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FALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES NEZ PERCE BIO CENTER, LAPWAI, IDAHO October 13, 2016 9:00 a.m. PST

In Attendance

Chair: Bryce Fowler

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Region 1: Bill Hargrave

Region 3: Steve Anderson

Region 5: David Herter

Webmaster: Jeremey Varley

Vice Chair: Terry Lee

Past Chair: Alan Martinson

Region 2: Connie Jensen-Blyth

Region 4: Kali Sherrill

Region 6: Jeffrey Pettingill

Others Attending:- Carol Young, Region 1 alternate-Shoshone County, Brad Bluemer, Bonner County, Mitch Whitmill-Jefferson County, Sharayh Krantz-Lemhi County.

Meeting called to order at 9:07 a.m. (PST) by Terry Lee, Vice Chair.

Reports

Regarding Agenda: Motion by Alan Martinson to approve agenda, second Bill Hargrave. Motion carries unanimous.

Regarding Minutes Spring Meeting, Salmon, Idaho: Motion by Alan Martinson to accept the minutes of the spring meeting 4/6-16 as written. Seconded by David Herter, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Bonnie presented the final financial report dated for 2016 dated 9/30/16: checkbook balance is \$7,841.28. Total expenditures for fiscal year 2016 total \$3,435.03. Remaining budget balance \$2,814.97. Motion was made by Kali Sherrill to accept the financial report as presented. Seconded by David Herter. Motion carries unanimous.

IWCA Report- Terry and Alan reported the speakers for the weed conference have been arranged. There was no weed summit this year. John Proctor, USFS (new Warren Ririe) spoke at their last meeting. They are building a pool of legumes for pollinators. There is a Presidential Mandate to restore a certain amount of acres each year by federal agencies.

IWCC Report: Alan represents the IWCA board on this committee. He noted people that need to be sitting at this table are not. They are working on how to get the players back to the table. For instance the University of Idaho does not have a representative as Rich Garber retired. They are working on the Invasive Species Strategic Plan and ISDA has taken the lead on this. They are doing the rewrite as IWCC was not able to. It was asked who sits on this committee: Alan for IWCA, Bryce for IAWCS but he has not been attending, BLM, and other agencies. Bonnie presented the board with a bill from the IWCC for annual dues in the amount of \$650. She stated there is a \$50 increase per association this year. Motion was made by Kali Sherrill to continue as a member of IWCC and accept the increase. Second by Bill Hargrave, motion carries. Connie asked how we know our group is being represented here, she is concerned we aren't being represented. It is the chairman's job to attend and represent our organization.

We will be deviating from the agenda as Roger Batt will be calling in to discuss IWAC.

Old Business

Winter Executive Board Meeting-The board discussed the Martin Luther King holiday and how that changes our normal schedule for the week of the weed conference. IWCA representatives stated the conference had to be held that week in order to get the facility. Motion was made by Kali Sherrill to hold the Executive Board meeting Tuesday, January 17th from 2:30-5:00 pm. Second by Alan Martinson, motion carries. Bonnie was directed to see if the ISDA conference room is available and the second choice would be Ada County Weed. The annual meeting was discussed and possible solutions to the scheduling. The board was very concerned with travel costs if our meetings were held at a different time. Motion was made by Kali Sherrill to have the annual meeting for one day on Friday, January 20, 2017. Seconded by Alan Martinson, motion carries.

Vice Chair, Terry Lee turned the meeting over to Chairman Fowler who joined the meeting late.

Realtor's Association- Bill reported our booth at the convention in Coeur d'Alene went well. It was very organized and the realtors were very gracious people. Chase Youngdahl-Bonner County, Alan and Bill manned the booth. Bill stated they made few contacts due to the conference schedule. The way it is organized there is no time to interact with the vendors. Alan stated he did not feel it was worth our time. Maybe look at their schedule in the future before we commit to a booth space. Jeffrey stated when it was held in Sun Valley realtor's had more time to visit the vendor's, and ask questions. There were 225 people attending and Roger did a flyer for us that went in all the packets.

Carol Young, Shoshone County joined the meeting.

Carol stated she likes the newsletter articles that are going into the realtor's newsletter. Jeffrey asked for help writing these articles as we do this in an effort to educate. Jeffrey thanked everyone for their participation.

