

WASHINGTON STATE LAKE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
Board of Director's Meeting
March 11, 2008
Seattle, Washington

ATTENDEES:

Present: Beth Cullen, Joe Ravet, Arline Fullerton, Norm Dion, Jean Jacoby, Dave Christensen, and via telephone -- BiJay Adams, Beth Cocchiarella, Kelly McLain, and Ben Scofield

Absent: Steve Fradkin, Jon Frodge, Karl Mueller, Gene Williams, Jacob McCann, and Shannon Brattebo

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:

No changes to minutes from January 2008 Meeting. It was moved by Beth Cocchiarella, seconded by Beth Cullen, and passed to approve the minutes of January 14th.

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Kelly McLain's role on WALPA board:

In January there was a lengthy discussion on Kelly's role on the board and as an officer of WALPA. Beth Cullen moved to appoint Kelly as the 2008 conference planner, it was seconded, and approved that Kelly would serve as the 2008 conference planner and would not be considered a board member.

At this meeting, Beth Cullen discussed how DOE will allow Kelly to participate on the board, and as a board member, but cannot take part in legislative discussions/voting. Beth proposed that Steven Fradkin has been inactive and that the board consider voting him off and reinstating Kelly in his place. Beth Cocchiarella discussed how Steve did participate in the Scholarship Committee in 2007. BiJay mentioned that the Bylaws contain a section related to removing a board member. The board reviewed and discussed the Bylaws to clarify the point Beth Cullen raised. As reviewed by the board, the Bylaws indicate:

“An Officer or Director may be removed by a vote of the Board if he/she has three consecutive unexcused absences from meetings of the Board or Association. Replacements for removed Board members shall be selected by elective action of the Board.”

Beth Cocchiarella expressed that if Steven is voted off that he should be thanked for his contributions to the WALPA board and his participation on the Scholarship Committee. Beth Cocchiarella made a motion to remove Steven Fradkin, BiJay seconded, and the board passed to remove Steven Fradkin and reinstate Kelly McLain as a board member. Kelly will continue to remain the conference planner with assistance from Jon Frodge.

Legislative update:

Beth Cullen updated the board that the bills SB 6228 and SB 6229 did not make it out of committee this session. She expressed that due to the short session there was not enough time to hear all the bills. She also expressed that it was not due to the lack of support. Beth explained that our lobbyist was well worth the money and did an excellent job of representing us. She also commented that the lobbyist only charged us \$870, not the quoted price of \$900, because he wished to be a WALPA member. Beth discussed the activity in Olympia and those groups who supported and opposed the two bills. She went on to explain that WALPA will introduce bills next session and will work with Ecology on bills that they could support. Both Beth and BiJay discussed the pitfalls in both bills and where corrections could be made for next session. Beth sincerely thanked everyone for their efforts and support.

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Updates

- ByLaws: None
- Public Policy and Legislative: See above section under OLD BUSINESS
- Elections: None, except to keep in mind nominations for next year’s board and officers
- Publications: BiJay discussed the June Waterline grid and article possibilities (dangers of noxious aquatic weeds, scholarship winner progress report, Chinese Mystery snails, lake focus, and Municipal Research and Services Center article). Discussion was generated on a new section in the Waterline called “Profiles”. This section will highlight a person, persons, or lake association who shine out in lake and watershed activities. Kelly McLain expressed that the conference program should be ready for publication by June. She also pointed out that the conference sidebar was omitted from the March Waterline publication. Beth Cullen reported that our Waterline editor raised her rate to \$50.00/hr. The board accepted this rate considering the quality of the newsletter.
- Membership: Arline reported that the master lake association database was narrowed down to 1/3 due to her phone campaign and valid contacts. Arline will send the new revised database to the board when she has completed the updates. Beth Cullen suggested that the membership committee review the tri-

- fold membership brochure for the necessary corrections and updates. Beth also suggested that a review of the membership list be conducted by the committee and contact be made with the individuals who have not renewed their membership. Arline and Kelly will discuss DOE contacts for lake associations.
- Scholarship: Ben Scofield reported that no applications have been received yet. The application deadline is April 15th. Ben will send a reminder e-mail.

Conference Planning:

Kelly McLain reported that she has been working on the conference agenda; contacting session chairs, and speaker possibilities. The title of the conference is “The Science of Lakes”. Beth Cullen requested a session on legislation and that our lobbyist may give a presentation.

Special Projects: Website/Lake Atlas:

BiJay reported that the website is being updated with new information regularly. Beth Cullen asked if we could set up on-line conference registration. BiJay will research. Kelly McLain stated that we could attempt to accept registration funds via Paypal. BiJay will also research this possibility. As far as the Lake Atlas, BiJay will check with Tricia Shoblom at Ecology on the status of the project through Ecology and if they need any assistance from WALPA.

CLOSING/DISCUSSION:

Jean Jacoby discussed having a WALPA representative take advantage of the affiliates funding to send someone to the NALMS 21st Annual National Conference in Chicago on April 29-May 2. Beth Cullen commented that if someone was interested please let her and Jean know.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm. Next meeting will be May 20th, at 6:00pm at King County.