

## OPCA Board Meeting Minutes February 21, 2024

*Via ZOOM Meeting*

### Board members attending (Indicated by\*)

\*Rennie Kubik, President  
Robert DeAngelo, Past President  
\*Matt White, President-Elect  
\*Bill Granstrom, Treasurer  
\*Larry Treleven, 2nd Vice President, S.P.A.R.  
\*Tim Banwell, Director  
\*Dave Mays, Director  
\*Steve Nagel, Director  
\*Jesse Gooch, Director  
Steve Wittig, Director  
\*Cameron Yamaura, Director

### Others, Members:

Harvey Gail, OPCA Executive Director

## Agenda

### 1. Welcome, President's Comments

Rennie Kubik, President, called the meeting to order at 7:33 am. He said the Pacific Northwest Pest Management Conference is later this week. He noted he has been helping Sean Bergman with some aspects of the meeting and he will serve as emcee on Saturday. He said they have 28 vendors and two speaker sponsors. Gail said he will be there as well. Kubik said he and Gail should find some time to talk to Samantha Malone from the Washington State Pest Management Association since they are doing some creative things related to fundraising.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

Gail noted the minutes had been distributed for review. Larry Treleven asked if we need the members' approval of the proposed dues increase. Gail said we will be letting them know both at the member meeting in Hood River and through the newsletter. Gail anticipated we would get some comments.

### **PASSED**

*Motion to approve the minutes of the January 2024 board meeting. MM Larry Treleven; MS Jesse Gooch. Motion carried.*

### 3. Treasurer's Report

Bill Granstrom, Treasurer read the balances of checking accounts as of February 15, 2024, as follows:

Wells Fargo Checking:	\$4,249.78
Wells Fargo Savings:	\$2,042.61
Wells Fargo Scholarship Account:	<u>\$3,743.07</u>

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Total \$10,035.46

Granstrom noted we have liabilities of \$1,847. He commented that the financial situation is looking better. He mentioned we should be paying attention to rate increases on insurance and hotel and catering costs. Which have and will continue to go up. Treleven noted the dues increase will help the financial situation.

**PASSED**

*Motion to approve the treasurer's report of February 15, 2024. MM Larry Treleven; MS Matt White. Motion carried.*

**4. Committee Reports**

*A. Education*

Jesse Gooch, Education Chair, commented on the High Desert Seminar. He said we have a spot or two open in the afternoon. He said we could fill that with a speaker from Liphatech on disinfection and sanitation which would also qualify for wildlife credits. Also, he said James Rodriguez or Dr. Jamal Standage could speak on rodents.

As for the Fall Beach seminar, Gooch said Cameron Yamaura is reaching out to Paul Bello, but has not confirmed his attendance yet. Treleven offered some technical speakers, possibly Ashley Roden. Also, Gooch suggested a topic on spiders would be good and two speakers were offered. Gail said the event is at the Embarcadero Resort, which is on the bayfront in Newport, walking distance from Old Town Newport.

Gail noted the Southern Oregon Seminar will be back at the Rogue Community College . Mays suggested we get on the schedule for the caterer, Casa Amiga, now.

Gooch said he attended the NWCOA Wildlife EXPO in Texas. He said their organization is fairly strong on the East Coast, but they want to do some more events on the West Coast. He said Steven Conrad is the West Coast Director for NWCOA.

Dave Mays described a 2-day wildlife control operator training course that will be held in Grants Pass in April. He said the venue will hold 70 people. Mays will send Harvey Gail a link with information. Kubic noted we could also reach out to Wayfair in Vancouver. They do a lot of wildlife, especially bats. Mays said NWCOA has two bat courses and that we could offer one or the other, depending on interest.

Gooch said we could do a B&G course, perhaps in Salem. He said Scott LeFarve does a B&G course. Gail said OPCA hasn't done a B&G rebuild course in a long time, so this could be a great idea.

