

September 3, 2014

SWVMA – Advisory Board meeting

Wed., Sept 3, 2014, Francisco Grande Resort, Casa Grande, AZ

Board meeting 10-3 PM

Present – John Brock, Patti Fenner, Kris Gade, John Scheuring.

Absent – Ed Northam, Justin White, Sharon Biedenbender, Mike Carrigan. Sign in sheet attached.



Call to order 10:10 AM by John Brock

1. Executive committee reports (15 minutes) –
 - a. Brock: Thanks for help with pulling together program and to Mike Carrigan for organizing vendors for the annual meeting.
 - b. Fenner moved to approve June 18, 2014 Board meeting minutes, Gade seconded. Minutes approved by board.
 - c. Fenner gave Treasurer report – Handout of summary (attached). Discussion of FS funding for buffelgrass portion of annual meeting and whether it had been committed.
 - d. Brock – recruiting people to attend meeting – he is developing a list of people to send meeting announcement, asked that other board members also send out the announcement. Look into posting the meeting on the NRCD website.
2. Board member reports (15 minutes)
 - a. Scheuring – discussion of dust control field trip and Jim Walworth at UofA. Need to contact to get abstract
3. Hotel personnel introduction (5 minutes): Met Michelle Ramirez (meeting coordinator)
4. 2014 meeting program - 17th Annual Meeting 28-30 October 2014 in Casa Grande
 - a. Brock to reach out to recruit some ASU students to help with registration, Mike Vetter (ADOT intern) can help too on Tuesday (Gade to arrange with Vetter)
 - b. Need to follow up with the following speakers to confirm
 - i. Renee Benally
 - ii. Ed Northam
 - iii. Jim Walworth – Brock to send bio and abstract to Fenner; follow up on dust problem areas to maybe visit for field trip
 - iv. Chris Henniger
 - v. John Caravetta – Brock to request talk on changes to pesticide regulations
 - vi. Kai Umeda – need abstract
 - vii. Ben Bloodworth
 - viii. Gade, Scheuring need to send in abstracts and bios
 - c. Back up talks- Brock: buffelgrass, Gade: freeway plant migration, Benally: Navajo IVMP
 - d. Field trip – cotton farm; Fenner to request presentation ahead to make sure on track; maybe consider going to dust problem areas (J. Walworth or Darcy Anderson)
 - e. Solicit posters from people we know – Fenner to send out a flyer for distribution.
 - f. Coordinate raffle prizes, speaker prizes (trowels, cool towel or bandanna, hats), give-away mouse pad
 - g. Solicit nominations for officers at same time as sending out bylaws, develop slate ahead

5. Moderators for 2014 meeting sessions
 - a. John Brock, Patti Fenner, Neal Kittelson, Justin White
6. Herbicide training – 2014 edition (Brock)
 - a. Sign up is ready to be completely online now but not posted yet.
 - b. 8 people want to attend (Brock); Mike Wierda – Pesticide Practices Coordinator at Extension might help teach; Jennifer Weber may help; John Brock will teach rest – Fenner and Gade offered to take sections if needed. Ed Northam has powerpoints electronically. Study guide book costs \$25 or download from website.
 - c. Cost basis – planning to charge \$40, Ocotillo Room has been reserved, no cost if attendees eat lunch at resort
7. SWVMA meeting registration fees policy (Board) – keep status quo, not free for speakers
8. Bylaw change ballot (Board) –
 - a. Article V, sec 2: removed limit on terms
 - b. Article VII: changed term for President and Vice President to one year, others two years;
 - c. Article XII Sec 2: specify bylaws can be mailed physically or electronically
 - d. Article VII, Sec 5: added annual IRS and Corp Commission filings to Treasurer Duties
 - e. Article X, Sec 3: Added section authorizing grants for projects and reserve of \$10,000.
9. SWVMA executives and advisory board nominees (Board)
 - a. Going off board = John Scheuring and Sharon Biedenbender
 - b. Going off executive committee = John Brock (President, will stay as past president)
Ed Northam (retiring as past president)
Justin White (Secretary)
 - c. Group brainstormed people to contact for interest
10. SWVMA scholarship project guidelines and process
 - a. After bylaws are voted on at annual meeting, start working on program at January board meeting
11. Unfinished old business
 - a. Noxious weed list update: Send letter to Brian McGrew requesting that rulemaking be opened, include justification based on human safety or streamlining (greening up early etc) – Brock will draft and send around to board
12. New business
 - a. Weed manager of the year selected, to be announced at annual meeting
 - i. Fenner – draft write up and circulate
 - ii. Arrange plaque for meeting
 - b. Officers to fill in table of activities to do each month of year so we can develop a game plan for future officers.
 - i. Kris to send out table for everyone to fill in
 - c. Look into using MailChimp to maintain email list and send group emails
 - i. Kris to speak to Pat Mariella
 - ii. Patti, Renee have most current versions of our email list
13. Scheuring made motion to adjourn, Gade seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.