



The Idaho Association of WEED CONTROL SUPERINTENDENTS

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SUMMER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES CONFERENCE CALL DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Thursday, July 23, 2020

Chair: Kali Sherrill
Secretary/Treasurer: Bonnie Davis
Region 1: Shelby Heiderman
Region 3: Adam Schroeder
Region 5: David Herter

Vice-Chair:
Past Chair: Terry Lee
Region 2: Alan Martinson
Region 4: Mike Ottley
Region 6: Sharayh Krantz

Others Attending:

Absent & Excused: Dave Wenk, Chase Youngdahl

Chairman Sherrill called meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Mountain Time

General Business

Regarding Minutes of the Spring Meeting-ISDA, Boise, Idaho: Motion by Alan Martinson to accept the minutes of the spring meeting dated April 8, 2020 as presented, second by Michael Ottley. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Bonnie presented the current financial report for 2020. Expenses to date \$3,737.91, balance of budgeted funds \$6,862.09, current checkbook balance \$15,861.58. Bonnie reported the Weed Superintendent of the Year cash award reimbursement has been received from Fremont County, who accepts the credit card payments for us since we do not have the means to do so. Award was sponsored by Trent Brusseau-Corteva and Kent Pittard-Bayer. Motion by Michael Ottley to accept the current expenditure report as presented, second by Alan Martinson. Motion carries.

Reports

INWCA Report-Terry Lee reported they are moving forward anticipating conference will happen. Most of speakers are arranged for. Some discussion if it can't happen doing it on the internet. Their board felt it was pretty important to have some type of conference due to people needing the credits. Fees will remain the same. No one remembers what the date for cancellation date is with the conference center. They will hopefully know more after the September meeting. Alan said if anyone has ideas for speaker topics let them know. They are always struggling to fill the last few spots even if not for this year maybe the future. Thank you Terry and Alan for the comments.

General Business

LIA Nomination(s) for 2020-2021- Kali said she has heard from a couple people- Alan said he got an email from Connie this morning and her commissioners approved her attending LIA. He added the LIA Board is not sure what LIA is going to be this year. Bonnie shared her concerns if things are different (due to Covid 19) those attending will not get the full experience and will miss out on a lot.

Alan said it may be similar to when they did the summer sessions possibly 10-15 people (Alan is on the LIA Board). Kali stated Adam was looking at LIA and had initially made a request to commissioners but hasn't been back with them for an answer. Adam stated he is good with Connie attending and he would seek nomination for next year. Alan encouraged Adam to still apply especially if they don't have a full

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class. Adam would be willing to do LIA with Connie if the funding was available from both IAWCS & INWCA. Alan reminded all that our By Laws changed regarding the support from our association. It was noted if they are interested in attending this next session we need a letter from Connie requesting funding with the amount and letter of endorsement from her commissioners. Email from Connie to Alan said BCC approved her stuff to attend, we will wait for her letter. We encouraged Adam to go ahead and apply if he wants to do this during the pandemic to go for it. Alan does not know how many have applied to attend.

Cost Share Education Ask for 2021-

Kali reminded everyone of the discussion at the spring meeting and the committee that was charged with writing the “ask” to allow for a percentage of Cost Share funding go to education for the CWMA’s. Kali reached out to the committee yesterday for a report/update. Chase responded they have not got together so it will have to wait until October. Alan asked that the committee do this now as he feels this to happen now. Question was asked “do we appoint a new committee?” Alan suggested the current committee get the request to Jeremy by the 1st of September so it will get before the review committee meets this year. Kali will email the committee with this statement. Once the committee has written the request it will be sent out to our board so we can review and approve. Kali asked if all were in agreement. Yes, it was the consensus of the board this needs done.

Update on Honorariums for Guest Speakers & Association Member Item(s)-

Kali stated this was discussed at both the winter and spring board meetings. Gift for speakers may be a pen or a coffee mug etc. Dave was going to check on this, Kali reached out to him but did not receive a response. Kali checked on prices in her area. There is a \$25 set up fee and hats range from \$12-20 each. Coffee mugs are \$6 each. Alan thinks we should continue to pursue it. Mugs, pens etc. would be a nice gesture for speakers and members. Bonnie suggested mugs and could order enough extra for speakers. Mike Ottley thinks this would be good. Terry Lee moved to allow Kali to purchase honorariums for members and guest speakers, second by Alan Martinson. Motion carries.

