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SPRING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES 200 Fulton Street, Suite 104, Salmon ID Wednesday, April 3, 2019

In Attendance

Chair: Kali Sherrill

Secretary/Treasurer-Bonnie Davis

Region 1: Chase Youngdahl

Region 3: Adam Schroeder

Region 5:

Vice Chair: Dave Wenk

Past Chair: Terry Lee

Region 2: Alan Martinson

Region 4:

Region 6: Tony Pozenel

Others Attending: -, Sharayh Krantz-Lemhi County Region 6 alternate, Bryce Fowler, Mitch Whitmill and Jeffrey Pettingill-Region 6, Trent Brusseau, Corteva AgriScience.

Chairman Sherrill called meeting to order at 8 a.m.

General Business

Regarding Minutes of the Winter Meeting-Boise, Idaho: Chase Youngdahl stated Dave Wenk is listed yet again as Bonner County and should be Boundary County. Motion by Dave Wenk to accept the minutes as corrected, second by Alan Martinson. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Bonnie presented the current 2019 financial report: expenses to date \$3,221.54, balance of budgeted funds \$7,078.46, current checkbook balance of \$13,962.38. Motion by Alan Martinson to accept the current financial report as presented, second by Dave Wenk. Motion carries. There was a brief discussion of the weed sup of the year award. Trent Brusseau, Corteva AgriScience volunteered to assist Kent Pittard, Bayer with sponsoring this award for 2019 (to be given at the 2020 annual meeting). Our thanks to Trent for supporting our association.

Reports

IWCA Report- Alan reported they have started planning the 2020 conference. Idaho pesticide credits were briefly discussed. The IWCA board feels it would be a good idea to invite Vic Mason, ISDA Agriculture Resources Division Administrator to discuss the concerns regarding the credit SNAFU in 2019. Discussion followed credits have become an issue with the change of leadership in this division. The IWCA board will continue to work on this matter.

Jeffrey brought up the ISDA Pesticide Advisory Committee. It is currently made up of representatives from the following: Nutrien, Wilbur Ellis, a couple farmers, the chair owns a major pest control business in Boise, Elizabeth, Sherm and Vic from ISDA, Ronda Hirnyck from University of Idaho. Jim Martell used to sit on that committee. Adam asked Vic about one of our association members being on the committee. Vic assumed Adam wanted to represent us and Vic has submitted his name. Celia Gould, ISDA Director makes the appointments. The Pesticide Advisory Committee meets once per year. Adam Schroeder, Ada County Weed Superintendent to represent IAWCS on this committee. Second by Dave Wenk, motion carries.

Licensing was briefly discussed and the new ISDA online registration process. Discussion if possibly exempt agencies were having issues with testing for registration being cancelled once it was confirmed?

Possibly since we are not charged and the private sector has to provide payment at the time of registration. Some alternatives were discussed for group testing.

IWCC- Kali stated years ago there was a need for this group which was made up of agency leaders, directors etc. so that decisions could be made by the coordinating committee. The IWCC has been stagnate for a couple years and there was discussion at their recent meeting if they need to continue or dissolve it since the decision makers no longer attend. They will be waiting until the May meeting to make the final decision. Who will oversee the IWAC if they dissolve? The IWAC will be a stand along organization. IWCC currently serves as an oversight committee for the campaign. Bonnie questioned the fact the IWCC met on March 14, 2019 and decided not to send dues bills until a decision was made regarding the future of the organization, yet she received a dues bill for \$650 (annual dues) dated 3/20/19. She would like direction regarding payment?

Adam suggested budgeting additional funding to Roger Batt or Rick Waitley to get the ISDA Noxious Weed Advisory Committee codified by the governor. Maybe we should think about that for next year. Kali stated she and Dave need to meet with Director Gould and share our concerns and stress that she allow us a spot on the Invasive Species Council. This is done by the governor through an executive order we will have to go to Governor Little to accomplish that. Kali agreed to speak with her legislators about this matter. Kali and Dave will arrange for a meeting with the director and hopefully be able to report at the summer meeting. Mitch asked why the Noxious Weed Advisory Committee was dissolved. Bonnie stated she was on the advisory board and when Director Gould was appointed she received a letter the board was no longer needed and thanked them for their service. Jeffrey feels this was not dissolved and there is an active committee out there.

IAC-Kali reported she is on the agenda and there are a lot of new county commissioners that will be in attendance. Alan Martinson reviewed the topics he has covered in the past and always stresses we are not just nozzle-heads. Alan stated his new commissioners are concerned about the Roundup lawsuits, he has explained we promote safety, safe use of PPE and follow research, EPA guidelines etc. he asked that Kali be prepared for those questions. Trent suggested Alan reach out to Bayer and get fact sheets and stick to the facts. Kali will share her presentation with the executive board. Trent suggested when training new employees tell them if they are approached by the public regarding the Roundup litigation to have them call the office and talk to a particular person and that person only to ensure the correct info is given. Have the message be consistent.

Terry Lee joined the meeting.

Old Business

IWCC-Terry Lee shared last year as chair he wrote a letter to IWCC Chair, Cathy Ford asking what we are receiving for our annual dues, yes he did ask for a response. No response was ever received. Motion by Dave Wenk to not pay the dues at this time, second by Tony Pozenel. Motion carries.

Short break was taken.

Old Business

2019 Annual Meeting Evaluations-Comments from the evaluations were reviewed by the executive board. Discussion that we tell ISDA we are not interested in invasive species (comments on Nic's presentation). County presentations are very popular. Possible ideas for 2020 meeting include: Invite Vic Mason and Sherm Takatori to have them explain to us what is credit worthy? Other suggestions: no spray zones, organic producers and Trent suggested understanding labels including use sites, and state interpretations. This could possibly be a round table with 3 people-one regulatory, Vic Mason and a Bayer representative. Trent will be happy to set this up for one hour. Other ideas for the 2020 meeting include: DEQ-NPDES programs.

