**OPCA Board Meeting**

**April 20, 2022**

**7:30 am**

*via ZOOM meetings*

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

**1. Welcome**

Larry Treleven, president welcomed the group to the meeting at 7:35 am. It was noted a quorum was present. He said today is the 42nd anniversary of Mt. St. Helens. He noted his memories of that event and how it impacted their Washington operations.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Treleven noted the minutes of the April board meeting were presented for approval.

**PASSED**

***Motion to accept the board meeting minutes from the board meeting April 20. MM Rennie Kubic; MS Dereck Conrad. Motion carried.***

**3. Treasurer’s Report**

Bill Granstrom, Treasurer read the bank account balances as of May 10, as follows:

Wells Fargo Checking: $11,293.04

Wells Fargo Savings: $2,039.00

Wells Fargo Scholarship: $5,409.83

Total $18,741.87

Granstrom noted total assets on the balance sheet of $20,916.52. He noted we should be doing really well with the High Desert Seminar.

**PASSED**

***Motion to accept the financial report. MM Larry Treleven, MS Bill Granstrom. Motion carried.***

**4. Committee Reports**

*A. Education*

Mike Kesecker noted everything is set for the High Desert Seminar. He said Dr. Tischendorf’s fee is a little higher due to airfare increases. He is on for two hours with zoonic diseases. Sprague will sponsor one of the holes. Gail noted there are about 16 golfers.

Kesecker noted some of the speakers for the Fall Beach Seminar including Jim Shaver with CatchMasters, someone from Washington Department of Agriculture on Giant Asian Hornets, Eric Paysen and Ashley Roden from Sprague. Treleven said Jeff Weier has retired but he’s available on a part time basis. DeAngelo said we had talked about having Rose Kachadoorian speak about ODA updates, training manuals and tests. She should speak for at least an hour. Treleven said Phil Kahler is a possibility. He would speak on the history of termiticides.

*B. Government Affairs*

Treleven said the Oregonians for Food and Shelter board meeting is coming up. He said the Executive Director is Katie Murry, she’s new and doing a wonderful job. They also Have Tiffany McGrow (SP) she lives in Junction City. She is the president of the Lane County Farm Bureau. She’s part time with OFS.

Treleven noted testimony in committees at the Oregon legislature in 2021 was done all virtually. They had a special session in September to deal with redistricting. He said House Speaker Tina Kotek changed the deal made with republicans on the makeup of the redistricting committee which angered the republicans. He noted Kotek is running for Governor. For the most part the maps were gerrymandered to protect the democrats.

Gail said the Oregon election was held on May 17. He noted the front runners for Governor as of last night were Tina Kotek for the Democrats and Christine Drasen for the republicans. He said Kotek’s number one issue is climate change. Betsy Johnson is running as an independent in the fall election and she could steal votes away from Tina Kotek.

On the national scene, Treleven noted a conference call with NPMA about bills in some states including banning neonicotinoids and removing state-wide preemption on pesticide regulations. He said we have 159 letters of support from state associations and other associations and farm bureaus to support the national preemption bill. He said there was still no word on the appeal of the Lincoln County Areal Spraying bill. He said it may end up in the Oregon Supreme Court.

*C. Sponsorship*

Rennie Kubik noted He said there’s a couple companies that normally come, but they decided not to. Other than that, we have 16 sponsors in Bend. He asked if Foreshaw had contacted the office and Gail said they hadn’t yet. He said his official last day with AmGuard is July 1. He said he’s not going away; he’ll still be around. Treleven thanked him for his years of service.

*D. Wildlife*

Dave Mays was not in attendance. Derek Conrad noted it’s racoon breeding season, so he’s busy with that. Next are squirrels and bats.

*E. Ethics*

Steve Nagel said as far as ethics are concerned, he didn’t have anything. DeAngelo said Valley Pest Control called him about their membership application which had not been approved at the last board meeting. He described the conversation and that he told him a new member has to be in business for one year to be considered for membership.

*F. Scholarship*

Kesecker said we have one scholarship application. We need a volunteer or two to review it since its someone from Good Earth. Treleven Kubik volunteered. Rene Kesecker will send the application to them to review.

**5. Administrator’s Report**

Gail noted the office is busy with organizing the High Desert Seminar. He said the food and room arrangements have been made. The exhibitors will be in the hallway outside the meeting room., He said it’s a nice facility and the exhibitors will probably like it there. Treleven said he might be able to swing down to Bend to play golf. He also will sponsor a golf hole.

Gail said the Crack and Crevice newsletter is coming out right after the conference in Bend. We usually do that in order to get in some pictures of the event. He said advertising is coming along, but about the same as usual. He encouraged board members to let people know and that the advertising rate sheet is on the website.

**5. New Business**

None presented.

**6. Old Business**

*A. ODA General Pest Exam*

DeAngelo said Rose Kachadoorian sent a letter to the OPCA about their intentions to revise the pesticide applicator test. ODA wanted a half dozen people to be involved on a committee. DeAngelo noted people who would be good to serve on the committee. He recommended Chris Winson, Axiom Pest Control’s technical director. However, he noted Axiom is not a member of OPCA, but he didn’t think that was relevant in this case. Other people who served on the OPCA IPM committee in 2010 would be good. He suggested Mike Keseker, Ashley Roden, Derek Conrad, Stan Dawkins, Tim Banwell, Rennie Kubic and possibly Dustin Heidtke. He said they want to get going in July or August. He said OPCA should have a voice in this. Kubic and Kesecker agreed to be on the committee. DeAngelo said ODA wants to move more towards a national test. Kubic said that there’s an effort to allow reciprocal licenses in Oregon and Washington.

Gail suggested those who agreed to help out should contact him, then he will pool the list together with contact information and send that to ODA.

*A. Slate for Board of Directors Vote*

Gail noted the board needs to approve a slate for the 2022-23 board election. He noted a draft of the ballot went out with the documents for this meeting. Gail read the names of those on the ballot for director. DeAngelo noted the position of Vice President also needs to be filled. Rennie Kubic commented that after he retires, he will have some time on his hands, so he offered to consider it.

Gail said we need to give our members a month to respond to the ballot, so last year we sent it out and gave people until the end of June to return it.

Treleven noted a couple changes to his bio on the ballot.

**7. Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting Treleven called the meeting to a close at 8:28 am.

*Minutes taken by Harvey Gail, OPCA Executive Director*