New Business-

ISDA Negotiated Rulemaking-Kali Sherrill

Kali stated that public comment closed on July 21st. She had sent the comments/concerns she received to ISDA. Kali did not send a letter on behalf of the association because she didn’t get enough responses. She only received a few questions. She only received questions from five weed sups. One concern is are we going to have to retest or would Law and Safety be grandfathered in. Sherm said as of now they don’t anticipate needing to retest but when you open the law it could change.

Kali stated in reading emails posted online there is a huge concern with removing the 10 mph wind speed restriction. If the 10 mph restriction is removed the most restrictive labeled product you are spraying is the law. Mike Ottley and Terry Lee both commented that some labels have no wind speed listed. Food Producers were concerned with that same issue. Adam asked if there were any comments on the apprentice portion of the rulemaking process. Kali explained she had one email from a weed sup regarding supervising two people and or needing to use restricted use products. Sharayh has concerns due to larger crews. She feels her assistant should be able to work with three or four people not just limit to two. Adam feels there may be some confusion with restricted use pesticide use and general use pesticides. She feels the proposal will make things more cumbersome for her. Terry & Kali agree they will meet one more time to go through the comments with the Negotiated Rulemaking group.

INWCA Hall of Fame Nominations-Alan said if anyone has a nominee for the Hall of Fame let him know and they will move this forward. Terry Ruby and Leon Slichter nominations have moved forward. Please get them to Alan quickly.

Association Name Change-This was discussed at the spring meeting. Due to neighboring states legalizing marijuana other organizations have added noxious to their official name. It was suggested we add “Noxious” to our name. We must discuss this at two meetings and bring before the general membership at the annual meeting. Michael Ottley stated he supports this and Cassia County has added “noxious” on their website. Motion by Adam Schroeder in an effort to create consistency and have cohesion he moves we add the word noxious to the title. 2nd Michael Ottley, motion carries.

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Other Business/Announcements-

Kali shared the following information from Jeremy Varley.

****Cost Share-** thank you for your patience in regards to Cost Share. He knows fiscal is wanting to change the process regarding quarterly reports, please have patience. If we have not heard from him we will. ISDA is currently looking at two weeds to possibly temporarily list. Goatsrue has been found in Franklin county and Turkish thistle in Hells Canyon. They are considering placing both on a temporary list as EDRR for now. If more infestations are found in the 15 month period they will make a decision to move forth with adding to the noxious weed list. They are close to having information concerning the Noxious Weed Advisory Committee. Should be hearing from Celia about this pretty soon.

****Next year the rule will be open concerning the Idaho Weed Law. Pay attention and be prepared to comment and participate in the process in 2021.**

****Rule is up and open now for pesticide licensing. It was asked does Negotiated Rulemaking open entire statute or just the rule. It was stated during Negotiated Rulemaking you are able to comment on removing weeds, changing categories, etc. Adam pointed out county authorities etc. are in law.**

Alan said we should probably get that clarified. Kali will do this.

IAC Newsletter Article-Bonnie reported that Connie Jensen-Blyth phoned and inquired about an article for the Idaho Association of Counties newsletter. She has communicated with them but needs to get something written immediately. What would we like to feature? Kali thinks highlights of some CWMA projects would be great. Maybe she could write on what a CMWA is and the intent of Cooperative Weed Management Areas. Maybe start with what a CWMA and weed program is (county only) and then follow with a series of different highlights later in future issues.

****Alan asked regarding the association name change. This is part of our Articles of Association and will be discussed at two meetings. The board will vote to bring forward at the fall meeting. Then we must take the proposal before general membership meeting. We will address the name change again at our fall meeting and the board will vote to take to general membership at annual meeting.**

Respectfully submitted by Bonnie Davis