



# The Idaho Association of WEED CONTROL SUPERINTENDENTS

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## SUMMER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Lewis & Clark Resort-Kamiah/Kooskia, Idaho July 15, 2017 8 a.m.

### In Attendance

**Chair: Terry Lee**

**Region 1: Bill Hargrave**

**Region 3: Dave Herold**

**Region 5:**

**Vice Chair: Jeremey Varley**

**Region 2: Alan Martinson**

**Region 4: Terry Ruby**

**Region 6: Jeffrey Pettingill**

**Others Attending:-** Special Guest Celia Gould-Director ISDA. Chase Youngdahl-Bonner County Region 1 alternate, Connie Jensen-Blyth, Idaho County Region 2 alternate, Scott Watson-Payette County.

*Chairman Terry Lee called meeting to order at 8:57 a.m.*

### Reports

**Regarding Agenda:** Alan Martinson requested the agenda be amended to include Enforcements and Financial Penalties added under Other Business. Motion by Terry Ruby to approve agenda as amended, second Bill Hargrave. Motion carries.

### **Regarding Minutes Spring Meeting, Salmon, Idaho:**

Jeffrey made a note that under treasurer's report that Bayer should be marked as 2017 instead of 2016 as it was given in 2017? (note from Jeremey who took the minutes. (note from Bonnie: Jeffrey it is 2016 as that was the year represented for the award). Motion by Alan Martinson to accept the minutes of the spring meeting 4/5/17. Second by Scott Watson, motion carries. (*Scott is not able to second this motion since he is not on the executive board.*)

**Treasurer's Report:** Jeffrey stated that for the industry sponsor for the weed superintendent of the year award Kent Pittard, Bayer just needs an invoice. Motion to accept the Treasurers report by Alan Martinson, second by Jeffrey Pettingill, carries. (*Note: It is not that easy. Bayer has a very difficult time paying with a check, at the time of this meeting we were working on obtaining information from Fremont County to have them collect the credit card payment. Please note this matter is still not resolved but is a work in progress and being dealt with.*)

**IWCA Report-** Jeremey reported the board met on 7/13/17 and are quickly filling the schedule with speakers for next year's conference. Prior to the meeting starting he passed out the new draft of the updated Idaho Invasive Species Strategic Plan. ISDA stressed this is a working document and they would like input from weed superintendents as to any areas that may need help or that you feel need more emphasis.

**IWCC-**Terry Lee stated one of the main items that was covered was the Bingham County Commissioners not allowing the weed superintendent to work on private ground or allowing the weed superintendent to speak directly to the commissioners, he has to go through the public works director. Terry Cramer, Twin Falls Commissioner will be meeting with Dan Chadwick, IAC to try and resolve this matter. Some of the background that was discussed was that the commissioners allow the Bingham Weed Superintendent, Dan Eldredge to only educate private landowners but no spraying can take place. As a result the weed

superintendent was forced to turn back \$15,000 in cost share dollars to the Upper Snake CWMA. The CWMA decided to use that funding for their contingency plan. Jeffrey mentioned that one big issue with no access to private land in this area is a new and growing population of yellow starthistle. The cooperation of private landowners is vital.

**IWAC-** Jeffrey reported this year there has been a big effort shifting toward social media as a method of outreach. Roger Batt worked with Connie, Chase and Bill to make outreach videos. The species that were mentioned are yellow starthistle, houndstongue, blue weed and some on bio control with the Nez Perce Bio Center. One area that was covered was invasive roses a non-listed species. Jeffrey asked the question of how do we feel about the IWAC covering non-noxious weeds. The board felt this was a good idea as long as Roger differentiates between noxious and non. Jeffrey said he would make sure they would do something to make the non-regulatory plants look different. Jeffrey reminded the group if you have the ability to donate to the IWAC please contact Roger or Jeffrey. Chairman Terry Lee shared a message from John Proctor that he is looking for farmers to plant pollinator plants. Terry thought this could also tie in with the IWAC. Jeffrey also asked the director to see if in the future there could be an open communication link between the IWAC and Invasive Species of Idaho (ISDA's website) so a uniform message could be sent out. Alan also asked Jeffrey to relay a message to Roger that he would like him to attend either IWCA or IWCC meetings as there is a position on the board for him.

**ISDA Communications-**Chairman Lee reported on the meeting that took place in May with Celia Gould, Lloyd Knight and Adam Schroeder representing ISDA and Terry Lee and Jeremy Varley from IAWCS. During this meeting the invitation was extended to Celia for her to attend the summer meeting. Director Gould reported that a lot of changes have been happening at ISDA and she would try to cover them.

