

OLA Board Meeting 19 May 2022 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Minutes

Zoom meeting: see email for connection details

I. Attendance (Theo): Dan Sobota, Desiree Tullos, Randy Jones, Ron Larson, Tammy Wood, Lori Campbell, Theo Dreher, and Rich Miller (guest)

II. Approval of April Minutes (Theo): Motion: Desiree; Second: Lori; unanimous approval

III. 2022 Annual meeting: Joint with Nez Perce @ Wallowa Lake Lodge (Theo, Rich) 3:35

Confirmed for Friday October 14 & Saturday October 15

\$2000 cost for room rental (\$1500 paid by NP Tribe) will include tea/coffee service

Jim Harbeck & Rich Miller will organize Friday focused on local Wallowa issues, with field trip

We'll offer banquet/dinner Friday night for \$30 (plenary talk may be after dinner)

Will request lodge provide simple breakfast & lunch (cost unknown)

Lodge accommodation is reserved for us: \$225-275/night for cabins sleeping 4-6; lodge rooms @ \$180-235/night for one/two bedroom suites

We'll provide AV and other equipment to allow Zoom conferencing

Saturday conference: call for abstracts, full day of four 90-minute sessions?

Fund-raising, sponsorship

- We are awaiting definitive confirmation from Nez Perce leadership, though Jim is confident there's no problem. All approved of the current plan, and further details will await the availability of the keynote speaker (Friday or Saturday; in-person or remote?)
- Once the above variables are set, we will arrive at a cost for breakfast and lunch, and set a registration fee. Aim to circulate call for abstracts and registration with a closure date of early August (i.e., send out by mid-June?).
- We want to encourage people to stay at the Lodge, and they would like to know early how many rooms would be needed. Other lodging should be available and likely cheaper: the adjacent Wallowa Lake State Park has 2 yurts.
- We will waive registration and dinner/banquet costs for invited speakers, but any further financial support would be unlikely (may be considered on a case-by-case basis). This has been our policy and does restrict our invitations to committed participants.
- We will attempt to obtain sponsorships that might support a speaker or the general program: DEQ ?(Dan contacting), PGE?(Lori contacting).

IV. Suttle Lake outing, July 16 (Randy, Desiree):

- At Cinder Beach, east end of lake
- Two USFS speakers have committed, but Warm Springs speaker not yet;
- Desiree will organize open-water swim at 9:00
- Talks will be 10:00-12:30, informal, "over the picnic table"
- Randy will arrange some food for the speakers; others encouraged to bring picnic lunch or purchase from adjacent Lodge at Suttle Lake
- DIDN'T DISCUSS but we need to get insurance coverage for swim and boat usage

V. Scholarship update; Awarded to Kathryn Queen (Rich, Theo) :

Discussion of requirement for Oregon connection

- General agreement that we should insist on an Oregon connection. Andy suggested (a) a grad student studying an Oregon lake, or (b) a grad student from an Oregon program studying a lake elsewhere. Or maybe (c) an Oregonian studying elsewhere on a lake not

in Oregon. But we did not agree on exact wording, so need to revisit with more directors attending.

- We now seem to be thinking that the Oregon criterion should have been applied. We should remember in the future to be a little slower to make a final decision and have a meeting so that issues are fully discussed.

VI. Website management (Dan):

- Dan and Toni have discussed the suggestion by Mark Rosenkranz to use a person he has dealt with for occasional website work; she charges \$25/hr, and Mark will donate \$500 to start improving the website. She would train herself on the Wild Apricot system at no cost.
- Dan and Toni estimate 25 hrs a year, an hour every now and then, would be sufficient to do postings and set up for registrations, etc. This would be \$625 per year.
- We should look at the dummy website that Rich set up a couple of years ago as a better design than the current website
- Dan and Toni would be the point of contact for jobs for the website person
- Dan and Toni will confirm with her that 25 hrs scattered across the year is a workable option

VII. Advocacy: Lake Abert (Ron, Theo):

- Ron visited Lake Abert in recent days and was pleased to see some inflow from the Chewaucan (unlike last year) and a lot of birds, but it will likely be near-dry all summer
- Theo described a meeting he and Trish had with the co-chairs of the newly formed Chewaucan Watershed Collaborative, Colleen Withers and Tess Baker. The meeting was very congenial and friendly and indicated that these your ranchers were willing to have real discussions to help Lake Abert. Others in the Chewaucan likely represent more traditional opposition, but the Collaborative people are speaking with our partner conservationists (OR Natural Desert Association, WaterWatch, Audubon) with a meeting planned for the first week of June.

VIII. May Lakewise: in preparation (Theo): no discussion

IX. New business: None

The Board of Directors (terms run conference to conference, ~Oct/Sept)

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4. Toni Pennington (2020-2022)
5. Ron Larson (2021-2023)
6. Tammy Wood (2021-2023)
7. Dan Sobota (2021-2023)
8. Desiree Tullos (2020-2022)
9. Lara Jansen (2021-2022)
10. Randy Jones (2021-2023)