

OPCA Board Meeting

January 19, 2022

Minutes

Via ZOOM meeting

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
- *Matt White, Director

Others:

Harvey Gail, Executive Director

1. Welcome, President's Report

Larry Treleven welcomed the group at 7:33 am. It was noted a quorum was present. He reviewed some topics that will be discussed later in the meeting including an EPA review of rodenticide labeling and the Pacific NW Conference on February 25-26. He asked if we need a board meeting (on the third Wednesday) in February if we would be meeting the following week in Hood River. Most agreed we would have the board meeting at the Pacific NW conference.

2. Approval of Minutes

Treleven asked for comments on the December board meeting minutes.

PASSED

Motion to approve the minutes of the board meeting in December 2021. MM Rennie Kubik; MS Bill Granstrom. Motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report

Bill Granstrom, treasurer noted several checks had been cut in January, including Spire Management, NPMA dues, Paul Bello's speaking fee and the contribution to PPM. Gail noted the financial report was just recently prepared since there have been some staff shortages, specifically his bookkeeper. He shared the balance sheet and profit and loss budget to actual report. The bank balances as of January 18 were noted as follows:

Wells Fargo Checking:	\$15,459.02
Wells Fargo Savings:	\$2,038.95

Wells Fargo Scholarship: \$5,409.70
Total \$22,907.67

Gail also reported some results from the profit and loss budget to actual report. He said member dues are 93% of budget, seminar income is 58.9% of budget, administrative costs are 58% of budget. He said we are on track for seminar income since the Bend meeting is still coming up. Gail noted year to date net income is \$9,051.91.

Granstrom pointed out that Stephanie Hendricks contacted him to look into the status of the bank signers, presumably because she may still be listed on the account. Gail said forms from Wells Fargo need to be filled out to update the signers. Treleven said the bank signers form could be completed at the Hood River Conference since the new signers would be there.

Signers being added to the Wells Fargo checking account include:

- **Bill (William) Granstrom, Treasurer**
- **Robert DeAngelo, President -Elect**

Signers being removed, pending verification from the bank, are:

- **Terry Brant**
- **Stephanie Hendricks (Earle)**
- **Rich Kesecker**

4. Reports

A. Government Affairs

Treleven said every 15 years or so the EPA goes through labels for products. He said EPA will be looking at all rodenticides. Among the additional rules being considered, due to hantavirus exposure, are requiring protective gloves and the use of respirators when rodenticides and trapping is done. He noted the others who were on the call reviewing the rules. Treleven noted the conditions associated with checking traps and putting down rodenticides may not require these steps. He said further comments are being gathered.

Treleven said Oregonians for Food and Shelter noted a study where there was concern about pesticides that are getting into clam beds. Mostly these chemicals are used by the forestry industry, however, three of the four are no longer use by the industry. Also, there was a bill that got through the California legislature that bans small gas engines. The same bill came up in Washington. That would affect power sprayers and other devices used in the industry. He noted there aren't any bed bug bills during the upcoming short session in Oregon. Gail said the short session is required to be six weeks by law, so if they don't accomplish everything the Governor could call a special session later to address it. He said last year Governor Brown called several short sessions.

Treleven said Day on the Hill is a little different this year because most of the state legislators don't have meetings in their offices and that those meetings will have to be held virtually.

Treleven noted the vaccination mandate – that firms with over 100 employees must require vaccinations - got turned down by the Supreme Court. He said that at Sprague they had to let 16 people go who refused to be vaccinated. They've filled all the positions, but the new people aren't quite as experienced. He feels its unfair since Sprague went to all the work to be in compliance, but then it backfired. He noted it's not a major issue for the bulk of our members, but larger firms like Orkin, Ecolab and Rent-A-Kill were not in compliance. The group discussed the impact of vaccine mandates on companies and state agencies.

B. Education

Mike Kesecker noted we just held the virtual seminar. He felt we should take the comments regarding cost of the virtual seminar. The individual rate could be looked at. He said it was the first time we heard from Colton Bond and ODA. He said Dr. Tishendorf was a good speaker, and he does some great topics that would be more applicable to wildlife and rodents, He does a lot of work

Kesecker reported that he is working with Cameron Yamoura on the committee on the speakers for the High Desert Seminar in Bend. So far, they include:

- Ray Vanderlo, Bed Bugs
- Ming Quin out of California.
- Mike Doherty, 4-hour bird control breakout.
- Scott LeFave wanted to do a B&G maintenance
- Reid Ipser.

Kesecker said the Ant ID class has been set up. Gail said registration is strong and we will likely sell out of the 24 spots. Dr. Laurel Hanson is the presenter at Chemeketa Community College on March 26. Gail will ask her if she would do a double session, or possibly schedule a second session later in the year. Gail suspected it might be difficult for her to have two sessions in the same day, but he will inquire.

C. Sponsorship

Rennie Kubic said he was a little disappointed about vendor support for the virtual seminar. Gail said there were three sponsors. He said Ashley Freeman is the new technical director for Advanced IPM in Sacramento. He will send another email regarding the Bend meeting. Gail said the website is set up to take registrations for vendors and that the reps would really like the River House Conference Center.

D. Wildlife

Dave Mays noted he has nothing to report.

E. Ethics

Steve Nagel was not present.

F. Scholarship

Gail said an article was in the *Crack and Crevice* and we have one applicant. DeAngelo said Kathy Elkins might call OPCA to get on the scholarship committee. She was going to call Rene Kesecker. It was noted she has moved back to Oregon. She will need to be a member. Her company is Diva's Pest Management in Milwaukie.

6. Old Business

None presented.

7. New Business

A. Hood River Conference

Robert DeAngelo wanted to make sure OPCA was promoting the Pacific NW Pest Management Conference in Hood River He said they have 99 people signed up so far. He wanted to emphasize that it is an in-person event.
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8. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be Friday February 25 at 3:30 pm at the Hood River Conference. Gail noted the ZOOM link is set up for all third Wednesdays until June and that it's the same link each month.

9. Adjournment

With no further business Treleven called for adjournment at 8:20 am.

Minutes taken by Harvey Gail, OPCA Executive Director