Summer Executive Board Meeting-Sharayh said she found a pasture we could rent for \$50 per night, per camper and the easiest way is to pay the owner direct. The board asked that she please verify if there is a fire ring there. She will inquire if he takes credit cards and/or if he can invoice counties. She will get a map for us. There are numerous activities happening that weekend if people are interested. Jeffrey Pettingill and Sharayh will work with getting the meat as he has a connection per RSVP's received.

Cost Share Update-Bonnie shared an update from Jeremy Varley. CWMA agreements can be expected any day. The award letters are on the Director's desk awaiting signature. Once they are signed he will send them via email. He reported meeting dates since Russian olive will be going to negotiated rule making. Dates are May 16th and 30th in Twin Falls. The spring Idaho Invasive Species Council will be meeting on May 9th.

IAWCS Website/Facebook-Chase Youngdahl, webmaster reported he has made numerous updates and has the presentations received to date posted. Kraig Edwards is now the Bingham County Weed Superintendent. Shelby Heiderman is the new Shoshone County Weed Superintendent. Carol Young, former superintendent stated Shelby will work five months this summer and Carol is not sure after that. Welcome Kraig and Shelby.

Kali reported Dave Wenk is currently reviewing the IAWCS Handbook.

Russian Olive Update-Kali reminded everyone of the Negotiated Rulemaking dates that Jeremy Varley referred to in his update. This will be held at the same location as the UPRR meeting which is the county west building in Twin Falls. She is asking our board to address this and has done the same with IWCA. Terry Lee stated they wanted a survey and he has already done this. He will provide Kali a copy of the straw poll taken of the weed sups regarding the addition of Russian olive to the noxious weed list. Farm Bureau in Twin Falls County is against this. Kali stated it may be listed as control or do not sell. Motion by Terry Lee to write a letter to "not" support the listing of Russian olive or inclusion in any category. Second by Alan Martinson, motion carries. It was suggested we list the entire board including the region they represent. Bonnie was given direction on how the letter should be written with each executive board member and region representative's name listed.

Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Meeting-Jeffrey stated he was impressed with the attendance by weed sups and that IAWCS paid for half the lunch on site. Mary Beth (of UPRR) is in charge of purchasing and other things and covers an area from Chicago to California. She discussed writing and how to do the prescription for cost and the management plan. We will attempt to do this meeting annually. Counties have the option to do the work themselves or request the contractor do so. We just have to specify with our management plan and cost prescription. The board agreed this was a very informative meeting and may be held annually.

Pesticide Licensing-Jeffrey would like to see ISDA create a category for range and pasture and the test be established based on job activities. Ag Herbicide will cover it all, the new range and pasture category would cover only those things. Jeffrey feels we should write a letter to Sherm Takatori and cc: Vic Mason supporting a new range and pasture category. Jeffrey stated our non-crop is covered by right of way. Adam wants to make sure his people are educated. Kali asked what if we visit with Celia, Vic or Sherm first and then discuss this further at the summer meeting. Adam feels we need to be very specific as to what we would like. He doesn't want the testing to be watered down. We will revisit this topic at the summer meeting and poll each region. The poll will be based upon the region vote not the representative's sole opinion.

A short break was taken.

New Business

Fall Executive Board Meeting-Kali explained she has a conflict with the original date selected. The board rescheduled the meeting for September 24th. Alan reported we will be able to meet at Dworshak Dam at Orofino. He will check into the Konkolville Motel which is where we all stayed the last time we met at Orofino. They have a great courtyard where everyone can gather in the evening. Alan stated background checks will be required to get access to the dam and there will be a cutoff date for submitting the information. The closest airport to this site is Lewiston. If anyone is planning to travel by air please share the information so we can get it out. It was noted there is no flight from Boise to Lewiston direct. Alan and Denny Williams are working on this together.

LIA Nomination(s)-Mike Ottley, Cassia County sent the board a thank you for the IAWCS tuition support. Alan stated he sits on the board and they have changed the application. Now a 3 minute video is allowed if you would rather do that instead of writing an essay. The essay criteria is why you want to

attend. This board is currently soliciting those interested in attending the 2019/2020 session. Dave Wenk expressed interest for the upcoming session, Aaron Hull may also be interested. Chase may be in 2020/2021 as well as Sharayh. Meals are included but you (or your county) will be responsible for the motel and travel costs. Applications are due to the LIA board by August 1st. The session is November-February one week per month. IAWCS Board members receive precedence over our general membership. Our board will review the requests at our summer meeting.

IAWCS Winter Meeting-Our winter meeting will be January 13 & 14th and the weed conference will be January 15 & 16th. Location for 2020-ISDA.

Other Business/Announcements

Trent Brusseau stated they are looking for trials for a new product. They need ¼ acre plots for native western grasses. This would require 30 days with no grazing. If you are interested please contact Trent- Trent.brusseau@corteva.com tours of the product will take place the 3rd week of August. Training on the new product will be in Sheridan, Wyoming and will include 2-nights motel and food. Everyone will receive an invitation. They are doing plots in Montana, Idaho, Colorado and Wyoming. Trent would like all who are interested to attend. He stated with Corteva there are a lot of new people and he would like to send them to some more of our events as they are not trained in range and pasture. The board thanked Trent for attending and extended an open invitation to him for future meetings.

Our thanks for Sharayh and Lemhi County for hosting today's meeting.

Chairman Sherrill called the meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Approved as written by board 7/20/19.