



# The Idaho Association of WEED CONTROL SUPERINTENDENTS

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## WINTER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Idaho State Department of Agriculture**

**Boise, Idaho**

**January 14, 2019 9 a.m. (Mtn. Time)**

### In Attendance

**Chair: Terry Lee**

**Region 1: Chase Youngdahl**

**Region 3: Scott Watson**

**Region 5: Michael LaRue**

**Vice Chair: Kali Sherrill**

**Region 2: Alan Martinson**

**Region 4: Terry Ruby**

**Region 6: Tony Pozenel**

**Others Attending:** - Dave Wenk-Boundary County Region 1 alternate, Sharayh Krantz-Lemhi County Region 6 alternate, Denny Williams and Dan McConnell-Clearwater County, Jim Hickey-Washington County.

*Chairman Terry Lee called meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.*

### General Business

**Regarding Minutes of the Fall Meeting-Sandpoint, Idaho:** Chase Youngdahl stated Dave Wenk is listed as Bonner County and should be Boundary County. Motion by Kali Sherrill to accepted the minutes as corrected, second by Terry Ruby. Motion carries.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bonnie reported the following: She would like the board to review and accept the final 2018 Year End Financial Report. Expenses for fiscal year 2018 \$3,787.53, remaining budget balance of \$5,752.47. Checkbook balance 9/30/18 \$14,783.92. Motion by Terry Ruby to accept the 2018 Year End financial report as presented. Second by Alan Martinson, motion carries. Bonnie presented the current 2019 financial report: expenses to date \$1,417.25, balance of budgeted funds \$8,882.75, current checkbook balance of \$15,766.67. Motion by Chase Youngdahl to accept the current financial report as presented, second by Mike LaRue. Motion carries.

### Reports

**IWCA Report-** Terry Lee reported they have been working on the weed conference and there are a couple speakers unavailable due to the government shutdown. Alan announced the legislative directories are here.

**IWCC-** Terry Lee reported that not much is happening. He and Kali explained this group is struggling. Alan feels legislators need to be pushed to get department heads that are decision makers attending these meetings. Alan reminded the board the state representative who attended our summer meeting said now is the time. Terry Lee stated if you are attending the All Star banquet that's a great opportunity to get that message out.

**IWAC-**No representation in attendance.

**ISDA Communications-** Kali Sherrill spoke with Director Gould a few times and she was really busy so a later meeting would be better. She would love to meet on a Friday after the first of the year maybe even in Twin Falls and then she can just go home from the meeting. Suggested talking points from the board include the noxious weed advisory committee and to let her know how good Jeremy Varley has been to work with our association.

## Old Business

**IAWCS Website/Facebook Update**-Chase Youngdahl, webmaster reported he has been doing a lot of cleaning up on the website including broken links and making numerous repairs. He will continue with the housekeeping in addition to getting previous minutes and other documents from Bonnie. The board thanked Chase for all his work.

**Invasive Species Council**-Kali reported she has a landowner in her county who wants to add Russian olive trees to the weed list. He has already went to her commissioners and didn't care for what they told him so he is planning on going through the state. His particular issue/concern is along the Snake River. It was discussed they are everywhere. Kali will follow up with the membership after the meetings this week.

**IWCC Do We Continue**-It was noted we did not receive a response regarding the letter sent by Chairman Lee on 6/28/18 which shared our concerns with paying dues each year and not sure what benefit we are receiving. Terry stated they have not had a meeting since before that date. Kali will be taking Terry's spot on this board. It was noted they are a collective group and could possibly be very helpful to Kali with the Russian olive issue. Terry Lee noted if a situation comes up they won't vote on anything. Discussion followed that the Noxious Weed Advisory Board could be very helpful with a situation like this. Alan Martinson made a motion to send a letter to the Idaho Weed Coordinating Committee for decision makers, managers, officer's to attend the IWCC meetings. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kali Sherrill. Motion carries. Alan Martinson to postpone paying the IWCC dues for 2018/2019 until the next meeting of our board when we have a bill. 2<sup>nd</sup> by the entire executive board, motion carries.

**Idaho Weed Awareness Campaign**-Motion by Alan Martinson that IAWCS does not make a monetary contribution to the IWAC for 2019 because of the following issues\* on the IWAC website. (the following is the full motion and written reasons)

1. When using Internet Explorer and left clicking on the following 15 weeds: Common/European Frogbit, Fanwort, Feathered Mosquito Fern, Giant Hogweed, Giant Salvinia, Hydrilla, Meadow hawkweed, (Yellow), Plumeless Thistle, Policeman's Helmet, Small Bugloss, Tall Hawkweed, Variable-Leaf Milfoil, Water Chestnut, Yellow Devil Hawkweed, Yellow Floating Heart, it take you to a page with marijuana links.
2. The Noxious Weed List page is not current (Broom Species) and does not list the Noxious Weed categories.
3. 34 weeds do not have pictures on their pages\*\*, and 5 weeds have no description on their page.
4. Links on website and weed pages are broken.
5. No list of County Contacts or County Weed Superintendents
6. Partner's page is not current.
7. Documents referenced (NWFF&S directory, Idaho Invasive Species Plan) are not current

(This explanation attached at bottom of motion) The IAWCS Exec Board shall, at the winter 2020 Exec Board meeting, vote on whether to resume the IWAC contribution for 2020 after reviewing the IWAC website to determine if all issues are resolved.

