

OLA Board Meeting 21 April, 2022 Minutes

Present: Theo Dreher, Dan Sobota, Andrew Schaedel, Tammy Wood, Toni Pennington (late), Lara Jansen, Ron Larson, Randy Jones (late), Lori Campbell (late)

Absences: Desiree Tullos

I. Attendance (Lara): 3:30

II. Approval of March Minutes (Lara): 3:35-Andy made the motion and Dan seconded. Unanimous approval by the board directors present.

III. Lake Abert white paper (Ron, Trish, Theo); 3:35

- Meeting with Governor's office April 29
- Obtain OK to distribute: see document -Ron, Theo, Trish, Amy and Tammy worked on.
- Theo, Ron, Trish and Tammy have been working with Water Watch, Audubon and ONDA
- Ron will be visiting Lake Abert next week with others such as Amy, formerly from DEQ
- Board members need to review and provide any feedback to Theo ASAP; majority approval was obtained by 22 April

IV. 2022 Annual meeting: Corvallis; Nez Perce Wallowa session (Desiree, Theo) 3:45

- Date: likely in October-need to settle: 1st or 2nd week; should it be weekdays or weekend?
 - Tammy-issue of weekday for some to take off work
 - Andy & Toni-in the past such as Bend-had it on a Friday/Saturday
 - Dan-Student attendance may be limited, it could help a bit to have on a weekend
 - Possibly more Idaho students
- Place: 2 options-Corvallis & Wallowa/Joseph or have both
- Desiree has pulled together some options for a Corvallis meeting venue at OSU with prices
- Nez Perce Wallowa Session -Nez Perce contact Jim Harbeck would like to have this session this year in Joseph, OR at the Wallowa Lodge -Lodge is usually closed by October, but can open for the tribe and a joint meeting
- What would the board like to do? Tammy, Randy supports a Wallowa session; Dan supports a Wallowa session with a hybrid set-up for people to zoom or separate Zoom sessions-Andy; Ron worries about the carbon footprint: hybrid set-up could help
- Based on most board members in support of Wallowa session, we will move forward with a Wallowa/Joseph based annual meeting
- Theme/ideas for sessions: 1 session focused on sockeye reintroduction; others are possible
- Keynote speaker could be from tribe or collaborators in the sockeye reintroduction effort
- Co-sponsor with Nez Perce: Theo -OLA would provide funds and then Nez Perce can help with outreach & organization; Andy & Theo suggest there is potential for profit sharing with the Nez Perce tribe

V. Scholarship update (Theo) 4:05

- 3 applications ready for review- 1 applicant from WA and 2 from OR
- Committee is reviewing

VI. Suttle Lake outing, July 16 (Randy, Desiree): 4:08

- USFS Sisters District is interested in being involved with Suttle Lake efforts by OLA
- Recommends flyers posted around the lake
- Can use the day use area adjacent to the Lodge
- Event is planned from 9am-4pm
- Speakers-3: Randy has secured 2 speakers from USFS about fish biologists about fisheries, and working on another from Warm Springs Tribe
- Other events: Open water swim-Desiree, Lake boating/teaching about WQ methods like coring-Joe Eliers & maybe Randy
- Food: Need to think about what we want-Andy has budgeted \$200 for food-coffee & snacks
- Advertising: May press release, website-updates, newsletter article-and follow up in June; Randy will develop the content
- Membership drive?: Randy would like material for membership advertisement- Andy says there is likely some developed by Steve

VII. Treasurer's Scholarship/Outreach Fund guidance: Andy 4:20

- Reserve policy was approved at last meeting
- File-reserve policy can be stored on the website privately for admin only -Toni
- Just one new membership
- Operations Balance (as of 4/21/22): \$14,154
- Scholarship/Outreach Fund Balance (as of 4/20/22): \$26,107
- Guidance on scholarship/outreach fund from discussions of ad-hoc committee-Andy:
 - policy started in 2017 to grow it; time to update the guidance on the fund
 - Working group-Rich, Wayne, Andy, Dan, Rich met to discuss possible updates
 - Travel expense of \$200 to support scholarship recipient -instead take this out of the operation budget-conference funds
 - Set target for self-sustaining budget: 4% rule-how much to take out every year so \$1,500 would require a \$37,000 budget-> more fundraising need
 - Fund allocation: should some funds come from the operations fund to help grow the scholarship fund more->group felt that would be helpful- so only take out what is 4% of the scholarship fund and then take the rest from the operation funds
 - Reserve: 2-3 year reserve should be available readily-ie in conservative stocks
 - Investments: 50% bonds & 50% stocks
 - Investment types: ESG stocks-mostly env't, social, gov-still some in oil stocks-would like to move away from those
 - Need to update members in the funds in terms of president, treasurer, and chair of scholarship committee?
 - Update the role of treasurer-perhaps with an external financial reviewer? Or with completely external support-group recommendation-a treasurer with a financial reviewer-Steve has a friend who could do this for free
 - Next steps figure out ways to outreach/fundraise-past events: Deschutes Brewery support events, company donations
 - Tammy asked about background on fundraising in the past
 - Andy says usually conference makes a substantial profit

VIII. Intern to work on newsletter, content; website management (Toni, Dan): 4:54

- Website manager:
 - Dan has limited time and supportive of finding an intern

- Possibilities with Rich, Paul and Mark's contact
- Toni would like to explore the candidate [Mark Rosenkranz](#) suggested a while back
- Toni-she and Dan will follow up on Mark's contact -conservation over email
- Intern:
 - Theo reached out to Mary Santelmann at OSU for advice on intern-she says likely better for an undergraduate student would be better suited possibly
 - OLA would need to pay a wage at the market rate -min \$15/hr
 - Intern would focus on content- goals needs more development
 - NALMS interns for CWA 314 working group and JEDI program
 - Board needs to takes more time

IX. May Lakewise: contributions needed: (Theo): 4:51

- Article: Lake Abert paper, Suttle Lake announcement, Wallowa Lake annual meeting announcement, July as Oregon Lake Month Declaration
- Other ideas: Randy-Governor's Water policy advisor says fish passage policy is nearing completion into law-tie with the Wallowa Lake announcement

X. New business: 5:04

- NALMS efforts for CWA 314 working group-Andy has a contact if anyone is interested from OLA-discuss more at the next meeting