

WASHINGTON STATE LAKE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

Board of Director's Meeting

March 16, 2009

King Street Center, Seattle, Washington

ATTENDEES:

Present: Beth Cullen, Norm Dion, Rebecca Dugopolski, Jonathon Frodge, Steve Kalenius and via telephone-BiJay Adams, Tom Brattebo, Neil Harrington, Shannon Brattebo, Dustin Hinson, Jacob McCann, Joe Ravet.

Absent: Chris Burke, Kelly McLain, John Wallis, and Frank Wilhelm

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jonathon Frodge called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM, at King County Center in Seattle, WA

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETINGS MINUTES:

It was moved by Dustin Hinson, seconded by Jacob McCann, and passed to approve the minutes of January 12 with no corrections.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Rebecca said that we received several dues, which are reflected on the report. Rebecca paid the NALMS affiliate dues as well as the PO Box fees for 6 months. We also paid out \$1000 for lobbying. Our webpage is paid for another 2 years. Rebecca received some advertising money, 2 checks, but was not included on this report. She will figure out a way to put it on the report and make sure they are reflected in total balance. Jonathan will call Terry McNabb to see about paying advertising fees which he is late on.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Neil would like to talk about meeting date. BiJay would like to talk about NALMS 2011.

Committee Updates

Publications: Beth Cullen*, Norm Dion

Beth said the issue of Waterline was a bit delayed. It was a thick issue, heavy on the legislative actions. For June, she is soliciting articles. Beth needs to have draft conference schedule, which includes sessions and registration by May 1st. Jacob will work directly with Kevin. Beth asked if there were any ideas for lake focus? Rob Zisette is on the hook for an article. The conference should be the big thing for June.

Scholarships: Frank Wilhelm*, Tom Brattebo, Neil Harrington, Joe Ravet

Neil has not spoken to Frank about scholarships. Tom has not spoken to Frank either.

Membership: Norm Dion*, Chris Burke, Dustin Hinson, Steve Kalenius, John Wallis, and Joe Ravet

Norm said the membership committee is ready to send out notices about WALPA membership. Norm's needs the discounted conference rate so that they can send out a sign up sheet, also to be in Waterline. Norm said the webpage needs to be changed/updated. Let folks know about our 2 to 3 major accomplishments: on-going projects, legislative work, scholarships.

Jonathan is going to talk to Mike Brett about getting his presentation on WALPA. Bijay said there were 2 presentations, and he has one that is more focused on pictures of lakes. Norm said we should be able to download the presentations off the website and would like to send out letters ASAP.

Public Policy and Legislative: Beth Cullen*, Jonathan Frodge, Rebecca Dugopolski, Chris Burke, Steve Kalenius, and Joe Ravet.

SB 5412 passed in the Senate. Slated to be heard in the house on the 19th. Eide has been strong at arming folks. Encourage everybody to write legislators and house members. Also to write the governor. This bill assumes no growth in the freshwater algae bill. However the program is almost at 100% because of the increase in demand. It basically caps the program for edible native seaweed impacting a few hundred homes.

SB 5486 we did absolutely nothing and its cruising. Second readings in the Rules Committee. Added recreation boater and herbicide application into committee. Did add fiscal bump if money doesn't get set aside from the general fund. So no money its not going through. But it keeps the issue in front of legislators and could turn into a bargaining chip.

The P lawn fertilizer bill is dead. Struck down in the ways and means committee. Needs some re-working. Try again next year.

King County lawn fertilizer—Patterson wants to pass ordinance in KC banning fertilizer with P. Developed ordinance with WSU extension group. This eliminated the need for the DOE fiscal note on determining standards. It's a very polite ordinance, very education based. Need partnership and volunteers from WALPA. No council ill and no push back. Looks good. Only for unincorporated areas. Beth is applying for grants for WALPA and King County to use for education.

Elections: Kelly McClain, Jonathan Frodge

Nothing.

By-Laws: Shannon Brattebo*, Jonathan Frodge

Membership bylaws need to be amended so that the membership year ends March 31st instead of at the time of the conference. Shannon will send out bylaw amendment by email. Beth will call those folks that we don't have emails for.

Conference Planning: Jacob McCann*, Dustin Hinson, BiJay Adams, John Wallis, and Tom Brattebo

Jacob will be contacting committee next week once he has established a theme. Beth asked if Jacob had the costs of registration worked out. It has been a steady rate for some years because overall conference costs have been low. Rebecca asked if we should be expecting less participants with the down economy. Beth replied that we may have issues with local government. Our main concern is getting the Westside contingency. Need to make sure we get state people as session chairs so they can come.

Jacob will play with the numbers in the spreadsheet and determine registration fees based on number of attending. Norm asked if we are going to subtract our the membership dues? Possibly have two different rates, one for members and one for non-members. Jacob to decide when early bird registration is. The majority of registration comes in the 2 weeks prior to the conference. The letter for ecology sponsorship needs to come from Jonathan. Jonathan is also going to ask DNR for funds.

Website: BiJay Adams

BiJay says everything is up to date. Need bio and photo from Jonathan. Need photos from Kelly, Chris, Neil, and Steve. Need to update photo contest winners. BiJay will check with Trisha at DOE about lake atlas.

CLOSING/DISCUSSION:

Shannon talked about recent press release WALPA put out. Also the articles in the Journal of Business. Shannon had interview with AP reporter. Ideas were kicked around about doing lake friendly stickers for grocery stores or a tri-fold. WALPA willing to kick in money. A promo of samples to communities would be an endorsement. Limit to 5; get together and sent out to membership to see where detergent works. Gels are better for septic systems because powders bind together and then need cleanouts. Beth was going to get information.

NALMS 2011

BiJay got written acceptance that the symposium will be held in Spokane in 2011. Host committee of about 25 people. BiJay is hoping that WALPA will be involved. Need to get facilities RFP and plan out. BiJay received planning binder and is working with Spokane CVB. BiJay will call a meeting of the local host committee.

Question was brought up about whether we are going to have a WALPA conference the year of NALMS since both are in the fall. Jonathan suggested having a business meeting attached to NALMS. And getting a cut from NALMS on attendance because we'll be missing our major fundraiser of the year. BiJay will talk with Harry G. Beth asked whether we could attach a one day WALPA conference onto NALMS. Jonathan said that's what they did before. The decision was made not to include Oregon.

Meeting Date

Neil brought up the discussion of the meeting night. He has a Monday evening conflict. Asked whether we could move it to Tuesday or Wednesday? Decided that if we stick to the 3rd Tuesday we should be fine. Jonathan will send out email to entire board.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 PM. Adjournment was moved by Beth Cullen and seconded by Tom Brattebo.

Next meeting will be held either May 19th (if we switch to Tuesday) or May 18th. Jonathan will send out email.