Website/Facebook-Jeremey reported he has redone the superintendent list on the website so that it is a PDF and printable by region. He did this prior to the realtor meeting. The website will be coming up for renewal for a three year term. (we will discuss this fee further during the 2017 budget). He has added an education tab where you can share PowerPoint presentations and other electronic documents. Send Jeremey anything you might want added. Facebook-he stated Bonnie has been keeping this updated.

Scotch Broom Update-Brad stated he is very worried about this matter moving forward. Lloyd Knight asked Brad back in July if he would testify during the legislative session in January to answer questions since there was no representation at the public hearing this summer. Brad stated all the area representatives from Region 1 support this change. Matt is the one that suggested all brooms including hybrids be included which is all four genus and 1100 hybrids. Brad feels ISDA should take responsibility to get the weed list changed, it should not be up to the county weed superintendents to do all the work. Brad thanked Alan for his letter of support to Brian Oakey. He feels ISDA would be more supportive if we would act as an association and then write a letter of support from your county as well. Jeffrey thought he saw something about additional legislative work on this. Bill stated according to the calendar it's in committee at Agricultural Affairs. Brad will follow through with this even though he is retiring in 8 days. There are 7 letters of support on ISDA's website, current rulemaking, then scroll down to noxious weeds. Jeremey feels it's never too late to send support letters to legislators. Alan made reference to the prohibited plant list on the invasive species side, they aren't necessarily noxious weeds a lot of these plants are not even in the United States (not on the noxious weed list) will not be on the EDRR list. Legislative Directories were briefly discussed. If there is still a need to purchase these since they are available electronically. Consensus of the board was to continue purchasing some for our members to be distributed at the annual meeting. You can get it free from Idaho.gov website in PDF. Brad agreed to send Connie some information regarding this request to add Scotch Broom so that she may familiarize herself. Carol Young reported her county commissioners passed a county weed ordinance which is good news so they can treat the scotch broom which showed up at the EPA Super Fund Site. It was being brought in with dirt. The board asked to be kept up to date on the progress of this.

Property Access Problems-Terry Lee reported he did a survey which a few responded to and the only one that seems to be experiencing these problems at this time is Ada County. The group feels this is an Ada County and Planning and Zoning issue.

Break-

Bryce left the meeting Terry resumed leadership of the meeting.

IWAC-Roger Batt joined the meeting via conference call. He stated the campaign funding has increased 20% this year with support from our federal partners, Nez Perce Bio Center, county contributions, Bayer, and Dow. He is willing to provide material for events and Jeffrey shared some of those. IWCA purchased Idaho Noxious Weed Books for IWAC this year and over 1,000 have been sent out so far. He stated this is a non-profit entity. They focused on noxious and invasive weed awareness week which is the week prior to Memorial Day. There have been 30,000 hits to the website this month alone. They have had to revamp the website due to obsolete technology. Brad Ellsberg did this for them. They now have a Facebook page which several thousand are following. Social media is very inexpensive. One boost is \$10 and provides an additional 4-6,000 viewers. This fall they worked with Hunter Education and the NWWFF. The final CWMA DVD will hopefully be available by the weed conference. Roger will present this at our annual meeting and will give one to each county. They developed ads for the Fish and Game regulations and are working on new ads for 2017. He pointed out this is a 14 year relationship. He is working with Parks and Rec for curriculum for next year. Roger stated they do need to have an IWAC advisory board meeting. Jeffrey asked about the Bob Noxious state program. He has only heard bad and said pages on the website are not working. Roger asked for details, what we would like him to do for us maybe some publications, weeds of concern, Facebook and social media. Please let him know. Bryce thanked Roger for calling in today.

Bryce resumed leadership of the meeting.

IAWCS Policy Updates-Alan Martinson presented some suggested policy changes. #9 rolls this all into one, it has not been used in several years. #13 states correspondence on behalf of IAWCS will be reviewed by the executive board before it's sent out. Bryce asked about time sensitive documents? Discussion followed documents should be reviewed by the elected chair, vice chair and secretary (officers rather than the entire executive board). Alan stated as a board member you take on that responsibility, he feels correspondence being sent out might not be representative of all our members. Discussion followed of reasoning for an immediate response. Jeremy stated he feels this is a good move, he feels officer's responding is not a good response. Motion was made by Jeffrey Pettingill to accept the policy updates as written, second by Alan Martinson. Motion carries.