For information

\*Issues are as of 1/11/2019

\*\*6 of these weeds have a video on the page

Motion was seconded by Terry Ruby.

Discussion-the board discussed this in depth. Alan went on to say 15 weeds nothing has changed since our spring meeting. Numerous board members have visited the site and found the same issues.

Terry Ruby stated he has not contributed in 10 years for many reasons. It was pointed out that for 2017/2018 Roger Batt's salary for the campaign was \$45,000 per year for him working roughly 6.5 weeks (estimated). It was noted this is a very poor product. It was suggested that Roger may want to consider changing the name of the campaign since "weed" is legalized in several states. Mike LaRue feels the problem may be the person in front of the computer managing the site. Chairman Lee called for the vote: Motion carries unanimous to not contribute funding to the Idaho Weed Awareness Campaign for 2019.

## **New Business**

**Elections Vice Chair-**Kali Sherrill nominated Dave Wenk, Boundary County, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Martinson. Chairman Lee asked if there were any more nominations, seeing none vote was called for. Unanimous vote for Dave Wenk, congratulations.

**Scheduling of Executive Board Meetings-** The spring board meeting will be held in Salmon on April 3<sup>rd</sup> hosted by Sharayh Krantz, Lemhi County. Summer meeting will be held in Region 6 July 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. Sharayh would like to hold it in Stanley she will make arrangements and update us at a later date. Fall meeting will be held in Region 2 October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Alan Martinson will set this up. Location possibilities will may include Orofino, Lewiston, Moscow and Kamiah. Denny Williams, Clearwater County will see if it possible to hold it at Dworshak Dam which is near Orofino.

**IAC Presentation at Winter Meeting-**Kali Sherrill, chair-elect explained IAC has a new scheduler and she was not able to get on the agenda for the winter meeting. She will be on the agenda for the summer meeting. It was suggested to possibly have a couple other weed superintendents join her to show their support. Suggestions for presentation included: stressing the other agencies we work with and all the other duties we perform.

**IAWCS Winter Meeting-**Bonnie announced that Jim is retiring this spring and things will be changing at her office. She doesn't feel she can be responsible for all the refreshments etc. for our annual meeting. Terry Lee suggested forming a committee from the executive board to be responsible for doing this. Possibly assign who is responsible for what. He noted it would be nice if Adam (Ada) or AJ (Canyon) would do this. The next question is whomever does this are they responsible? Discussion followed; Kali and Terry Ruby volunteered their staff to do the shopping etc. Jason from Twin Falls County and Denise from Tri-County will be responsible for all refreshments in 2019. Our thanks to Kali and Terry for volunteering their staff.

**Weed Superintendent of the Year-**It was decided that all nominations will be due by December 1, 2019.

**Topics and Speakers for Annual Meeting-**Tony Pozenel and Dave Herter will not be doing the drone presentation. Dave is not attending and Tony was not comfortable doing this. Dave Wenk has volunteered to present on his Emergency Action Plan, thank you Dave. Paul Brusven will be presenting for Joey Milan who is on government furlough. All other speakers are confirmed.

**Annual Meeting: Education vs. Recertification-**Discussion of difficulty people are having with obtaining recertification credits from ISDA. Management changes may have led to this. Sherm Takatori expressed to Kali they are moving to the exact number of minutes and you must have 60 minutes of education. The IWCA has had difficulty with credits this year also. Bonnie stated they only received 2 credits for our annual meeting. Kali feels there are many opportunities to get credits and that's not the purpose of our meeting.

Discussion about the Idaho Noxious Weed Conference-the difficulty in getting speakers and vendors was touched upon. Mike LaRue stated maybe new things aren't happening as fast so the annual conference is getting stale. Kali said she has been to Nevada and they do their conference every other year. Dave Wenk suggested they do more to engage everyone by having games and extracurricular activities. Chase feels it would be a good idea to move the conference downtown to the Grove so there are more after hour's activities available. Alan shared the last time he was in Oregon they do not do breakout sessions. Chase likes the breakouts.

Mike LaRue shared that he and Aaron Hull purchased some swag (cool pens) and candy and went to the schools and talked to 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders about noxious weeds. He got a great response from the kids and the parents.

Chairman Lee called the meeting adjourned at 11.28 a.m.

Approved by the board with corrections on 4/3/19.