

09-24-13 CWEPA Notes Silverthorn

Board Attendees:

Matt Thorpe, Chris Mettenbrink, Bob Carochi, Elissa Knox, Casey Westbrook,

Member Attendees:

Sean Shepherd, Dan Prenzlou, Shannon Schwab, Lyle Sidener, Mike Crosby

Call to Order 10:11 AM

Previous meeting minutes from June 2013 previously approved via e mail vote by board

Treasure Reports:

No new membership requests - Carochi will discuss CWEPA membership with trainee class in Oct.

Reading of resignations/retirements- Upon retirement members in good standing and who have been a part of the association for 10 years qualify to receive \$500.00 in appreciation for their service and member loyalty (Article XV of CWEPA bylaws). The link to the retirement benefit request form is <http://cwepa.org/documents/policy/RetirementBenftReqFrm.pdf>

- Ron Zaccagnini
- Cary Carron
- Tom Seamans
- Cousins retire at end of September

Member concerns – Open forum

Old Business/New business/Updates

By-law changes-status update-

- Westbrook sent the board copy of most recent version of by-laws
- Westbrook mentioned a member concern about review of draft before final vote
 - o This spurred discussion about how best to present the by-laws to the members and afford some input. A justification of the changes or additions to the by-laws will be included with a draft sent to the membership. After a draft final has been agreed upon by the Board the membership will be given a deadline for review and to provide input. Obviously not all input may be incorporated but it will be given consideration before presenting a Final version for membership vote.
- Westbrook was supposed to send to membership with review deadline by Oct 5, 2013. Board discussion regarding Board approved additional legal coverage issues (see below) and the by-laws were determined to require further discussion and will be revisited at the next CWEPA Board meeting.

Legal Coverage-

- Westbrook will contact B. Woodward regarding his last meeting with BCJL on legal coverage options.
- Prenzlou initiated a conversation regarding the CWEPA Board granting discretionary additional funding to members for legal defense especially in cases of Administrative actions. There are conflicts for members who are also in administrative or supervisory positions and granting of Board discretionary funds pits member against member. There is also conflict as BCJL can only represent one party in a dispute creating a competitive “who gets there first” issue.
- Part of the criteria for the Board approving additional funding is the member being in “good standing” the definition of that is that the member has paid their membership dues. There was discussion about if this is sufficient criteria.
- Discussion was also held on when legal coverage should end if the member using the coverage is terminated during the process
- Discussion was held on how or if the Board should determine the merit or legitimacy of a request for Board discretionary legal funds.
- The original intent of legal coverage and interpretation of the language in the policy and by-laws.

Wangnild Memorial-

- Current CWEPA policy limits donation amount to \$500. Should that cap be changed and if so how? Several ideas were discussed on how to best change the cap and maintain fiscal responsibility and equity in distribution when needed. A draft of changes to the policy will be provided to the Board by Thorpe.
- Heifer donated by Chuck Nichols – half will go to the Wangnild family the other half will be used to raise money for the family. Ideas for how to best raise money from this donation include NGO (wildlife society, RMEF, SCI, etc...) auction, CWEPA raffle, 4-H auction, etc... A suggestion was made to challenge several organizations to match funds raised from any auction / raffle. Several members volunteered to explore the best option by reaching out to their contacts with these groups.
- The possibility of a fundraising sporting clays event was also raised. Sidener and Mettenbrink were to check into the possibility of this with a couple different sporting clays facilities.
- The development of a T-shirt to be sold with profits going to the Wangnild family was also discussed and will be developed by Carochi and Knox with input from Area 6
- Knox will contact White River Fishing tournament regarding a donation also.

Video conferencing of CWEPA meetings–

- Desire to use CPW video conferencing to increase accessibility of Board meetings to members. It was decided to wait for new director to get permission; others on LT seem supportive of request.

CWEPA Training sponsorship –

- Would the training unit help cover some cost?
- Need to define reasonable cost
- Randy Hancock NAWEOA may have match money for training
- pay for training not avail through agency,

- **Board soliciting ideas for training**- If you have ideas please consider cost / student, accessibility and value toward the broad majority of members, and current agency policies or trends that pertain to the type of training requested.

New Director –

- Board will arrange to meet new Director as soon as possible upon his appointment

SE CWEPA representative –

- SE region vacancy on board. Existing Board can appoint someone. **Announcing the vacancy for any volunteers at this time.**

NAWEOA overview – Provided by Lyle Sidener on behalf of CWEPA scholarship recipients, (more to follow the Decmeber meeting)

- 2014 NAWEOA in Reno NV
 - Presentations attended:
 - o Tony Latham - layman's fire arms evidence,
 - o Justin Lindell - contacts while working alone
 - o Randy Stark –keeping up with changing tech and times
 - o Jerry Meyers – sanity for leo's, don't let others add to your bucket
 - o Joel Hardin – tracking (web site <http://www.jhardin-inc.com/web/>)
 - Idaho officer association- summer meeting was held at the conference. which was also their in-service
 - o Idaho association gets money from magazine produced biannually via ads, Utah does something similar. The magazine is member produced and includes items like: cases, skills, etc... Sidener is willing to research the costs associated with a magazine if the Board is interested in pursuing this idea.
 - o Idaho holds give aways at meeting to induce attendance
- Thorpe asked if Hardin or Latham could be presenters for CPW? Latham for in service, Hardin or Tom Brown for tracking training supported by CWEPA.

Member concerns –

None

Regional Roundtable –

- Carochi - trappers assoc annual rendezvous in Fremont County attended by CPW game wardens 700 trappers association members in attendance, was a good outreach event for this group.
- Mettenbrink and Westbrook - flooding had un-known affect for our techs or other CWEPA members and impacts to SWA's
 - o Schwab mentioned refunds of points and money for affected hunters in flooded units
- Crosby- human moose interactions poster being developed, Moose articles in news and an education video spots are all under consideration. Thorpe suggested Moose materials being developed should consider State wide use as Moose are showing up in many new areas.
- CNG Update- Thorpe said he went to an info meeting on CNG and was told vehicles would need to run on CNG for 4 years before they break even on cost. He also mentioned that some new CNG trucks for SW region were being swapped to areas that have CNG stations

and they will get older trucks instead. There is a concern that officers in remote parts may be driving older trucks because they don't have access to a CNG station, could become a safety issue.

Adjourn

- Knox motioned Carochi seconded- Adjourned at 1:15PM