

WASHINGTON STATE LAKE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

Board of Director's Meeting

May 20th, 2008

Seattle, Washington

ATTENDEES:

Present: Beth Cullen, Joe Ravet, Arline Fullerton, Norm Dion, Jean Jacoby, Jonathan Frodge, Kelly McLain, and via telephone -- BiJay Adams, Dave Christiansen, Ben Scofield, Shannon Brattebo

Absent: Karl Mueller, Gene Williams, Jacob McCann, and Beth Cocchiarella

CALL TO ORDER:

President Beth Cullen called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. at King County Offices, Seattle, Washington.

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETINGS MINUTES:

There was one change to the March 2008 minutes; spelling correction in heading of "Approval of Last Meetings Minutes". It was moved by Kelly McLain, seconded by BiJay Adams, and passed to approve the minutes of March 11th with the above mentioned correction.

TREASURERS REPORT:

President Beth Cullen discussed the recent expenditures of the Treasurers Report. It was moved by Jean Jacoby, seconded by Kelly McLain, and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to discuss and Beth Cullen suggested the board move right into new business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dave Christensen—off to bigger and better things...

Dave Christensen will be leaving the WALPA board and moving to MA in August. Dave suggested Frank Wilham from the University of Idaho to be considered as his replacement. Frank attended the 2007 conference both WALPA and NALMS. Dave is going to make initial contact with Frank and let Beth know if he will accept a position on the board. The WALPA board wished Dave the best of luck in his new job and location and thanked him for his service.

Committee Updates

- Publications: BiJay said that the June newsletter is ready to go and he is currently working on the September issue of Waterline. Kathy Hamel wrote an

article for the June issue and has agreed to follow up in the September issue on the dangers of cyanobacteria. September will include the final conference program, the draft is included in the June issue. BiJay discussed gaps in the September newsletter and asked for nominations for the WALPA profile article. Arline suggested writing an article about the Mason Lake Group and all of the creative and innovative solutions they have developed to manage their lake. Beth Cullen asked for BiJay to put in an announcement stating that Kelly McLain will not be the WALPA president next year and to introduce Jonathan Frodge as next year's president. Jonathan to provide BiJay with a brief bio.

- **Scholarships:** Ben reported that several applications came in after the March meeting and was most likely due to the efforts put in by board members to get the word out. There were a total of 13 applicants this year and the scholarship committee was able to come to a consensus on 2 clear winners. Eric Larson won the Nancy Weller scholarship and Caroline Lambert won the second place scholarship. Ben asked the board for advice concerning a past winner reapplying for the scholarship. There was discussion on whether past winners should be allowed to re-apply if: 1) they were applying for funds for a different degree, 2) applying for funds for a totally different project, 3) applying for funds for the same project and degree. The board decided that it would be up to the scholarship committee to determine if a past winner would be awarded another scholarship based on quality of project and degree of applicants. Ben is going to revise the scholarship application to explain that preference will be given to those applicants who have not been awarded a scholarship before but that everyone qualified is encouraged to apply.
- **Membership:** Arline is no longer the membership chair and Norm is taking her place. At this time there are no updates. The committee needs to get together and see what needs to be done. There was discussion on when memberships were to expire. Shannon will add a column to the spreadsheet that says when members joined. All memberships will expire at the following year's conference.
- **Public Policy and Legislative:** Jonathan suggested that folks considered becoming their precinct committee officer. Jonathan reported that when he tried to talk to Ed Murry he was given more attention when he told Murry of his position as precinct committee officer. It was discussed that bills 6228 and 6229 were well received but that with the short legislative session there just wasn't enough time to get them out of committee. Discussion took place on how there needs to be a more concentrated effort on education with DOE to various groups and organizations concerning the P-fertilizer ban. Many groups were unaware that they would not be impacted. Suggestion was made to work with ID and OR to introduce the same legislation in all 3 states at the same time, would be more powerful. Beth suggested having a Lakes Day in Olympia during the next legislative session. For the lake strategy bill, it was discussed that WALPA will need to figure out a way to pay for the study without help from DOE. WALPA needs to figure out a funding mechanism and not rely on any money from DOE.

- Elections: Email Karl any nominations for the board by the end of June. Nomination bios will be in September issue of Waterline. BiJay expressed interest in remaining on the board as the alternate board member so he could remain connected and continue the website management.

Conference Planning:

Kelly McLain reported that the conference planning is moving right along. She ran down a list of sessions and reported that the afternoon session on the second day will be focused on algae. The agenda seems to be well-balanced between science and non-science topics. All materials were sent to exhibitors and Kelly has verbal commitment from some. Kelly reported that she is still trying to determine who will be the plenary and lunch speakers. Maggie Bell McKinnon was suggested as a possible lunch speaker on the National Lake Survey. Several suggestions were made for the plenary speaker, including the WA Governor, who would be first choice.

Special Projects: Website/Lake Atlas:

BiJay reported that the website is being updated with new information regularly. BiJay still needed pictures from some board members.

CLOSING/DISCUSSION:

Reminder about NALMS conference in Lake Louise this year. Jean Jacoby reported on the NALMS Chicago conference and stressed that someone from the WALPA board should have been there. Jean commented that it was a great conference.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

BiJay moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm, Kelly seconded. Next meeting will be July 14th, at 6:00pm at King County.