New Business

FY 2017 Budget-Bonnie presented a draft budget for the new fiscal year it also showed the actual 2016 expenses to help the board with planning. Alan stated the chairman's travel line item has not been used since he was the chair. He suggested they incorporate Chairman's Travel line item (\$500) and Other Travel/Conferences line item (\$750) reducing the new total to \$1,000. Bonnie inserted the new line items IWAC and Lobbyist line items at \$1,025 each per the increase in 2017 dues passed at the 2016 annual meeting by the entire membership. Motion was made by Alan Martinson to approve the 2017 Budget as corrected. Second by Kali Sherrill, motion carries.

Weed Superintendent of the Year Award-Kali stated the list IWCA has for the Weed Hall of Fame is very small. They asked that Bonnie send in the last 3 recipients that were Weed Sup of the Year. Bonnie stated she had forwarded this information to the IWCA but will do so again. It must be submitted before the end of October (Jim Martell, Kali Sherrill and Terry Lee). Kali encouraged everyone to submit names of those who have done outstanding work in weed control. December 1st is the deadline for 2016 Weed Sup of the Year nominations. Please submit these to Bonnie and she will forward to the committee. Remember you must write a summary why your nominee should be selected.

Elections 2017-A new vice chair will be elected at our upcoming annual meeting. Jeremy Varley stated he is interested. Alan asked those that are interested to share with the board why they would like to be selected? Jeremy stated he would like to see us move forward in a progressive manner and is anticipating

a lot of upcoming changes in the future. He feels he has enough years under his belt to handle this responsibility. Bonnie asked if he felt he could be unbiased as the vice chair? Jeremy stated in two years we will have a new governor and possibly a new ISDA Director. Alan stated we need to have nominations due by December 1st. David Herter expressed interest in serving as well. Who will send this out? Bryce will send out the announcement. Alan also stated that Rick Waitley has no plans to retire at this time.

Cost Share Review Committee-Mitch Whitmill will go off and this will be Chip Haight's 3rd year representing us. We need to find a replacement for Mitch. The process was explained: 2 days are spent in Boise where you rank and have the opportunity to meet or conference call with the CWMA's. The committee's recommendations are then forwarded to the ISDA and they make the final cuts. Bill Hargrave and David Herter are both interested in serving. Bill will replace Mitch and David will be our alternate.

Alan Martinson made a special presentation to soon to be retiring, Brad Bluemer.

IAC Presentation-Terry Lee incoming chair will make this presentation for the IAWCS at the IAC winter meeting.

Lunch Break-a short break was taken for the group to eat. Thank you Connie for taking care of lunch and to Alan for providing the refreshments for the day.

Annual Meeting Planning-The board reviewed the evaluations from 2016. Presentations: Jim McNall-Liability & Personnel, Organics, NPDES Update, Joey & Paul-Biological, Roger Batt-IWAC, Adam-ISDA, Meet the New Weed Sups. Bonnie discussed the trouble she has had receiving the \$500 weed sup award support from Bayer. Washington County does not accept credit cards and this has made payment very difficult. Bryce stated next year he could run it through his county as they take credit cards. Jeffrey will contact Kent Pittard at Bayer about sponsoring this again, Bryce will contact Trent Brusseau at Dow regarding sponsoring lunch and David Herter and Region 5 will take care of all the meeting refreshments.

ISDA Update-Bryce reported last week he spoke with Stephen Cox and Tom Woolf and expressed to them we aren't very happy with the Bob Noxious campaign. They asked what we would like to see ISDA produce. It was noted that Bethany Muffley is the administrative assistance for this campaign. They are willing to create materials for our use.

Bryce explained that when he and Terry met with the ISDA on behalf of our organization it was Pam, Matt, Lloyd and Celia quickly dismissed herself. Terry will see that these annual meetings continue with the director.

