

OLA Board Meeting 17 February, 2022 Minutes

Present: Theo Dreher, Dan Sobota, Andrew Schaedel, Tammy Wood, Toni Pennington (late), Randy Jones, Lara Jansen, [Trish Carroll](#), Lori Campbell (late)

Absences: Desiree Tullos, Ron Larson

I. Attendance (Lara): 3:35

II. Approval of January Minutes (Lara): 3:37- Theo made the motion and Andy seconded. Unanimous approval by the board directors present.

III. Status of responses to PacifiCorp pumped-storage hydro generation proposals (Ron, Trish, Theo, Tammy) 3:38

- OWRD comments ready for submission
- Working to finalize comments to FERC for submission tomorrow
- Discussions with Amy Simpson on her water modeling for the region such as the issue of evapotranspiration
 - Tammy, Theo and Ron have been very careful to be sure of arguments and numbers in the submission, to avoid making any arguments that sound logical but aren't supported by data
- Randy recommends sending comments to the Governor's Water Policy Advisor as well

IV. Lake Abert: Simplot (Theo, Ron, Tammy, Trish): 3:53

- Sent recommendations long ago to Simplot with no response until after the recent Lake Abert Oregonian article
 - Simplot discussion about the wetlands soaking up some of diversions and then allowing them to seep back into the river
 - OLA also suggested a meeting at the Lake to discuss more ideas, but no response from Simplot on this yet
- Tammy and Theo drafted up a monitoring plan with spot measurements to improve understanding of water budget and asked Simplot to allow us to make measurements when on their land; no response yet
 - Tammy says the main concern is access for monitoring/make measurements
 - Trish suggests contacting the local Watershed Councils as well as federal agencies for monitoring support
 - Tammy says citizen science might be possible with agency support.

V. Oregon Lakes Appreciation Month declaration: Randy 4:04

- Randy got the Governor's Water Policy Advisor to proclaim officially July as Oregon Lakes Appreciation Month
- No press by the Governor's office on the declaration, so OLA should do a press release on website and in other forms

VI. OR CyanoHABs Stakeholder Meeting: 14th March (Theo, Dan, Lara): 4:06

- Usual policy and regulatory morning sessions
- New research afternoon sessions-schedule being finalized and titles sent
- Theo suggests a check-in with the speakers on Friday
- Dan has been managing the registration issues-needed to do an edit with new membership groups

VII. Membership category and benefits: Toni 4:12

- All board directors are okay with the new membership categories
- Minor updates on membership and sponsorship:
 - Membership columns: remove LakeWise Newsletter advertising and website listing as well as add a voting column
 - Sponsors have ads in 1/2/3 issues for bronze/silver/gold; remove differential sizes for sponsors' ads (use about a half-page)
 - Clarify that each membership even if gives 2+ individuals coverage only have one vote
 - WildApricot identifies members by email addresses so it might be difficult to separate votes if the individuals are in the same membership like a company/NGO -> hopefully not an issue so we will check in as needed
 - Corporation membership may go with an individual membership or if they want multiple people involved they might want the For-Profit group->Tammy should the For-profit membership cost be lower so it is incentivized instead. We settled on \$75.
- Toni will send out an updated membership category and benefits table out

VIII. Website updating: all, 4:24

- Dan thinks it is good idea to hire someone to maintain the website part-time
- [Mark Rosenkranz](#) provided his contact for a website manager-Dan would like to explore with the contact about what her potential design and budget would look like
- A website manager would free up OLA to put more content together such as publicity
- Theo is concerned that having someone manage the website regularly still leaves major responsibility for adding and keeping up with content, though a website manager could simplify the process
- Toni is concerned about a part-time manager not being familiar with Wild Apricot and also having access to the finances (we need to be sure to build in protection)
- Additional Wild Apricot tech support (Dan) -is that possible or at least at a higher cost? Toni will look into it

- Website investment is a good idea for membership outreach
- A student Intern could be ideal for generating content and increasing the social media presence of OLA-> Theo, Dan and Lara will look into university connections

IX. We need a new LakeWise editor (Theo): 4:34

- Connie will not be continuing as editor so someone else is needed-open
- OLA has allocated payment for this service, but Connie has donated those funds back
- Website and newsletter connected, so we should decide on these together
- Newsletter preparation is now simpler than in the past, when they were mailed and posted on the webpage directly rather than as a pdf.

IX. Suttle Lake outing (Randy, Desiree): 4:35

- A weekend outing either 16th or 23rd of July at Suttle Lake: we preferred 16th July
- Next steps: selecting and securing use of facilities with USFS-Randy is already in touch
- Another option: collaboration with Caldera- access to Blue Lake. Randy to work with Joe Eilers.
- Main reason for Suttle Lake: Sockeye salmon reintroduction/complex lake origins. FERC relicensing for the Round Butte dam complex in the watershed, which resulted in the species extirpation. Reintroduction currently underway; last remaining habitat restoration reach is Lake Creek.
- Collaborators: Deschutes Land Trust-advocates for responsible land use of the upper basin, members of Friends of the Metolius, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Suttle Lake Resort
- Activities and food: open to ideas- Secchi Disk competition, open swim, membership drive and donation/auction
- Governor's Water Policy Advisor open to participate, potentially
- Sponsors likely open to supporting the event if not participating-Toni
- Aquatic invasive species-Toni suggests inviting groups working on AIS in the watershed/region
- Lori suggested possible fund: Pelton Round Butte Fund and has a contact for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

X. Treasurer's report and reserves policy: Andy 4:55

- \$13,403 in the Operations Funds and \$26,408 in the Scholarship Fund (which is down ~\$1,700 or 6% since the beginning of the year).
- We have received memberships (9), one sponsorship, fees for the stakeholder meeting (41 signed up so far) and scholarship donations.
- Review of reserve policy: OLA needs to often deal with conference and workshop costs upfront, sometimes there can be unexpected costs-> likely need a reserve fund of \$4,000 at least per year, \$5,00 in a conference year and replenished regularly.
- Reserve fund scaled with membership size?-Randy ->Andy says most funds are fixed regardless with infrastructure
- Andy asks for review by the board and provide input by the next board meeting

- Scholarship and Outreach committee meeting tomorrow

XII. New business: 5:12 Thinking about 2022 annual meeting: major discussion for March meeting

- Timing of the meeting may depend on if the tribes would like to do a Wallowa Lake based conference this year
- Dan: PNW Society for Freshwater Science would like to know our timing; collaboration possibility for a joint conference