

OPCA Board Meeting Minutes

March 15, 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 7:39 am.

2. Approval of Minutes

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

PASSED

*Motion to accept the minutes from the board meeting in February. MM Matt White; MS Rennie Kubik.
Motion carried.*

3. Treasurer's Report

A. Financial Report

Bill Granstrom, OPCA treasurer noted the following account balances as of March 14, 2023:

Wells Fargo Checking:	\$15,217.65
Wells Fargo Savings:	\$2,039.98
Wells Fargo Scholarship:	<u>\$4,537.49</u>
Total	\$21,796.09

Gail noted we are at 77% of budgeted dues has been collected, which is a little less than budget because the budget was set somewhat as a stretch goal. Gail said there have been a few consolidations with companies in the past year. Gail will send a list of lapsed members to the board.

PASSED

Motion to accept the financial report. MM Rennie Kubik; MS Jesse Gooch. Motion Carried.

4. Committee Reports

A. Education

Mike Kesecker asked about the Ant ID class, Gail noted we have expanded the class to two sessions. He predicted we would have about 16 in each. The deadline to sign up is Monday, March 27, but if there is still room after that we will try to accommodate people.

Kesecker reported that Mike Dougherty from Bird-b-Gone will do a one-hour bird class in June. This brings the total credit hours to 6. He said the speaking fees for Mike Potter will be sponsored by Target.

Kesecker asked about OPCA's policy on hotel rooms for speakers. He noted that in the past it's been unclear how rooms are handled in regard to which speakers should be covered for rooms, and whether its one night or two nights. He said we only occasionally have speaking fees for speakers, such as big-name speakers coming from other places, but most are covered by a manufacturer's sponsorship. We usually just have one or two a year for speaker fees.

Gail suggested the board should come up with a policy for reimbursement or coverage for travel, room and speaker fees. This should be made clear to speakers when they are booked. Rennie Kubik said the Washington association usually covers one night for speakers. However, government agencies pay for their speakers travel and hotel rooms and don't accept any sort of financial assistance.

Kesecker said for June, quite a few speakers have already accepted our offer for paying for rooms. So, he wanted to discuss if all nights are covered or just one. He felt at this point it might be too late to dial back the offer. DeAngelo said we will pay for Dr. Potter's room. For the others, we will reserve the room for them, but not pay for it. Mike will send the names of the speakers and the nights they would like to have booked to the staff office.

For Fall beach, Kesecker said Jesse Gooch and Cameron Yamaura are stepping into the speaker committee role. Gooch noted he will contact a speaker on beneficial insects for the Fall Beach seminar.

For southern Oregon DeAngelo suggested we contact the technical director from Lloyd's Pest Control. He was a great speaker at Pest World on the topic of rodenticides and trapping.

B. Government Affairs

Larry Treleven was not in attendance. DeAngelo said he has not heard from EPA from the rule draft or on any developments in states seeking rodenticide policy preemption. He said Larry Treleven is attending the NPMA Legislative Day, but he was not aware of anyone else attending from Oregon. Kubik noted several people from Washington are attending.

C. Sponsorship

Rennie Kubik noted he sent an email earlier and he had three responses. He noted he has a good list of companies and that he's also helping out Washington's association with sponsorship.

D. Wildlife

Dave Mays was not in attendance, but Kesecker noted ODFW has a wildlife seminar on April 14. They do it every other year. They are offering six hours of credit. Gail noted he will send out a notice.

E. Ethics

Steve Nagel said he did not have any report on ethics issues. DeAngelo said there is a non-member that has some potential issues with bids for rodent work. The bids are very high and submitted to homeowners as hand-written proposals in some cases. Reports are that their sales strategy efforts are high pressure, and the fees are very high. He will turn over any examples of this to ODA.

5. Administrative Report

Gail said registration for the Ant ID seminar is underway as noted earlier. Also, registration for the High Desert seminar is open. He said we will book Salishan Golf Course and Dockside Charters in Depoe Bay for the Fall Beach seminar. As for the location for the Southern Oregon Seminar, Gail noted we have a call into the community college in Medford, but it has not been officially booked yet.

Gail said the Hood River Seminar was fun. He noted Rene Kesecker did a great job on the auction. DeAngelo said Harvey Gail and Miriam McNie from Spire Management helped with registration for Hood River. He noted the we had OPCA's new pop-up banner at Hood River and that it will be at the meetings coming up.

6. Old Business

None presented.

7. New Business

A. New Member Applications

Gail noted one of the applications, Outlook Pest Management, could not be voted on until July since the company would need to be in business a full year before being a member. DeAngelo said we expect to see an application from A and A Pest Control. He noted Steve Wittig is now with the company. Gail said technically, this is a change of staff and that it would not need to re-apply.

8. Next Board Meeting

DeAngelo said we will have the board meet on April 19 at 7:30 am via ZOOM.

9. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting DeAngelo called the meeting to a close at 8:20 am.

Minutes taken by Harvey Gail, OPCA Executive Director