

WASHINGTON STATE LAKE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

Board of Director's Meeting

January 12, 2009

King Street Center, Seattle, Washington

ATTENDEES:

Present: Beth Cullen, Norm Dion, Rebecca Dugopolski, Jonathon Frodge, Steve Kalenius and via telephone-BiJay Adams, Shannon Brattebo, Chris Burke, Dustin Hinson, Jacob McCann, Kelly McLain, Joe Ravet, John Wallis and Frank Wilhelm.

Absent: Tom Brattebo, Neil Harrington

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 Frank Wilhelm, seconded by Chris Burke, and passed to approve the minutes of November 17th with one minor correction. The correction is to add the word "past" in front of "president" under the Call to Order in the minutes of November 17th 2008.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Rebecca said that she has paid the insurance for January as well as the non-profit status. She said our current balance is looking really good. She has been checking into interest rates at various banking institutions for moving some of the WALPA funds into an interest-bearing savings account. Bank of America interests were low, 0.2%, a money market account with interest of 1.5%. Rebecca said the best option seems to be ING with an interest rate of 2.5%. Beth Cullen suggested keeping at least one years worth of expenses in the checking account. BiJay suggested another option of just going with a different bank than Bank of America, staying with a large institution. Jonathan questioned whether WALPA could do a personal account. Rebecca is going to research more options and ask for a decision via email.

It was moved by Beth Cullen, seconded by Kelly McLain, and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Updates

Publications: Beth Cullen*, Norm Dion

Beth Cullen ask for more scientific articles for Waterline. In the next issue we'll introduce our new lobbyist. Jean Jacoby will do a write-up about NALMS membership. Also articles from Rob Zisette and Tom Brattebo. Jacob will add a small blip about upcoming conference to the next issue. Jonathan will write about lawn fertilizer P restriction. Beth will send reminder email to folks for material. Waterline articles due Feb. 1st out by March 1st. Kevin needs photos for new WALPA board by January 13th. Norm will also write about a ½ page on memberships. Question was brought up on whether we should stop printing and go solely to online. Discussion was brought up that folks still enjoy the paper copy so for now we are going to keep printing.

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

Joe updated some contacts and plans to send out next week. Will send update to BiJay.

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

The membership committee has decided to change WALPA membership so that attendance at the conference is not required. They want to keep dues low and at the time of membership sign up offer an option to pre-pay for the conference at a discounted rate.

Membership at WALPA will begin on April 1st (need to amend ByLaws). Norm wondered about voting rights and whether all members should have voting rights. They will be a membership drive asking members to please renew and info on the new polices. The question was asked about 2008 conference members and it was decided that their membership would not expire until April 2010.

Norm asked about the option of paying for a membership online. Beth responded in that is very expensive. Perhaps team with NALMS so that folks can register with WALPA through the NALMS website. Goal will be to send out renewal reminders 2-3 weeks before April 1st by email. Norm is going to look at current WALPA membership flyer and decide if it needs rehab.

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

Beth discussed HB 1074 which deals with aquatic week work. It's a citizen driven bill and will impact how citizens are notify of herbicide applications, by certified mail. Joe Daniels wasn't sure of how much support there would be. WALPA is neutral on

the bill. Kelly said DOE will come out negatively towards the bill due to it being practically impossible.

Update on the Phosphorus Ban: Jonathan asked folks to review his white paper and make comments in track changes. Discussion arose on whether it should be a P ban or just a restriction. Concern that a restriction of sale would have no teeth. Beth said that people in leg are staying away from anything will \$ in it. Jacobsen is the primary on both bills. Beth was going to check with Joe about whether the language could be changed to ban of sale of P fertilizer and if so the change would be made. Then use ban of application as a bargaining chip. Rebecca reminded everyone that its not a total ban, would not ban lawn starter fertilizer. Jonathon asked if the ban includes gardens and compost. The guideline for golf courses was already eliminated from the bill. Discussion about compost and how the amount of nutrients is tightly bound and not as readily available as in lawn fertilizer.

Lake Management bill: Odds are very long for the integrated lake management study bill.

Beth asked if DOE would come out against the bills. Kelly responded that at best they will come out neutral but there was still some negativity. Beth spoke with assistant at King County and they will come out in support of the P restriction bill. Joe contacted Patterson at King County and Patterson asked that Beth come and talk about the P restriction. She will try and get King County to pass an ordinance for a ban in King County.

Kelly mentioned another bill that will drop that will attacked the freshwater algae program. The bill is for sea lettuce in Puget Sound. WALPA will come out against this bill.

Elections: Kelly McClain, Jonathan Frodge

Jonathan and Kelly have been asking people but haven't been too active. Beth Cullen says WALPA gets a freebie and she will stay on if legislation doesn't pass. Joe suggested some PhD students at UW Brook Miner as well as a professor at UW. Also Kelly suggested as next President Elect.

By-Laws: Shannon Brattebo*, Jonathan Frodge

Shannon to look into By-Laws on membership.

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

Conference will be September 22nd and 23rd at the DoubleTree hotel in downtown Spokane.

CLOSING/DISCUSSION:

Lakes Day in Olympia on the 28th. Everyone be there early. Joe Daniels will set up meetings with committees.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 PM. Adjournment was moved by Kelly McLain and seconded by Frank Wilhelm.

Next meeting will be held possibly on March 16th, 6:00 PM at King County.

Beth will get back to everyone on next meeting date.