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WINTER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ISDA, Boise, Idaho

Monday, January 13, 2020

Chair: Kali Sherrill
Secretary/Treasurer: Bonnie Davis
Region 1: Chase Youngdahl
Region 3:
Region 5:

Vice Chair: Dave Wenk
Past Chair: Terry Lee
Region 2:
Region 4: Terry Ruby
Region 6: Sharayh Krantz

Others Attending: -

Chairman Sherrill called meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Mountain Time

General Business

Regarding Minutes of the Fall Meeting-Dworshak Dam, Ahsahka Idaho: Motion by Terry Ruby to accept the minutes as presented, second by Chase Youngdahl. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Bonnie requested the final 2019 expenditure report dated 9-30-19 be reviewed and acted upon by the board. 2019 budget=\$10,300, year-end budget balance \$5,540.57 and year end checkbook balance \$16,524.49. Bonnie stated this balance includes \$1,025 which was allocated for the Idaho Weed Awareness Campaign and not awarded in 2019 due to performance issues and \$3,075 set aside for lobbying costs. She stated those figures do not include the additional funds that are allocated in the 2020 budget. Motion by Terry Lee to accept the final 2019 financial report as presented. Second by Terry Ruby motion carries. Bonnie presented the current financial report for 2020. Budgeted funds spent to date \$420.53. 2020 budget = \$10,600 of which \$10,179.47 remains, current checkbook balance \$18,503.96. All counties have paid their dues with the exception of Nez Perce and Caribou. She has reached out to Dwight Lloyd but has not received a response to date. Motion by Terry Lee to accept the current expenditure report as presented, second by Chase Youngdahl. Motion carries.

Reports

IWCA Report-Kali reported they are currently working on the conference and there will be 10 Idaho credits available this year. She stated Roger Batt volunteered to write the presenter summaries and submit them. Rick Waitley has stepped down as the Executive Director for the IWCA and Patxi Phillips will be serving this association. Patxi Larrocea-Phillips is a lobbyist, lawyer and grew up on a ranch. Kali shared the complaints she has been hearing about the conference being held so early in January and people would like to see it returned to February. This is also causing conflicts with our vendors and presenters in addition Montana moved their conference to the same time as ours this year causing further conflicts. Registration numbers for the conference are unknown at this time but the number of vendors is down.

Chairman's Update-Kali reported she will be speaking at the Idaho Association of Counties (IAC) conference on Thursday, February 6, 2020. She has 30 minutes and would like to change it up and not deliver the same old message. She stated a questionnaire was sent out by us in 2007 asking if weed sups wear more than one hat (perform more than one duty) and questions about budgets, full time or part time etc. She is going to provide that to everyone for feedback to help with her presentation. She will also thank the commissioners for their support for our programs.

IAWCS Website/Facebook-Chase Youngdahl, webmaster reported our website expires 3/24/2020. The host we are currently using is fine with him and he recommends we renew. Motion by Terry Lee to renew the website domain, second Terry Ruby. Motion carries. The amount is less than \$500 for 3-years. He has been posting to Facebook and others have an administrative rights to do so as well. Chase stated we could pay a fee to have our Facebook page show up in people's feeds however he does not feel the return would benefit our association. Kali shared the Mid-Snake RC&D paid \$2,000 for Facebook so that it hits certain age groups and on multiple other things. Chase agreed we can design it to hit on particular items we select. There was a short discussion of it not showing up on some people's feeds. They were guided through some possible solutions.

Weed Superintendent Handbook-Dave Wenk reported our handbook was last revised in 2013. He has updated website links, name changes, state statutes and some verbiage. The CWMA Cookbook referenced was discussed and a few remembered what that publication and its purpose was. Our policies say this will be updated annually by the vice chair. Terry Ruby suggested it happen with the changing of the guard (every other year). Bonnie suggested adding the Open Meeting Law, it was agreed and Dave will add this. He will send it out to all and provide it to Chase.

General Business

IWCC Contract Details- The letter which Kali shared from John Proctor, IWCC chair has drafted regarding the dissolution of the Idaho Weed Coordinating Committee. Kali stated Rick Waitley's contract to serve as the committee's executive director was not renewed. At the Weed Summit John Proctor gave a presentation of what they plans to do however the MOU expires in March. Terry Lee asked if the director does not appoint a noxious weed advisory committee then what? He said John Proctor took this all very personally. It was discussed if Region 4 (which John represents) should even be there since they have not been paying dues. John Proctor wants confirmation regarding what to do about the IWCC from our association by 1/27/2020. Terry Lee feels we need to draft our own letter. Chase questioned what the timeline is? John Proctor is asking if he can move forward with the letter. Kali will write a letter on our behalf and send it out for the board to review prior to sending to Director Gould. Kali referenced Alan's handout on the Noxious Weed Advisory Committee. It was suggested when we send the letter to the director be specific what duties this committee will fulfill and remember it's an advisory committee only. Make useful suggestions. Discussion of what the purpose of the past committee was an example was suggestions regarding changes to the noxious weed list. This committee could suggest possible temporary listings and things such as that. Please state who the players should be.

