



# The Idaho Association of WEED CONTROL SUPERINTENDENTS

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## SUMMER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Stanley, Idaho**

**Saturday, July 20, 2019**

### In Attendance

**Chair: Kali Sherrill**

**Secretary/Treasurer-**

**Region 1:**

**Region 3: Scott Watson**

**Region 5:**

**Vice Chair: Dave Wenk**

**Past Chair: Terry Lee**

**Region 2: Alan Martinson**

**Region 4:**

**Region 6: Sharayh Krantz**

**Others Attending:** - Mitch Whitmill and -Region 6,  
*Chairman Sherrill called meeting to order at 9 a.m.*

### General Business

**Regarding Minutes of the Spring Meeting-Salmon, Idaho:** Motion by Alan Martinson to accept the minutes as presented, second by Scott Watson. Motion carries.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kali presented the report in Bonnie's absence. Motion by Dave Wenk to accept the financial report as presented. Second by Alan Martinson, motion carries.

### Reports

**IWCA Report-** Kali stated the board was working on the annual conference and they are very concerned with the issues of credits last year so they will be working closer with the state for the upcoming conference.

**IWCC-** Kali stated we have not paid the \$650 for IWCC for this year. Terry Lee stated that the IAWCS was in an MOU with IWCC (MOU ends 2020). Terry also explained that there had been very little interest and low attendances to the meetings. After much discussion about paying the bill, Terry stated the membership fees pay for items such as a legislative luncheon that helps to expose IAWCS to legislators. Problem with IWCC is that delegation of authority is so watered down it's become ineffective. IWCC isn't able to make a decision on anything because of this. Motion by Alan Martinson to pay the agreement for this year and then discuss its value for next year. Mike LaRue, second. Discussion: Dave Wenk stated he would like the association to keep our current involvement. Dave Wenk reported the weed summit will be October 16 & 17<sup>th</sup>. Kali stated her concern is the main focus of the meeting is cheatgrass but did find out other grasses like medusahead and ventenata will be addressed. There was some discussion on these topics and the value to the weed superintendents due to the non-noxious status of these grasses.

**IAC Summer Presentation-** Kali reported that due to our time limit of 15 minutes she asked Adam Schroeder to present to the county commissioners at IAC. She is grateful to Adam and stated her commissioners felt like it went well. Adam said his main questions were about quagga mussels. She handed out a copy of his presentation and Scott Watson read a letter from Adam about his presentation.

**ISDA Communication-** July 16, 2019 Dave Wenk and Kali met with Director Gould with no other ISDA staff present. The meeting began with positive feedback about ISDA staff. Kali inquired about the Noxious Weed Advisory Committee (NWAC) in state law. Director Gould stated she feels like there are so many groups representing weed control (IAWCS, INWCA, IWCC). Kali stated she felt like IWCC is

struggling and that is the reason for her inquiry. Celia agreed to think about it. They discussed how IWCC could have been created to fulfill the NWAC role, but after a time people moved on and now IWCC is barely active. Alan Martinson asked Jeremy Varley what he thinks the association should do. Terry Lee expressed that Japanese yew issue could have been dealt with through this committee if it was created/active. Jeremy Varley echoed Celia's sentiment of ISDA have over saturation of committees. From an agency standpoint it's just one more organization. If IAWCS feels strongly enough about this then create THE PLAN. Don't give ISDA another thing to do for us. BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME concept. Rewrite the MOU to include the following language: representatives SHALL have authority to speak on behalf of the agency and SHALL be able to make decisions and SHALL be able to communicate on behalf of the agency. Agency: IDL, FS, BLM, MPS, ITD, Parks & Rec, USFWS, NRCS, others?? Kali asked about the licensing category change. Celia went to Vic Mason and asked if this was something they were thinking about. ISDA determined that if they do this change for rangelands etc. then they would have to do for all others. Cost Share: Dave Wenk asked if percentage could go towards education. Because of issues from the past, allowing education to be funded with cost share was dropped a few years ago, she is willing to consider a proposal from IAWCS. Enforcement: can we enforce on other agencies? Kali stated common question-how can we enforce weed control on agencies when sups aren't enforcing on certain species. Organics (Gwen A.)-Kali asked if she would present at the winter meeting. They can't make recommendations, OG certifiers can't share info with IAWCS, weed sups should play role of giving recommendations this would be a better approach to organic weed issues than enforcement. Director Gould's message to IAWCS is to pay more attention to Rule Making. IAWCS should send representation to meetings at the legislature. When on short notice ask AJ or Adam Schroeder to attend because they are close. Motion by Alan Martinson that IAWCS request ISDA to allow 10% of Cost Share for education expenses for CWMA's. Second Dave Wenk, motion carries.

(**Note:** depends on language of appropriations, if it is restricted then work on that through legislative committee).

Jeremy Varley shared with the board information on the data portal and answered questions about Cost Share data.

### **Old Business**

**IAWCS Website/Facebook**-Kali reported on Chase's behalf. The board asked that we send Chase all updated info and a big THANKS for all his hard work.

**LIA**-Dave Wenk was recommended to attend the next session. Motion by Kali Sherrill to support Dave Wenk as the IAWCS recommendation for LIA attendee. Second by Alan Martinson, motion carries. Discussion followed about an LIA Go Fund Me is needed.

**Fall Executive Board Meeting**-Alan Martinson updated the group. The location is Dworshak Dam and the meeting date is September 24<sup>th</sup>. Representatives and superintendents are welcome. Are background checks needed-Alan thinks this is no longer a requirement but he will check on this. Accommodations are: Konkerville Motel-be sure to make reservations. We will be planning the winter meeting. (Topics already suggested are: how to present to county commissioners, organics.)

**APHIS**-Alan Martinson asked that everyone send a letter to APHIS regarding the new bio agent for knotweeds. Motion by Alan Martinson that the association send a letter in support. Second by AJ Mondor, motion carries.

**Cost Share Review Reps**-Current: Mike LaRue-IWCA, Dave Humpherys-member at large, Terry Lee-IWCA (completed), Chase Youngdahl-IAWCS alternate, Dave Herter-IAWCS (completed), Aaron Hull-Weed Sup

Proposed: Sharayh Krantz-IAWCS 2020, Connie Jensen-Blyth-IAWCS alternate 2020. Updates to this in emails following the meeting for clarification from Bonnie Davis.

**Misc.**- Dave Wenk reported the Boundary County Weed Board will be going to the prosecuting attorney to decide on carryover funds and the weed board voting to get attorney general opinion on dedicated weed fund to carry over.

Drone Update-ISDA is working on a category for licensing, IAWCS should push the chemical reps to get drones on the product labels.

Chairman Sherrill called the meeting adjourned at 11.20 MST.

*\*\*Approved by IAWCS Executive Board 9/24/2019*