



OCEAN Board Meeting Teleconference Minutes

Thursday June 12, 2014 - 2:30PM

Attendance

Jason Faucera-President	Shilah Olson- Vice President	Lisa Mahon-Secretary
Walt Barton	Janet Greenup-Treasurer	Liz Graham
Tyler Joki	Josh Uriarte	Walt Barton

Jason called the meeting to order at 2:34PM. There were no new additions to the agenda.

Recurring Items

Minutes-The Board reviewed the minutes presented from January 29, 2014, March 3, 2014, April 30, 2014 and May 28, 2014. *Janet moved to accept all the minutes presented as written and Shilah seconded it. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.*

[Tyler Joki and Walt Barton joined the meeting]

Financial Report-OCEAN’s current balance as of June 4th is \$5,104.49. *Lisa moved to accept the financial report and Josh seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.*

Calendar-The calendar is on the website but is still a work in progress. It is being incorporated as part of the blog. As we move forward Jason will need help with updating the calendar.

Work Plan-Jason reviewed the progress on each of the events in the Work Plan. Tyler and Jeremy met on the Employee Packet and they plan to move that to September. Walt and Marty have not met on the Basin representative tasks yet.

June 2014

Policy/Budget Accounting System	The finance committee met and needs more time to work on this. They will be meeting again on June 24 th and will be sending the policies packet to the board on June 26 th in preparation for the July meeting. This will move back sending in the 501c3 application until August.
---------------------------------	--

July 2014

Assess Interest in Potential Topics for Online Training & District Ability to Participate	The Education committee will be meeting next week to discuss this.
Plan & Host Online Training	This task will be pushed back until at least August.

August 2014

Develop New Employee Welcome Packet	Tyler and Jeremy met and because of workloads it is more realistic to set this as a goal to complete in September.
Draft Basin Representative Roles and Responsibilities	Marty and Walt have not been able to work on this yet.

Continuing Items

Policy/501c3-The finance committee will be meeting later this month. After their meeting a packet of all policies needing approval will be compiled and sent to the board.

Janet tried to get ahold of the IRS but was sent to the wrong place so she was unable to get an answer on OCEAN’s filing requirements. She will contact Teresa to find out more information and potentially contacts on this topic.

Budget-Janet presented the budget for the board to adopt. There was some concern that we were spending more than was coming in. The \$300 deficit was discussed and there was a consensus that it should be okay for this year as we are getting started and still have higher expenses associated with becoming a non-profit. *Tyler motioned to approve the revised 2014 budget. Lisa seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

Committee Description Progress-Communications committee does not have this complete. Tyler stated that for the fundraising committee he wants to get everyone together before he writes the description. That committee now consists of Tyler Joki, Jeremy Baker, Lisa Mahon, and Kari Hollander.

Basin Reconfiguration-Jason sent out possible realignment scenarios before the meeting for the board to review. Tyler asked if people outside of the board can review this at this time and if we could see the ideas compared to the current set up. Until we go out as a board and present this to the basins Jason asked that it not be shared. The purpose behind the idea of reconfiguring the basins is so that we can give more opportunities to those people that want to participate on the OCEAN board, while still equally representing our Districts.

Jason asked each board member their thoughts on the idea and scenarios presented. The board members present were all in favor of pursuing this idea further. The majority likes scenarios 3&4, but there was a suggestion for scenario 2 breakdown for the west side and central Oregon.

Some points the board discussed in thinking about moving forward:

- How our current basins feel about who they will be lumped with.
- If we need to blend any of the scenarios to achieve the best basin layout.
- Similarity resource-wise of Districts. For example, Polk County is more similar to Benton, Linn and Lane counties but tends to get blended with Portland Metro area.
- Consider OWEB’s six regions as food for thought. If OCEAN had 6 regions, then the 5 at-large representatives could be split 3 west side and 2 east side to reflect number of SWCD employees.
- It might be nice to have similar layouts as other partners for example NRCS or OWEB.

The board agreed that it would be good to take Scenarios 2 and 4 to the districts and see what people think. The board thought this might be a good representation of options to take to our membership. Tyler asked to have the current set up in the same format to look at when presenting the new ideas. The individual basin reps will roll these out to their membership. Jason will work on a write up and a package to send out. At this point we will have send out via email/phone. [Walt left the meeting]

Board Training Opportunity-There is an opportunity for training on the East side of the state in September that is similar to the one that was offered on the West side. Jason will also be sending out information on new board member e-learning courses.

CONNECT Logo-When working on the video stuff to brand CONNECT as a program Jason thought it would be good to have its own logo associated with the event. It would be good if the logo tied closely to OCEAN's so people associated the two with each other. Tyler said there is a way to solicit design ideas on some websites. We would give ideas and information about us and then graphic designers would propose logo designs. He will get the information to Jason. Jason would like to have it for the 2015 advertisement. The Communications committee will be working on this task.

New Items

2014 NCDEA Dues-We received an invoice from National Conservation District Employees Association for the \$200 annual dues, which we have always paid in the past. *Janet motioned to pay the dues again and Lisa seconded it. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.*

OACD/NOWC Regional Meetings-Jason discussed what he knew to date about these meetings. There are 6 tentatively planned. There will be an opportunity for OCEAN to talk for 5-10 minutes so Jason is asking that people try to make these meetings. Tyler asked that there be general talking points so that everyone is giving the same general message on behalf of OCEAN. OCEAN was also asked to help get more SWCD employees to these meetings.

Committee Update

The Finance, Fundraising, and Education committee updates were given earlier when reviewing the work plan. The Communications committee will be working on the CONNECT logo idea and continuing work on the website.

Closing Comment

Next Meeting - July 10th at 1:30PM via teleconference. Packets of information will go out June 26th.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58PM.