

OPCA Board Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2023

Via ZOOM Meeting

Board members attending (Indicated by*)

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

Others, Members:

- Harvey Gail, Executive Director
- Mike Kesecker, Education Director

1. Welcome

Robert DeAngelo welcomed the group to the meeting at 7:35 am.

2. Approval of Minutes

DeAngelo said the minutes of the November board meeting were presented for approval.

PASSED

Motion to accept the board meeting minutes from the board meeting in December. MM Larry Treleven; MS Matt White. Motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report

A. Financial Report

Bill Granstrom, OPCA treasurer noted the bank balances as of January 17, 2023, as follows:

Wells Fargo Checking:	\$16,378.42
Wells Fargo Savings:	\$2,039.49
Wells Fargo Scholarship:	<u>\$5,536.16</u>
Total	\$23,952.07

Gail noted the \$1,000 scholarship check did clear, but he said his bookkeeper accidentally took the funds out of the regular checking account, not the scholarship account. Gail will transfer \$1,000 from the scholarship account to the general account to balance it out.

Matt White noted he checked out the company applying for membership, Pest Plus, LLC. He said they are in their third year now. Matt noted there were no complaints.

Gail noted we have collected about 75% of budgeted dues. He said the budgeted figure for 2022-23 was a stretch goal, due to emphasis on recruiting members this year. He noted we have gotten a few new members, but some have also lapsed. He said he sent a final dues invoice out to lapsed members in early January, and some have renewed in recent days. Gail noted we are about 9% off where we were for dues collection this year compared to last year, which is about three or four members.

PASSED

Motion to accept the financial report. MS Rennie Kubik. MS Larry Treleven. Motion carried.

4. Committee Reports

A. Education

Kesecker commented on the virtual winter seminar held on Saturday. He said Vantassel is a great speaker; a professional. It was a great mole talk. He will invite him back in person. He also does a lot of wildlife and other rodent talks. Kesecker noted he hasn't seen any comments on the winter seminar yet, but over all it went well. Gail noted we will send out a survey. The group commented that Sylvia Kenmuir was also a great speaker. The rodenticide talk was timely. Derek Conrad noted Sylvia Kenmuir had shared a link to the responsible rodenticides comment page. DeAngelo said we should share it with our members. The link is:

<https://responsiblerodenticides.org/>

Kesecker said we need to set a date for the Ant ID course. He noted we were looking at April 8, but Dr. Hansen suggested that's Easter weekend, so we should look at the week before or after - either April 1 or 15. Gail is checking with Chemeketa Community College on availability. He said April 1 is the second weekend of spring break in Oregon.

Kesecker talking to Dr. Mike Potter in Eugene. He hasn't done anything in a couple years, but he is excited to do an event in the northwest. Kesecker said Dr. Potter is booked for June. He has a speaking fee. He's a big fly fisherman, so he likes Bend. He will be the 5th hour. Other speakers in Bend include ODA and Jamal Sandage for 2 hours.

For the Fall beach Seminar, Kesecker said Dr. Potter may be available, He could do two topics. Larry Treleven suggested a training outfit called Pest Posse, and they were at the Utah and CA meeting. He noted they out of San Jose.

Gail noted the Washington association sent a list of dates of their meetings. Gail noted none of them overlapped with OPCA's.

B. Government Affairs

Treleven noted Oregonians for Food and Shelter was successful in overturning the aerial spray ban in Lincoln County. The Oregon Supreme Court ruled in favor of the state's preemption rule.

He noted OFS also thanked us for sending some representatives. The conference is November 21, 2023.

Treleven noted the Oregon legislature is in session. They already have 1500 bills submitted. Some bills may be combined with others. There are bills to increase license fees and penalty matrixes will be discussed. Treleven said Oregon's legislature has a simple majority for the democrats, but not a super majority. So, some negotiation will

likely be necessary. He said walk outs by the republicans to prevent quorums are not a likely strategy to block legislation due to passage of a ballot measure.

