forward to seeing how we might collaborate with you guys as your model seems to go hand-in-hand with what we're looking to cultivate here in the southeast. I've CC'd Alex and Dan here to begin making connections together.

2.3.2. Some of the ideas we covered yesterday: orchardist, got together , interested in Char, wants to form the coalitions , Alex has introduced Philip , has kelpie Wilson's book

2.3.3. 1.) Offering hands-on educational opportunities in operating flame-cap kilns and how to effectively utilize biochar throughout WNC, to help grow and inspire communities and land-owners to better understand the benefits and importance of biochar.

2.3.4. 2.) Possibly forming a non-profit and LLC that would collaborate in education and production of biochar to benefit local communities and businesses.

2.3.5. 3.) Connecting with existing local non-profits to utilize funding still available for help with debris clean-up from Hurricane Helene, and exploring programs centered around reducing fuel loads in our forests and wildlands.

2.3.6. 4.) Creating a cooperative composting business that utilizes biochar and other local resource streams currently underutilized. Our communities are in need of high-quality biologically active compost and soil building amendments. A lot of interest , massive parking lots, massive piles everywhere, lost soil, sand deposit, kiln share programs, wanted to start a non profit, want to work and make char - question Alex : how do we do burns on people lands, how are you doing it - tabors recommendation

- apply for any grant funding, utilize the Coalition non-profit to apply for federal grants, there is a service side of Biochar - and the charcoal has a value, we want to bag it up and sell it, the product and the service are not offered together, the consumer needs to be charged sales tax, the service you provide must be paid by though to the LLc and donation to the Coaltion. -

2.3.7. MAKE A PLAN - to run under our brand, obtain grants and we don't take a dime, we understand we are here to empower and get people employed.

2.3.8. John's methods : John's focus is on burying the Biochar -

2.3.9. Preston - any other methods of making char? - Kendal said the ROF - Alex Worked with retort kilns - tried them likes the ROF -

2.3.10. Kiln rental available for those who have attended a demonstration from firing to quench.

2.3.11. Certified char from the Coalition. Either raw or enriched. Additionally by method of production. Service and product focused.

2.3.12. Questions from Alex- Who are we working with? Private primarily. Paid by workshops in addition.

2.3.13. Questions from Phillip- Any permanent sites? Nope.

2.4. Bodi - kiln maker- Sole proprietor.

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

3.1. Board of forestry BOD meetings

3.2. CAL-Fire Workforce Development Grant

3.2.1. Peter GIS

3.2.2. Ken Paragraphs

3.2.2.1. Went after mendo Forest Health Extravaganva was lit. Made 4yrds of char.

3.2.2.2. Land owner in Yuba

3.2.2.3. We Need APN#

3.2.2.4. Tribes Contacted.

3.2.2.5. Send out the land request form

3.3. Terra Preta - revision projection

3.3.1. Link Here - Letter to author

3.4. Biocharming R&D (Tabor, Ken, Peter, John)

3.4.1. ChatGPT - Forming a Subsidiary LLC or C-Corp

3.4.2. Budget Plan for R&D Waddle

3.4.2.1. Products Needed

3.4.2.1.1. Raw

3.4.2.1.2. Enriched Char

3.4.2.1.3. Biochar

3.4.2.1.4. Jute fabric Peter is compiling a budget.

3.4.3. Fire Network update - Peter emailed the woman outreach coordinator,

3.4.3.1. Had phone interview

3.4.3.1.1. Send bio of coalition and a post about some recent gigs

3.4.4. Cohasset Burn - April 12th -

3.4.5. May 24th Homestead Faire Coalition will be tabling

3.4.5.1. Heidi - City of Paradise Council Member

3.4.6. Acquisition of 1 Kiln from Yankee Hill Firewise Council

3.4.6.1. Went and picked up monday march 12th

3.4.7. 4th Annual Paradise Grazing Festival Will be tabling.

Sunday, June 1st 2025

Set up: Beginning between 7:30 and 8:30am

Event Time: 10am-4pm

Tear Down: 4pm-5pm

3.5. Biochar In the Woods Monthly Meeting

3.5.1. Zoom meeting information Looking for content. BOS Dismissed us. It's weird.

3.5.2. **BiocharOnSite Monthly Meeting (April Recap)**

4. Old Business (15 minutes) 7:00 PM -

4.1.1. N2N Q1-Q2 Grant (Ken) Invoices are in. First check is in from Fire safe council.

4.1.1.1. Submitted Ed timesheet past quarter

4.1.1.2. March 1st & 2nd Timesheet

4.1.1.3. Awaiting payments

4.2. Employee HandBook Put on drive. Still in progress

4.2.1. In progress

4.2.2. Added to Schedule to calendar

4.3. Biochar Coaltion Work Book. In Canva

4.4. 384A - NRCS program - TSP (Technical Service Provider) - (Funding as dry as the westerns states. Wah wah wah.
mcrcd.org/project/north-bay-forest-improvement-program

4.5. https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/grants/california-forest-improvement

4.6. 376 NRCS - IRA - soil health, range , pastures - fund now code -

5. Committee Report (30 minutes) 7:15 PM - All

5.1. Executive Committee: Reimbursed for extravaganza support.

5.2. Finance Committee (Tabor,Ken) Send Gmail evidence for check written.

5.2.1. Budget Sheet

5.2.1.1. Donations -

5.2.1.2. Current Total Balances: $

5.2.1.3. Checking : $3,383.80
5.2.1.4. Savings : $1,206.01
5.2.1.5. Paypal account : $0
5.2.1.6. Amazon account : $

5.2.2. Website (Tabor,Ken)
5.2.2.1.1. CharMap updated now
5.2.2.1.2. 62 entires - 1,400 views
5.2.2.1.2.1. PLEASE ADD POINTS WITH GOOGLE EARTH
5.2.2.1.2.1.1. RADIO - Interviews -
5.2.2.1.2.1.1.1. Peters Radio Broadcast/ Forest
5.2.2.1.2.1.1.2. Tabors Interview
5.2.2.1.2.1.1.3. Prestons Interview
5.2.2.1.2.1.1.4. Kens Interviews
5.2.2.1.2.1.1.5. CharCast
5.2.3. Tabling Committee -Tabor, Ken
5.2.3.1. Did Not meet
5.2.4. Membership Committee - Tabor, Ken, John
5.2.4.1. **Membership Program Tier C - CharBorn** or Fan of the Flame
5.2.5. News Letter committee (Ken + Peter)
5.2.5.1. March

5.2.6. BiocharMing Subsidiary development (Committee)

5.3. **Fundraising Committee** - Ken, Preston
5.3.1. FundRaising Document Preston has a reliable source for clothing.
5.3.2. Rose Foundation Watershed Fund
5.3.3. PG&E Settlement Fund - Butte County
5.3.4. *List of upcoming Grant opportunities*
5.3.5. CAL-FIRE - workforce development

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 - Preston seconds - all in favor - Aye**

Motion Tabor to Adjourn meeting - Ken Seconds- All in favor Aye



Secretary - Kenneth Scherer - 3/06/2025