

OLA Board Meeting 18 November 2020 Minutes

Present: Dreher, Miller, Schaedel, Sobota, Wille, Larson, Pennington, Eilers, Jansen (Tammy Wood observing)

Absences: Tullos

Lara as new secretary

II. Approval of Minutes (October): Andy Schaedel approved, Sobota seconded, unanimous approval.

III. Treasurer's report: Andy has sent the monthly report- in good shape.

- There have been few new members.
- Should work on ideas for outreach funding in future once scholarship funds are sustainable.

IV. Incoming secretary: Lara will take over

V. Recap of 2020 OLA conference sessions (Theo and Dan) & plans for 2021 (4:15):

- 2020 sessions:
 - Well received and attended (50-75 attendees)
 - 2/ 3 were recorded-working on getting all the talks on the website for OLA members
 - Follow up to encourage membership
- 2021 & Future ideas for conference
 - Quarterly events online-Dan Sobota
 - Once a year-larger plenary session-Rich Miller
 - Winter 2021-early February-Toni, Rich & Steve. Have an announcement in the LakeWise letter with at least themes (2-3 sessions). Possible talks:
 - Carp management
 - Invasive species
 - Dam raising in Central OR
 - CyanoHAB policy
 - Desiree Tullos on Ross Island Lagoon
 - Other Quarterly ideas:
 - Urban lakes & community/citizen science
- 2021 CyanoHABs stakeholder meeting (Theo & Dan) will be held by OSU/Theo

VI. LakeWise December edition (4:32) We have the following articles:

- History of OLA (Andy)
- Report on DEQ Outstanding Waters designation (Andy & Rich)
- Report on conference sessions (Theo & Dan)
- Lake Chemult report (Ron)
- ->Plan for May edition- article ideas
 - Tammy's USGS career

VII. New/renewed focus for the new board (4:38)

- Developing relationships with lake shore community members/citizen science (Joe)
 - LakeWatch-simplifying and take over (Rich)

- New ideas-reaching lake shore community members via the newsletter & possibly down the road a campaign on monitoring- Rich Miller likely has the most complete information on people via LakeWatch
- Rich can provide context on costs of outreach and trainings-what might be manageable for OLA in the future?

VIII. Advocacy reports (4:54)

- CyanoHABs (Dan & Theo): Legislature update-another meeting was held on HABs-no state-wide program yet, but progress has been made. Dan-DEQ looking to ask for funds to support new staffs-lab & field monitoring as well as for wildfire issues, which are related, working towards TDMLs for HABs; Theo-OHA got more funding for HABs; OLA can stay active as a supporter for HABs
- Lake Abert (Joe, Ron, Theo, Tammy & Trish): With connection to Andy Kerr, OLA and Jeff Merkley's team is looking for other forms of protection for the lake (legislative). Ron-A researcher with grant money to study impacts of changing snowpack on terminal lakes is interested in studying Lake Abert. Oregon Natural Desert Association is involved with the Kerr/Merkley effort. Trish is working on local community engagement.
- Waldo & Crater Lake (NALMs session)- DEQ Environmental Quality Commission call on 11/19 to make final decision

IX. New business-None.