Treleven noted the comment period on rodenticide rules is February 13. He said NPMA's Legislative Day in Washington DC is in late March. Treleven said Washington's legislature is discussing reactivating the pesticide advisory board. The board would be made up of a variety of agencies. He noted he and Billy Olson testified in favor of the board to the Washington Legislature.

C. Sponsorship

Rennie Kubik said ZOOM meeting sponsorships are hard to get. He thanked Vesperis for sponsoring. He also noted he reached out to Target. Kubik said the Pacific NW meeting is coming up at the end of February in Hood River and he has been helping with it. He anticipated a good turnout with about 7 hours of credit.

D. Wildlife

Dave Mays said skunk season is upon us. He noted Pest Blok is another source for exclusion work. They have some good products.

DeAngelo asked if there was a possibility for a OPCA to host an 8-hour wildlife course. He said Jon Paulsen at Vesperis would be the sponsor, but OPCA would arrange the class. Kesecker said Vesperis had great feedback on their wildlife class, so they may still want to arrange it, but with OPCA's support. Either way it could be a joint effort.

E. Ethics

Steve Nagel was not in attendance.

F. Scholarship Committee

Kesecker noted there's nothing new yet and we don't have any applicants yet. He said we need to promote it at the Hood River meeting.

5. Administrative Report

Gail said we recently sent out the lapsed members another final invoice. He noted we need to find a location for the Southern Oregon Seminar. He said we could go back to the Rogue Regency inn if we thought attendance would stay about the same. Other options include the local Community College and the Medford Events Center.

Gail said he has noted sponsorship and Crack and Crevice advertising is down a bit this year. Gail did not think the advertising rates were too high – they've been about the same for over ten years – it just companies have lowered their budget. Gail noted sponsorship, including vendor booth sales is also down a little. ‘

6. Old Business

A. ODA General Pest Exam

DeAngelo said Brittny Jones at ODA has been busy due to year end work at ODA. There's supposed to be a meeting on Jan 24 or 25. He will let everyone know if that comes together.

7. New Business

A. President's Expenses

Kubik noted he is president elect next year and he anticipated he would have some expenses. He noted he works just a couple days a week, so financial support from OPCA to cover expenses for travel to meetings, attending other conferences would be helpful. He said when he was at AMGUARD they picked up a lot of expenses. Mays proposed an allowance for event fees, perhaps picking up a hotel room here and there. DeAngelo noted the cost to attend the OFS annual meeting could be covered. White estimated costs for president's expenses would probably be around \$2,500 for the year. DeAngelo said it was helpful to meet with other state directors at Pest World, so he would support covering costs to attend that event. Gail said we have these expenses listed in the chart of accounts in bookkeeping, but we have not spent any money on president's expenses in many years.

B. Pacific Northwest Conference in Hood River

Gail said he will be at the Hood River Meeting. OPCA has its member meeting on Friday afternoon. Gail said he would like a volunteer or two to watch the table on Saturday. He said the pop-p display is ready and he will bring that as well as member applications, scholarship applications and information on sponsorships and advertising.

C. Membership Promotion

Mays noted in the past we have had meet and greets in different areas with prospective members. DeAngelo said it's a great idea to foster membership networking and mentorship. Mays suggested picking a restaurant in the area and invite nonmembers to lunch meeting. The purpose would be to describe why it's a good idea to be part of the association. DeAngelo said the office had sent out some information to the board members and people should use those tools to promote membership. Mays offered to try one of the meetings in his area, perhaps coordinating with Spray Masters.

D. New Member Application

Gail noted the member application for Pest Plus, LLC has been published for about a week, and members have two weeks to comment, so we will vote on the application next month.

8. Next Board Meeting

DeAngelo said we will have the board meet February 15 at 7:30 am via ZOOM.

9. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting DeAngelo called the meeting to a close at 8:27 am.

Minutes taken by Harvey Gail, OPCA Executive Director