

OPCA Board Meeting

February 25, 2022

3:30 pm

Best Western Hood River Inn

Board members attending (Indicated by*)

- *Larry Treleven, President
- Bernard Black, Past President
- *Robert DeAngelo, Vice President
- *Bill Granstrom, Treasurer
- *Tim Banwell, Director
- Dave Mays, Director
- *Matt White, Director
- *Steve Nagel, Director
- *Rennie Kubik, Director
- *Derek Conrad, Director

Others, Members:

- Harvey Gail, Executive Director
- Mike Kesecker, Education Chair
- Jeremiah and Rebekah Son, Bug Shield Termite and Pest Control
- Dannielle Nieves, A&A Pest Control
- Steve Wittig, Certus Pest
- Jessi Gooch, Kanga Pest Control
- Matthew Bloom, BASF
- Rich Kesecker, Good Earth Pest Control
- Danta Smith, Three Rivers Mosquito and Vector Control
- Jim Jepson, Doby's Pest Control

1. Welcome

Larry Treleven, president welcomed the group to the meeting. He noted this was both a board meeting and a member meeting where topics could be brought up under new business.

2. Approval of Minutes

Treleven noted the minutes for the January Board meeting had been distributed. As suggested by a member, the board meeting minutes, and the treasurer's report will be posted on the website a few days in advance of the board meeting. Gail noted all members are welcome to attend the board meetings, they just need to email or call the office to get the ZOOM link.

PASSED

Motion to accept the board meeting minutes from the January 2022 board meeting. MM Robert DeAngelo; MS Rennie Kubik. Motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report

Bill Granstrom, Treasurer read the bank account balances as of January 31, 2022, as follows:

Wells Fargo Checking:	\$17,837.66
Wells Fargo Savings:	\$2,038.97
Wells Fargo Scholarship:	<u>\$5,409.75</u>
Total	\$25,286.38

Robert DeAngelo noted the winter seminar was well attended with about 55 people. We made a little money on that, which helps our bottom line. Treleven commented that it's good to have a healthy bank balance in case we have to address a government affairs issue.

4. Committee Reports

A. Education

Mike Kesecker reported we have an Ant ID class on March 26. Gail noted we have two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Several noted they may have people to attend, so Gail encouraged them to register soon. Treleven commended Dr. Laurel Hansen for helping out.

Kesecker said the High Desert Seminar is in June and the speakers are mostly set. He described the sessions including a concurrent session, a 4-hour bird class by Mike Doherty at Bird-B-Gone. He said the class was limited to 20 people. He also said the Fall Beach Seminar is at the Best Western Agate Beach Inn in Newport, September 17. He's working on the speakers for the event.

Kesecker asked for input on the location for the Southern Oregon Seminar. He noted it was at the "Bear Hotel" for several years, but last year it was at the Rogue Regency Inn. The group seemed to favor the Rogue Regency Inn for its convenience over Grants Pass, especially to the Medford airport. Treleven will ask Chris Reardon at the California association to see if they can promote the Southern Oregon Seminar to companies in Northern, CA. Kesecker asked for speaker ideas to be sent to him.

B. Government Affairs

Treleven said he serves on the board of Oregonians for Food and Shelter. He said there is a lot going on, but in the short session, we don't have a lot of bills pertaining to structural pest control, but there are some other issues. Harvey Gail described a bill that would have created a sales tax on luxury items, like cars, boats, handbags, etc. He noted the bill seems to have died, but if it had passed, the legislature could have expanded it with a simple majority of the legislature. This limited sales tax needed 2/3 votes to pass.

Treleven said there is a bill in California and a sister bill in Washington that would ban the sale of small gasoline powered engines. These would include lawn mowers, leaf blowers, weed eaters, and power sprayers. You'd have to go to another state to buy one. A sister bill in Olympia went in WA and gas-powered chain saws would be eliminated. The large logging companies came to our aid and got it amended.

Also, Treleven said Oregon is adjusting the congressional districts. He said the Democrats went back on their promise that was made in the 2021 legislature that the redistricting process would be bipartisan.

Treleven talked with Jim Jepson about the Umatilla County legislator about getting a meeting to talk about the industry's interests.

Treleven noted the anti-aerial spraying ordinance that passed in Lincoln County was appealed and is held up due to the preemption laws on pesticides. The environmental coalitions are appealing the appeal. Also, Initiative Petition 13 is circulating for signatures. The ballot measure, supported by animal rights groups would outlaw the killing of animals – both for sport and grown on farms for meat - and all forms of animal husbandry. Gail noted it is still gathering signatures.

C. Sponsorship

Treleven thanked all the suppliers that are here. Rennie Kubik said he will send a group email to the sponsors at least three times between any of the large meetings to promote them.

D. Wildlife

No report.

E. Ethics

Steve Nagel noted he got a phone call from a reporter seeking information on OPCA's policy on vaccines and mask mandates. This was apparently because the reporter saw some signs at a pest control company that expressed their opinions on the matter. No other board members received a call from the reporter.

F. Scholarship

Mike Kesecker said he thinks we have one scholarship application. Robert DeAngelo said we had an application that had been sent in a little after the deadline last year that would be considered for 2022. However, he said the candidate has moved on to another industry and is withdrawing the application. Gail noted the application is on the website and the deadline is April 30.

5. Executive Director Report

Harvey Gail said he is working on the Crack and Crevice Winter issue. Gail also said registration is open for the Hight Desert Seminar. Also, exhibitors can register their booths online.

6. Old Business

None presented.

7. New Business

A. Committees and Board Meetings

DeAngelo encouraged attendees to volunteer to be on committee. Also, all members are welcome to attend board meetings which are held the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 am. They usually last no more than an hour. The board meetings are all virtual held in Zoom. Mike Kesecker said Rene Kesecker could use some help with the scholarship committee. It would be good to have at least three people on it.

B. Governor's Race

Gail commented on the Oregon Governor's race. He said there are several Democratic candidates, but the two lead candidates are Tina Kotek, former Speaker of the House and Tobias Read, State Treasurer. On the Republican side

there are a host of candidates, but the front runners appear to be Dr. Bud Pierce, a cancer doctor from Salem, and Stan Pulliam, Mayor of Sandy. Marc Thielman from Alsea was mentioned. Also, Gail noted Representative Betsy Johnson is running as an Independent. She's from Scappoose. Gail disclosed that his wife is the public relations and media manager for the Bud Pierce for Governor Campaign.

8. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was called for adjournment.

PASSED

Motion to adjourn. MM Rennie Kubik; MS Bill Granstrom. Motion carried.

Minutes taken by Harvey Gail, OPCA Executive Director