Kubic said Matt White will get in touch with the Golf Course at Eagle Crest. Gail said we typically start the first team off at 10:00 am.

*B. Government Affairs*

Kubic said he and Jesse are going to the Day on the Hill meeting in Washington, DC. He said NPMA has a couple legislative appointments set up. Treleven said it's good to have people from Oregon at that meeting Gooch said he would be attending Day on the Hill for the next few years.

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Treleven said he and Billy Olson testified in Olympia on neonicotinoid and sulfuryl fluoride bills. He thinks they made some headway with modifications to the bills, but he wasn't sure if it went through or not. He said there are no decisions from EPA on rodenticides. He was hopeful the D.C. trip would produce some information on decisions. He said it has taken way too long.

He said they had a victory in California for eye wash protection. The rule draft said each vehicle had to carry 60 gallons of water. But, as they pointed out, it can get very hot in places like Palm Springs, so they backed off a little on that.

Treleven said will not be in Hood River as he is going on a vacation. But he will stop in at the Day on the Hill meeting on the way back. Kubik noted Laurel Hansen wanted a copy of the history presentation that Treleven gave last year.

Gail said the Oregon Legislature is in session. They just reported a fairly significant increase in tax revenue that is available, so the legislature will find ways to spend it. Gail said the Governor is focused on solving the issue of lack of affordable housing. Her proposal would allow cities to expand their urban growth boundaries, but the proposal is getting a negative reaction from many organizations. Also, they are working on recriminalizing possession of small amounts of drugs in hopes of solving the fentanyl crisis. Gail said the current system of giving people a choice of a \$100 fine or agreement to seek treatment is not working.

### *C. Wildlife*

Dave Mays noted the NWCOA training that was already mentioned. Mays noted 12 hours of wildlife credit are required every two years. Gooch asked where wildlife control operators get the credit. Mays said he has done a lot of online meetings, but he gets some from OPCA meetings, and last year there was a wildlife seminar in Salem with 8 hours. Gooch noted if OPCA does a class in April every year, perhaps partnering with NWCOA, it wouldn't compete with anything we are doing, and it would be more consistent. Gooch will reach out to NWCOA.

### *D. Ethics*

Steve Nagel there weren't any issues coming in.

### *E. Scholarship*

Mike Kesecker was not present.

### *F. Sponsorship*

Steve Wittig was not in attendance. Gail said Witting had let him know he wouldn't be able to make the meeting. Gail said he has been communicating with Wittig this week. He said he is doing a great job of getting the word out about our events. Gail said the High Desert Seminar has already sold most of the sponsorships including the welcome reception, breakfast, lunch, and one of the two breaks.

## **5. Executive Director Report**

Harvey Gail noted the *Crack and Crevice* newsletter is in a new electronic format. He said the articles will be a little shorter, but the format will be more dynamic with hyperlinks to other websites. He said there is an opportunity for sponsors to buy a banner ad that would go on the bottom of the newsletter. He said the can be purchased on our website. Gail said the electronic format is much easier to produce than a graphically assembled standard newsletter, so it will save OPCA money.

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Gail noted Miriam McNie did a great job handling the virtual seminar in January. He said it was a good thing it was virtual due to the ice storm that day.

### **6. Old Business**

#### *A. OPCA Dues Increase*

Gail described how communication with the members will be handled. He noted there will be an article in the newsletter with the new rates as well as an explanation about having NPMA collect our dues. He said he let NPMA know about it, but so far, NPMA has not had any questions or follow up. So, Gail will reach out again. White said we should be sure to give the members advanced notice about how dues collection will be handled so they are not surprised when they get an invoice from NPMA. Gail said an article will be in the newsletter for each issue until June.

### **6. New Business**

None presented.

### **8. Next Board Meeting**

The next board meeting is March 20 at 7:30 am via ZOOM.

### **9. Adjournment**

Kubic said he would see people in Hood River. So, with no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 am.

*Minutes taken by Harvey Gail, OPCA Executive Director*