

**OPCA Board Meeting Minutes**

**December 21, 2022**

**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 7:34 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 on. MM Larry Treleven; MS Jesse Gooch. Motion carried.*

**3. Treasurer's Report**

*A. Financial Report*

Bill Granstrom, OPCA treasurer was not in attendance, so Gail noted the highlights of the report. The bank account balances as of December 20, 2022, are as follows:

Wells Fargo Checking:	\$16,946.88
Wells Fargo Savings:	\$2,039.23
Wells Fargo Scholarship:	<u>\$5,535.45</u>
Total	\$24,521.56

Gail noted we are at 72% percent member renewals. Treleven said there have been a lot of consolidations going on which could explain some dues that aren't coming in. Larry reviewed some of the consolidations and closures. Seminar income is at about 60 percent of budget, and we are only halfway through the year, so that's positive.

**PASSED**

***Motion to accept the financial report. MM Larry Treleven; MS Dave Mays. Motion carried.***

**4. Committee Reports**

*A. Education*

Mike Kesecker was welcomed to the group. Gail said the attendees at Medford meeting liked the education but didn't care for the food. Gail will send a summary of the event survey to Kesecker. Treleven said we are running out of room at the Rogue Regency Inn, so we need to find a location with more capacity. He noted there's a community college in downtown Medford that may be able to accommodate us. Treleven will inquire about that option.

Kesecker reported that the virtual seminar is set up for January 14. He reviewed the speakers.

For the High Desert seminar, we will have Jamal Standage from NISUS for two hours, and a speaker from ODA. He said Dr Laurel Hansen is set up to speak in September. He noted he and Cameron Yamaura are setting up a rodent panel for the meeting in September.

Kesecker said he received an email from Dr. Hansen about scheduling an ant identification seminar. It will be on a Saturday possibly in March or April. Gail will check Chemeketa CC for availability.

Treleven noted Dr. Mike Potter is retire and he is in the Eugene area. Mike will inquire with him about speaking.

Dave Mays asked if OPCA should hold an 8-hour seminar. The other option is to support Vesperis's wildlife program. Kesecker noted his company sent six techs to the Vesperis seminar and they had positive comments. Kesecker said we could partner with Vesperis. Eugene was a good central location. Kesecker will talk to Jon Paulson at Vesperis.

Kesecker said the Pacific NW conference is in Hood River Feb 23-25.

Kesecker said he is going to handle the speakers for Fall Beach and High Desert then he is going to take a break as education chair. DeAngelo noted Cameron Yamaura has been helping and Jesse Gooch said he would be happy to serve on the education committee.

*B. Government Affairs*

Treleven noted that he was in Boise for the Idaho Association meeting where Dr. Jim Frederick from NPMA was a speaker. He noted how he is helping in the rodenticide rule draft with EPA. The draft came out on Nov 30. The rule draft eliminates retail sale of rodenticides more than 4 pounds. He noted the comment period to EPA is up on February 13. The rule draft also points to tamper resistant devices and the use of gloves with 14 mil thickness. Also, he noted there is discussion of using respirators due to concerns about deer mice and viruses they carry and a possible limitation on pelletized baits. In addition, gloves and respirators for cleaning up nests and carcass retrieval maybe added. There are also concerns about secondary poisoning for non-target animals. DeAngelo noted Lipatech just put out an announcement about it. Broadcast mechanical spreading of rodenticides will not be allowed. Gasses in burrows will still be allowed. DeAngelo noted there are comments about the impact of rodenticides on raptors, especially in and around landfills where there are a lot of rodent problems. Treleven will write an article for the newsletter.

Treleven noted Jim Frederick is leaving the NPMA and will be the director of the PPMA. He could be a great speaker at some point.

Treleven commented he goes to the PCOC board meetings. They celebrated in Palm Springs it was noted Governor Newsom vetoed the neon ban bill. He said this sends a message to other states. He noted the legislature does not have the scientific training to make those decisions and this should be left to experts at the department of agriculture.

Treleven reported that Oregon has a new democratic governor and the democrats control both houses, but they don't have a super majority. Gail noted the lack of a super majority means the legislators will need to work together a more. Also, he said the Environmental Quality Commission just approved a ban on the sale of new gas powered vehicles by 2035. Treleven noted this could be challenged since the decision was made by a committee on not the legislature or the citizens of Oregon. Treleven said we will need to be more aware of our carbon footprint in the industry in General.

Finally, Treleven noted NPMA's Legislative Day is March 24-25.

### *C. Sponsorship*

Rennie Kubik said our virtual meeting may have limited sponsorship. He said he asked sponsors in Medford and many noted their budgets may be a little tighter next year. He said he is helping with the vendors for the Pacific NW meeting. He will send out another notice about our virtual meeting. Gail noted it costs \$200 to be a virtual sponsor at the winter virtual seminar. We have one sponsor so far, Veseris.

### *D. Wildlife*

Dave Mays said there is the Wildlife EXPO in Myrtle Beach, SC Feb 7-9.

### *E. Ethics*

Steve Nagel said he had nothing to report, so no news is good news.

### *F. Scholarship Committee*

Kesecker confirmed that he has stepped in as the committee chair.

## **5. Administrator's Report**

Gail noted he has been organizing the Winter seminar. He said we have about 20 people signed up, but a few of them are classroom format, so it should be a good attendance. He noted that earlier he mentioned lapsed dues notices had gone out. Gail noted the hotel contracts for the High Desert Seminar and Fall Beach seminar are all set. But, he noted we need to figure out where the Southern Oregon Seminar will be held.

## **5. New Business**

### *A. New Members*

## **6. Old Business**

### *A. ODA General Pest Exam*

DeAngelo said he talked to Brittney Jones at ODA. They have changed the outline for the general pest exam and structural exam, so they are making progress. DeAngelo noted ODA will set up a meeting either January 24th or

25th. He said ODA would like a few more comments from our members. He was not sure about the test questions themselves.

*B. OPCA Member Marketing*

DeAngelo noted when he quizzed people about the challenges we will be facing, many people were not aware of them, or didn't know much about it. So, the effort we are making is meant to encourage members to understand the regulatory challenges and eventually get involved with their elected officials. He noted the message should be simple to read and one page. Gail shared (on screen) an example of the text and a mockup of the desk top banner. Treleven noted the banner would keep the issues front of mind and it emphasizes shows the importance of being active in OPCA. There are other talking points that can be added later. Gail noted we will have more layout options for the banner featuring different color configurations. He will send the draft out to the board with the minutes.

**7. Next Board Meeting**

DeAngelo said we will have the board meet January 18 at 7:30 am via ZOOM.

**7. Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting DeAngelo called the meeting to a close at 8:35 am.

*Minutes taken by Harvey Gail, OPCA Executive Director*