

OLA Board Meeting 17 February 2021
Minutes

Present: Dreher, Miller, Schaedel, Eilers, Jansen, Tullos, Wille, Pennington

Absences: Sobota, Larson

I. Attendance (Lara) 4:00:

II. Approval of Minutes (Lara) June 4:05: Andy Schaedel approved, Desiree Tullos seconded, unanimous approval.

III. Treasurer's report (Andy) 4:07:

- Not much in the way of expenses but, for 2021, we have taken in: \$220 for the Stakeholder Meeting; \$130 in scholarship donations; and \$355 in membership fees (mostly renewals, but few new)
- Proposal by Andy: \$1,083 from our Operations Funds to the Scholarship and Outreach Fund to help grow the endowment. These funds came from previous donations from Blue and Fairview Lake Land Trust and PGE. -unanimous approval
- Donor acknowledgements (Stephen). Scholarship recipients could do thank you notes via OLA (Tullos)

IV. Conference sessions 4:15:

- Theo: CyanoHABs Stakeholder meeting: 9-noon, Wed March 10 (\$10 reg fee for non-OLA members)
 - 55 people signed up to attend
 - Rich will send out a reminder
- Lara: Careers in Freshwater-3-4:30pm, Thurs April 8
 - 6 panelists confirmed
 - Advertising to begin by end of the month
 - Send out questions for review

V. Concept of personhood legal rights for lakes and rivers (Joe) 4:24:

- OLA could benefit from stronger ties with tribes in the state
- Lake Abert designation is an opportunity to work more closely with the tribes of the area
- Tribes have a very different approach with management (Stephen & Joe)
- Connections to tribe should be explored further by OLA

See

<https://www.npr.org/2020/08/07/899837395/kelsey-leonard-what-if-lakes-and-rivers-had-legal-rights>

VI. Scholarship (Rich) 4:45:

- Posted scholarship advertisement to various schools in Oregon and Washington
- Scholarship deadline: March 29th

VII. Advocacy status 4:48:

- Lake Abert (Committee: Trish, Ron, Theo & Joe)
 - Meeting tomorrow at 2pm with Andy Kerr, Oregon Natural Desert Association and Audubon Society
 - Senator Wyden has finalized a senate bill to add ~10,000 miles of streams and lakes to Oregon's Wild & Scenic River inventory. This is an incredible move.

- HABs (Committee: Theo, Dan & Desiree)
 - Another legislative meeting/hearing occurred with Theo representing OLA in a hearing of the House Committee on Water.
 - Interest in post-wildfire effects from legislators and other stakeholders
- Lead in fishing and hunting (Stephen)
 - Legislation is being proposed: Notice of Oregon Senate Bill 592 to ban the use of lead shot in hunting and lead sinkers in fishing in Oregon
 - Most of the effort has been on impacts on birds
 - Desiree can help with facilitation
 - Stephen can look into it more and send info to the board

VI. New business-None

Meeting Adjourned at 5:04p