Jeffrey stated that Amy Ferriter has sent a message about a meeting March 13-16 in Coeur d'Alene and they would like someone from our group to do a 15 minute presentation. Paper titles are needed by 12/1/16, abstracts are due by 2/10/17 and PowerPoints must be submitted by 3/3/17. Support will be needed for vending and presenting. Connie agreed to do a poster on behalf of our organization please send her photos via email. Those volunteering to assist include: Bill Hargrave, Bryce Fowler, Chase Youngdahl (he was volunteered), Carol Young and David Herter. Motion was made by Jeffrey for the association to do a booth at the conference in Coeur d'Alene, second by Bill Hargrave. Motion carries unanimous. Motion was made by Alan Martinson to adjourn, seconded by Brad Gamett. Motion carries unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Bryce shared that 2-3 months ago a group of legislators formed a working group of the Ag Committee which is made up of senators and representatives, the Legislative Invasive Species Working Group. They were reviewing the last cycle JFAC funded for the Invasive Species Program. This first meeting was an open meeting broadcast that anyone can listen to. Those presenting included: Lloyd Knight, Tom Woolf and Stephen Phillips -Western Marine Fisheries and numerous others. Bryce stated they did not attend this to present but to observe. The boards concerns include that Representative Daly always needs answers and comments immediately. Bryce stated when he sent out the questions asked by Daly he received 8 responses, 5 of which were included in the letter Bryce wrote. Daly asked the group to keep quiet about all of this. When Celia found out what had occurred and the legislative committee presented ISDA with a list of questions she was furious. She stated it literally shut down her office. It was brought to their attention the program is stagnate. This work group was formed after the end of the last legislative session. The Idaho Invasive Species Advisory Board has not met in 3-4 years. The last two years the legislators have

become very concerned. This year there will be \$4 million sitting in the fund for 2016. The invasive species sticker alone will generate \$1.3 million this year. The questions they are asking include: what is the money being spent on? Check stations, additional employees, ISDA is responsible for passing this money through. Here say is they have not spent \$2 million yet this year. Next year there is an additional \$900,000 for weeds. The working group wants bigger programs. Invasive Species incorporates all the programs additional aquatic funds remaining go into the cost share budget. Jeffrey and Mitch stated they have been to both meetings that were held. Two of the weed supps presented in Boise but had only went to observe. The Utah Invasive Species Program Coordinator was there. The committee asked Amy Ferriter what she felt the program should look like. The state has also been turning money away from US Fish and Wildlife. Senator Rice put this committee together and Representative Erpelding is very upset about what's going on at ISDA. This committee wants some recommendations prepared for the next legislative cycle. Terry stated if we have all of these concerns they should have been brought up at our previous meetings with the director. It was suggested we stress that our chair and vice chair wish to meet with Celia not Pam and Lloyd. Jeffrey touched on the questions that Representative Tom Daly sent to Celia. Connie pointed out her comments were not represented and was not a representation of all the comments made. Brief discussion of where the invasive species funds would go if not to ISDA to administer. Jeffrey pointed out that the legislators think that Roger Batt is our lobbyist, not Rick Waitley. He feels Rick is doing what's best for Food Producers and groups he represents rather than for our group. Representative Daly feels our affiliation with Rick Waitley could hurt us. Jeffrey noted he is planning to resign as the Region 4 Representative on the IWCA board. Bryce stated he is resigning as the incoming vice chair for IWCA. Jeremy and Brad Gamett were discussed for Jeffrey's position. There is 2 years left of Jeffrey's term. Rick Waitley is the Executive Director for IWCA and serves as the lobbyist. Last year Franklin County had boat inspectors on launches, this year ISDA would not fund that. These are heavily fished reservoirs. There is invasive species within 100 miles of this waterway. Irrigation companies shut waterways down for recreation no ballast boats and all reservoirs in this area are owned by irrigation districts. Brad Bluemer stated he is retiring very soon and does plan to send Celia a letter addressing his concerns. Many felt the letter to Representative Daly from our chairman made us look really bad. Kali noted we have prevented this from happening in the future with the new policy changes. Celia was furious when she received the questions from Daly, she commented this completely shut her office down addressing the committee's concerns. The questions must be answered by next Monday, 10/10/16 as that's the next committee meeting at the Capitol building in Boise.

Alan asked that Bonnie send a thank you to Paul and the bio center for hosting our meeting. Motion by Connie to do so, second by Alan. Motion carries.

Motion to adjourn by David Herter, second by Connie Jensen-Blyth. Motion carries, meeting adjourned at 3.42 PST.