ISDA Communication-Jeremey Varley, ISDA reported at this time there is nothing with rulemaking for now. There is rumblings that Russian olive could come up once again. He stressed how important the rulemaking process is. Jeremey said he relies on Lloyd Knight a great deal when it comes to rulemaking as he is very proficient in rule. Other requests that died last year included tree of heaven, warts and of course Russian olive. He made reference to the red tape reduction of the governor's and the combined rule that took place. Regarding Cost Share for 2020-all applications are in and they are currently working on the 2019 closeouts. He will have the sign-up sheet for Cost Share Review interview ready for us tomorrow. The funding is fairly close to what was requested. They are looking at forest service grants for 2021. He touched on sage grouse funding and discussion of flowering rush funding. They are anticipating \$1.3 million for cost share. The Invasive Species meeting will be this Friday at ISDA from 9-2, please RSVP if you plan to attend as they are trying to have adequate food for lunch.

LIA Update- Dave Wenk stated if you commit to the program it is great but you cannot miss one session. He highly recommends it. They are looking at doing two classes per year adding a session that will be held May, June & July. Dave stated he budgeted travel funding for this in his county budget as you are responsible for your own travel. Dave wishes to thank the association for their sponsorship of his tuition.

Idaho Weed Awareness Campaign-

1. This site is a general resource for teachers and students but when you click on Center for Invasive Plant Management it goes to weedcenter.org which is a marijuana website.

It was discussed the money we contribute goes to commercials, PSA's, newspaper article. Terry Lee feels Roger Batt has taken a cut.

2. National Invasive Species Information Center-not available
3. K-12 Teaching Resources goes to weedcenter.org

Chase Youngdahl moved to freeze 2020 IWAC funding until issues of concern are addressed. Terry Ruby second, motion carries. Kali will address these issues with Roger. She will write this up for him. It was also suggested that if Roger wishes to have our support he should physically attend our meeting, not just call in.

Annual Meeting Updates-Kali reported that Michael Ottley, Cassia County is unable to attend and Dave Wenk reported that Jasmine Reimers from Montana will be calling in due to weather in their area. It was asked if we have done anything for Lloyd Knight for preparing our beef for lunch on day #2. Kali feels it would be a nice gesture to do something to show our appreciation. The board directed Bonnie to get a \$50 gift card for Lloyd and Bonnie requested one for Denise Helsley who is taking care of all of our refreshments. The board directed her to get Denise a \$50 card.

Kali explained that in our handbook it states you will receive a hat???? With your paid dues. She would like us to present association members with a mug, hat, t-shirt or something. The board felt this was a good idea, Kali will pursue this for next year.

New Business-

Appoint Secretary/Treasurer-Motion by Chase Youngdahl that Bonnie Davis continue as the secretary/treasurer, second by Terry Ruby. Motion carries.

Schedule Executive Board Meetings-Spring meeting-April 8th at Salmon, Summer Region 1 will host. July 24-25th at Garfield Bay county campground per Chase Youngdahl. He will request they block off the 8 spots in the Lower Loop. Full hookups ARE NOT available. They do have potable water and vault toilets. There are no sewer hookups. It is on Lake Pend Oreille, Sagle, Idaho. Chase estimates a daily fee per space of \$10-15. More info to follow. Fall meeting at Bonners Ferry, October 7th.

IAWCS Policies-Bonnie provided copies of the current policies which include the suggested changes in green. Section IV. Weed Superintendent Recognition for Years of Service. 25 years-framed certificate and a \$25 gift card. Suggested change: \$25 check. 30 years-framed certificate and a \$50 gift card. Suggested change: \$50 check. Addition: 35 years-framed certificate, and a \$100 check. Bonnie explained she is suggesting check due to the activation fee of \$4.95 per card. She is suggesting that 35 years and the suggested award associated with it. On occasion a weed superintendent has a 35th employment anniversary and this is to be commended and recognized by our association. It was suggested at 5 years rather than a certificate it would be appropriate to do a plaque. Section V. A. current: Winter-in conjunction with IWCA be changed to read INWC. Bonnie requested the board consider these changes, we will review and discuss again at our spring meeting and she would like to see changes adopted at that time.

LIA Discuss Funding-Alan Martinson was not able to be with us this morning due to weather but would like to discuss funding assistance for travel. Some counties do not have a travel budget. These funds if made available would be flexible for the individual(s) attending LIA. It was pointed out there are scholarships available through the LIA Foundation to assist with expenses such as motel costs. This item will be placed on the spring agenda.

Our thanks to Denise for taking care of our needs this morning and to Jeremy for hosting our meeting. Chairman Sherrill adjourned meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Bonnie Davis