

WASHINGTON STATE LAKE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting
May 14, 2007
Bellevue, Washington

ATTENDEES:

Present: BiJay Adams, Tricia Shoblom, Isabel Ragland, Kelly McLain, Beth Cullen, Arline Fullerton, Jean Jacoby, and via telephone – Beth Cocchiarella, Peter Burgoon, Steve Fradkin, Karl Meuller, and Ray Latham.

Absent: Sally Abella, Gene Williams, Glen Rothrock, and Ben Scofield.

Call to order

President BiJay Adams called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. at the Bellevue DOE office.

Minutes

There were no changes to the minutes. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as written.

Treasurer's Report

Not many changes since last meeting. The total cost of the last newsletter is reflected in the report. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

Old Business

Committee Assignments

By-Laws

Nothing new to report.

Public Policy & Legislative

BiJay reported that both SB6017 (use of credible data to establish aquatic herbicide application permit conditions) and SB6002 (lake management districts) died. Kelly reported that the barley straw bill was passed. Barley straw can be used without applying for a NPDES permit. She also reported that three lake projects were funded through CTED (Community, Trade, and Economic Development): Loon Lake - \$350,000 pilot project – wood debris removal; Long Lake - \$300,000 project – alum treatment; Waughop Lake - \$50,000 calcium hydroxide project. Kelly will send the information on the projects to the board. There was a brief discussion on use of barley straw. There have been no projects in the US that have shown it to be an effective treatment. The barley straw here is not the same strain as the barley straw in England that has been shown to be effective.

Nominations/Elections

The vacancies include three directors, president-elect, and secretary. The potential candidates are Jacob McCann (Newman Lake, Spokane), Joe Ravet (post doc, UW?), Steve Kalenius (Aquatic Ecosystems), Norm Dion (retired USGS, Pierce County). BiJay

reported that he has also asked Glen about an Idaho replacement. Another suggested candidate is Shelly Vincent (Cocallala Lake assoc.).

There was a discussion about how to streamline the election process. It was decided to discuss this at the business lunch at the annual meeting. Jean will write up the announcement calling for candidates to be placed in the newsletter and posted on the website. July 6th will be the deadline for candidates to place their name on the ballot. The Board will review the candidates at the July board meeting. The September Waterline will announce the candidates for election.

Publications

Beth reported that Polly has completed most of the editing and has sent the newsletter to Kevin for layout. The conference information and call for candidates will be an insert into the newsletter.

Membership

The lake association list is in the process of being updated. It will be sent around to the board for a final check. The September Waterline will run an article explaining the benefits to lake associations that join WALPA. There was a suggestion to list the member lake associations on the website. There was more discussion about the membership brochure. Arline will draft two versions of a membership postcard (one for lake assoc. and one for general public) and the brochure to be sent to the board. Beth Cullen will get cost estimates for the brochure/postcard. Kelly suggested really beefing up the “what can WALPA do for you” information in the brochure.

Scholarships

Beth Cocchiarella reported that there has been one inquiry from a WWU masters student so far. The deadline is July 15th.

Washington Lake Atlas

BiJay reported that DOE is continuing to work on this project.

WALPA Website

BiJay reported that the website has been updated. If there are any suggestions pass them along to BiJay.

NALMS

Jean attended the conference. She represented WALPA at the affiliate meeting. The affiliates are establishing a council with representation from each region. They want to have an affiliate representative seat on the NALMS board, so an affiliate structure committee has formed to work on establishing the council. Jean has the slides, agenda, and presentations from the conference and can share these with others. BiJay reported that he has the email communication about the affiliate council and will forward it on to the board. The NALMS website has been updated.

Annual Conference

Beth reported that Ken Jacobsen will be speaking at the plenary session, and Bill Jarocki will speak at the Thursday lunch session. Ray Latham has recruited Eric Shoen, UW graduate student, and Pat Irle, DOE, John Gunther, and is waiting to hear from one other. He will send this information to Beth Cullen.

Beth reported that \$4250 in exhibitor sponsorships has been promised. This includes 3 - \$1000 sponsorships by Clean Lakes Inc (lunch), Hach (lunch), and DOE (plenary session). There are two break sponsors – Aquatechnex (\$750), and Aquatic Environments, Inc. (\$500) There was a discussion about lake association member discount rates. It was decided to give a discounted rate of \$100/full conference with registration prior to September 7 for lake association members whose lake association is a WALPA member. This rate would go up to \$120 for registration after September 7. Beth Cocchiarella suggested that we think about increasing the scholarship amounts offered to include two at \$750 and one at \$1000 for next year. Arline asked about the photo entries from previous years; she would like to use them to make a 20th anniversary display. She also asked about the award for the photo contest. The previous few years the contest winners have been given an Amazon gift certificate. Beth is in discussion with Rob Zisette, Gene Welch, and Mike Brett for the closing panel discussion on global climate change & lakes. Tricia suggested that Beth also include a woman from UW that she recently heard speaking on climate change. There was a suggestion to create 20th Anniversary coffee mugs to be sold at the meeting.

Closing/Discussion

- Kathy Hamel has convened a group to work on the state lakes program and they will also be looking at a phosphorus tax. Kathy will give an update on this committee at the conference.
- Kelly will bring copies of the updated lake book to the board meeting in July.
- Arline reminded the board that she has copies of the mussel poster to give out to the board. Steve Fradkin asked for a copy of the poster. There was a suggestion to give a poster to the photo contest winners.
- The board was asked if there is any person retiring that should be honored at the conference this fall.

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm. Next meeting will be July 9, 2007 at 6:00pm.