**Japanese Yew-**community involved from the start. A petition was received from Angela Rossman for negotiated rulemaking and Jim Caswell (formerly with the OSC) was asked to start the negotiations and make some straw men. Jim is currently working with a smaller group after no consensus was reached with straw men that were represented. This small working group will hopefully reach a consensus if not ISDA will go forward with the straw man that has the most comments asking the legislature to take it on. Director Gould did mention how appreciative she was for all of the comments that were given by weed superintendents.

**Position Changes-**Tom Woolf left his position at ISDA and has taken a position with the State of Montana. Nic Zurfluh is the new Invasive Species Section Manager, Adam Schroeder is leaving ISDA and has accepted the weed superintendent at Ada County. ISDA is currently in the hiring process to fill this vacant position. Dr. Kim Holder-Coeur d'Alene Invasive Species Program Manager, Matt Kreizenbeck left his position in Idaho Falls, Cole Morrison is the new Ag Program Specialist for the SE Region in Idaho Falls, Arin Ursenbach (sp) is doing hydrilla at the Twin Falls office, and Michael Johnson is a Tech 3 at the Boise office replacing Bethany. With all of the staffing changes that have and will be happening the director encouraged us to call if we have any questions. With the new noxious weed section manager ISDA is not going to drop social media and outreach but will make sure there is a tie in with IWAC but reminded the group this is a two way street as far as the need for communication.

**Invasive Species Boat Check Stations-**Using state funds for operations and infrastructure, the new 24 hour station should be opening soon. There was discussion with Connie about the possibility of starting a check station on Lolo Pass. The director recommended that she contact Nic Zurfluh and that there would be help available for training and with the establishment of check stations. Currently there have been 40,000+ boat inspections, 17 have been fouled and over 1,500 hot washes have been given.

Secretary of Interior Ryan Zinke and Secretary of Ag Sonny Perdue-a presentation was given about noxious weeds to them by Rick Waitley.

**State Noxious Weed Advisory Board-**Terry Lee asked the question if there was a plan to reestablish the advisory board, Celia answered with the question of how we would want to approach it. It was stated that we need to come up with a plan to get the right people in place, then present our plan to Celia.

**IAC-Jeremey** reported he presented at the IAC summer meeting on why there is a need for a weed superintendent and how the commissioners can support this position. The executive board asked that Jeremey publish the presentation for all to see on the website.

### **Old Business**

**Facebook Website-**Nothing new to report. Jeremey is trying to keep the website updated and all are encouraged to suggest changes if you feel they are necessary.

**Fall Executive Board Meeting-** Rooms are available at the Kootenai River Inn and Dave is thinking of a tour at the Fish Hatchery. For further details contact Dave Wenk, Boundary County.

**Annual Winter Meeting-**Jeffrey asked the question if anybody had any issues with travel on a holiday to avoid splitting the meeting around the weed conference. No one mentioned a conflict and 1.5 days would be better than trying to fit the annual meeting into one day. The intent would be to have the ½ day on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> and the full day on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Celia said to call Lloyd about the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> to reserve the meeting room at ISDA.

**LIA Nominations-**No letters of interest have been received, the executive board urges all who want to go through this program to let an alumni know as soon as possible. It was suggested that the procedures for the application process to LIA be covered in detail at the fall meeting.

### **New Business**

**Realtor's Association Booth-**The fall meeting will be in Sun Valley this year. The board felt it was a good outreach opportunity but the realtor's do not have much time to visit the booth. Jeffrey suggested we hold off for a year and maybe we try to get a credited class to get more attendance from the realtor's.

**FY 2018 Budget-**It was suggested we leave LIA from previous year's budgets to allow for possibly two candidates to go through. Erase the travel line item as it is covered in Other Travel/Conferences. It was also suggested to change the name from Other Travel/Conference to just Travel/Conferences. Motion to accept budget with changes by Alan, seconded by Dave Herold. No discussion, motion carries.

**Enforcement-**Alan asked if anyone is using civil penalties per the weed law. Due to various issues where he can't enforce because he has to do his enforcements through contractors. There was discussion of how the letters are being sent and if there is a possibility of just charging a fine. It was suggested this could be a good topic for the annual meeting.

**Weed Baskets for Weed Conference-**Terry Lee talked about trying to breathe new life into the weed baskets that are donated at the conference. There has been very little participation by several counties. It was suggested maybe a notice be sent out to remind weed superintendents a month prior to the conference.

### **Other Business:**

Carol Young is going to resign as Shoshone County weed superintendent on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Best of luck Carol. Chase Youngdahl will serve as alternate when Carol leaves.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.