Present: Kat Clancy, Kris Roby, Paul Warnick, Joy Fisher, Jan Leander, Harriet Hughes, Bill Bowler, Yvonne Barkley, Erik Anderson, Lucy Falcy, Nancy Sprague
Absent: Cort Northrop, Julie Miller

Introductions
Yvonne Barkley, Erik Anderson, and Lucy Falcy were welcomed and introduced to the board.

Approval of Minutes
It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 meeting. Motion passed.

Plant Sale
Kat talked to Jim Logan at the Fairgrounds, but he did not yet have any information about the future status of the old Ice Rink. The Fairground building may be available for next year’s plant sale, but would need to be reserved soon. Jan will get in touch with her contact at the Ice Rink to see if she has any additional news about the plans for the old Ice Rink, then Kat will check with Jim about reserving the Fairground building, if needed. The proposed date for the plant sale is Saturday, May 21, 2022. It was formally agreed that there will be no plant sale this year.

Funding Request
Paul presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the Golf Course Slope Project. This project would provide improved signage and a more welcoming entrance to the Arboretum on Nez Perce Drive. The steep slope along Nez Perce Drive north of the Golf Course clubhouse is the proposed site of a rock wall and sign indicating "University of Idaho Golf Course and Arboretum and Botanical Garden Parking" with an arrow to direct visitors to the parking spaces available. Plantings of Camperdown Elms and grasses would also be included. Marlene and Dick Johnston have offered a generous donation which would cover approximately half the project costs. The current cost estimate is $47,100. Paul presented the bid from RPC (Rock Placing Company) and three options for covering the remaining costs.

Additional project features include: enhancing the pathway from the golf course parking lot to the Arboretum by repairing the curb and constructing a new chip path; adding two more designated Arboretum parking spots for a total of six in the lot; installing two new Arboretum signs at each existing entry and one new sign at the golf course entry; moving the existing bike rack and garbage can in line with the new signs at both entries; and moving the existing gate further into the Arboretum. Funding may be needed to cover the cost of the new signs.
Jan moved that we approve the Golf Course Slope Project. The motion was seconded and approved. Joy moved that endowment earnings accounts be used for this project, with three endowment earnings accounts each providing 1/3 of the needed funding. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Bylaws and Constitution**
These will be reviewed in more depth at a later date. Kat confirmed that the Bylaws indicate that the annual meeting of the general membership is to be held in the spring, so we will wait until next April for our next annual meeting.

**New Board Members**
Erik Anderson submitted a biographical statement for the board to review. Kris moved to appoint Erik to fill one of the vacant positions on the board. Motion was seconded and approved.

**Arboreta Updates**
Paul reported that Brian Johnson has a new position and will no longer be involved with the Arboretum. His replacement will be on a two-year appointment. If the Arboretum is to continue in its present state, there is a need to have someone in place soon to work with Paul for a few years to be trained in preparation for Paul’s future retirement. There was discussion about the role of the board in advocating for this, as it may require creating a new position and finding additional funding sources.

Paul reported that Chris Pfund, UI Music faculty, and a UI theater group will be filming a version of Hansel and Gretel in the Arboretum.

Paul has hired a good crew, including Vern Dorendorf, two current students, and one graduate. They’ll be on the payroll next week and will all be working full-time after Commencement.

Paul recently discovered more than 25 Arboretum plant labels while emptying the garbage.

Paul welcomed Yvonne, Erik, and Harriet as new board members and offered to take them on an extensive Arboretum tour. Lucy has volunteered to work in the Arboretum.

**Other**
There is now a designated box holding Arboretum Associates files from 1978 through 2021.

Joy confirmed that Dan Bukvich is planning to coordinate this year’s concert on July 12.

Paul reported that there was a neighborhood meeting about the new proposed development south of Palouse River Drive. The project will start with construction along the first ridge.
Paul tracked down a source for more February Daphne plants in Bonners Ferry and will pick them up soon.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

**Next Meeting** will be on May 10, 2021, in the large conference room at UI Facilities.