

OLA Board Meeting 30 June 2021 Minutes

Present: Dreher, Sobota, Larson, Jansen, Miller, Wille, Rosenkranz (sitting in), Tullos (late)

Absences: Schaedel, Pennington

Known absences: Andy Schaedel: look over the treasurer's report he sent.

I. Attendance (Lara): 4:00

II. Approval of May Minutes (Lara): 4:05 -Theo made a motion to approve and Dan seconded.
Unanimous approval

III. Treasurer's Report (Andy):

- Operations balance: \$9,438
- Scholarship and Outreach balance: \$24,960
- Andy filed the Secretary of State report so OLA is all caught up on our filings for the year.

IV. Joe Eilers has resigned from the board because of a health issue. -> Board to send a note of support

V. Fall conference sessions: Invitation for abstracts (Rich): 4:05

- Planned dates: Oct 27, Nov 3, and Nov 12
- Rich sent off email for abstracts, deadline August 1st
 - Theo submitted and one UCB student working on the Klamath reservoirs
 - Larson is planning a session with Dorothy Hall on effects of changing snowpack on terminal lakes
- Any other ideas for sessions?
 - Urban lakes/EJ session (Dan)- issues of water quality, access
 - Reservoirs session (Desiree)
- Tribal session on Wallowa Lake, streams (Rich) with Nez Perce- presentations by tribal biologists on fish, food web issues
 - Potentially on one of the planned OLA dates
- Sessions leaders (Dan, Rich, Desiree, Ron) offer speakers possible planned dates, could extend one session or switch one date if need be for speakers
- NALMS (Mark)-NALMs has a working JEDI (Justice, Equality, Diversity, Inclusion?) program and would like to support JEDI work with the affiliate groups like OLA
 - NALMs looking for speakers at NALMS (Oklahoma City, November 15-18)
 - NALMS meeting in person and virtual (hybrid)
 - Acknowledgement and support of tribal perspectives

VI. DEI (Diversity, equity, inclusion) and tribal recognition statement (Lara/Desiree/Dan): 4:35

- Discussion on Commission on Indian Services regarding statement

- Theo had concerns with the initial commitment proposed; suggests a way for OLA to help, but not commit to a blank support of all tribal perspectives- after this meeting Dan, Desiree and Lara will draft up another statement-work on wording, once the draft is reviewed and approved by the rest of the board then they can set up a meeting with the Commission on Indian Services
- Desiree recommends we do the work and draft up, rather than a blank ask to the tribes; OLA must develop our own specific forms of commitments; Revise statement to suggest specific actions in the OLA to commit to such as incorporating tribal perspectives; What is the goal of the Wallowa Lake session?
- Dan supports-provide specific actions of commitment; has a contact with CRITFC who could provide some guidance
- Steve suggests we talk to tribal members about what they would like to see in advocacy by OLA for tribal water rights and related issues; OLA should educate ourselves on tribal water rights
- Ron suggests a scholarship for a tribal student or fund tribal students to attend OLA meetings
- Rich-we can not treat the tribes like a monolith-do not just take one tribal member' perspective or group as all; Wallowa Lake session is an opportunity to learn about a resource issue being co-managed by agencies and tribes

VII. Legislative outcome of HABs bills HB3093 and HB3102 (Theo): 4:52

- HB3093-did not make it all the way through Ways & Means
- HB5516 and HB5042-2 new permanent positions for DEQ and CyanoHAB equipment-Dan-support for the field and lab positions, not data analysis; also funding for second cyanotoxin analyzer and a nutrient analyzer (originally in HB 3012); over \$600K for this biennium

VIII. Advocacy status: 4:56

- Summer Lake wildlife area plan (Theo, Ron & Steve)
 - The ODFW plan paid limited attention to conservation in the face of climate change-our letter asked that they add an addendum that addresses the effects of a changing climate, and suggests specific actions to protect habitat for the threatened species- snowy plover
- Lake Abert (Theo, Ron)
 - Ron-Springs from Abert Rim are producing enough water for a thin wide sheet of water for the lake, which is otherwise dry or thick brine-supporting the alkaline fly and brine shrimp, which is supporting many birds; springs originate from the East
 - Theo & Trish- contact JR Simplot, owner of ZX Ranch, the biggest ranch in the Chewaucan valley -have set a meeting with Sustainability Director Brandy Willson on July 20th.

- A brief update of the "Saline Lakes of the Great Basin" federal bill proposal was provided by Theo.
- Pb and fishing (Theo, Steve)
 - No updates, still working on

IX. Membership categories (Rich): 5:03

- Suggestions for new memberships levels: Rich, Andy and Theo will provide recommendations to board

X. New business: 5:10

- Dan- showed graphs of recent conditions in Odell Lake- early warming relative to 2020-2019; possibility that bloom may occur earlier