

**OCEAN Board Meeting  
Teleconference  
Notes  
Thursday July 13, 2017 - 2:30PM**



**Attendance**

Jason Faucera-President  
Lisa Mahon

Herb Winters  
Shilah Olson

Janet Greenup

There was not a quorum present, so action items were deferred. These notes are for general information.

**Recurring items**

*Minutes* –Deferred till later.

*Financial Report FY 2017*- Jason reviewed the financial reports distributed with the meeting materials. OCEAN has a total balance of \$38,751.58. The profit and loss statement shows a net increase of \$15,774.95. We now have enough funding on hand to put on a conference without grants or sponsorships.

*Calendar*-Nothing new to look at.

**Committee update**

No updates.

*Regional Reps*-Jason would like regional representatives to contact staff in their basins and encourage them to keep the OCEAN website online directory updated.

**Continuing Items**

*Partnership Reports*-The partnership group met on July 6. OACD Executive Director applications are due tomorrow, July 14<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to have a new director in place by September. COLT and OACD are excited that the OAHP bill passed with funding attached. The recreational immunity bill also passed, extending tort liability protections. NOWC is engaged in strategic planning and has been assisting OSU Extension with a riparian survey. Jason is working with the partnership on an OWEB grant application, which will be a key focus over the next couple of months. Jason will attend the OWEB board meeting in Boardman at the end of July on behalf of the partnership.

*NCDEA Report* -Tom Salzer is the new NCDEA representative for the western region. A report was included in the board meeting materials for members to review on their own time.

[Janet left the meeting at 2:45PM]

*CONNECT 2018*- Jason discussed getting out a save-the-date for Connect 2018. It would be good to get it out soon, although the partnership will need to agree on branding for the conference and whether it

will be open to everyone every year or employees only every other year. There was general consensus from those on the call that the name should still reference Connect. It would be good to review the evaluations before deciding whether it should be open to all every year. One option is to have a joint conference and set aside specific time for employee-only conversations. COLT would like to have it open to all every year.

OCEAN will be hiring a contractor to oversee Connect planning going forward. OWEB said that it would be fine to hire the contractor ahead of the grant agreement, which is expected in December 2017. Jason suggested getting something out in the next month or so. Lisa will draft up the general duties and Shilah will review.

Lisa will get quotes for event insurance. She has approval to sign documents as long as they don't obligate OCEAN to anything.

*Regional Trainings Grant Program-* Jason recapped awards granted. Herb received an award of \$685 for regional training and will be required to submit a report and receipts with backup documentation. Oregon Envirothon winners were awarded \$300 to help with travel to nationals. They haven't responded yet, but will still be able to receive funding with proper documentation of costs and demonstration of need. Jason would like volunteers to help craft rules for the grant program.

*CONNECT 2017-* Jason reviewed Connect financials. We came out way ahead this year, especially due to sponsors such as NRCS. We received a contribution of \$10,000 from NOWC that won't be available next year since we'll get funding for a coordinator. However, we just signed an agreement with NRCS for \$20,000 a year for three years. We may want to consider reducing registration fees if we continue to get good sponsorships.

Jason asked if anyone on the call had issues with reimbursing Wallowa SWCD for staff time spent on Connect planning. No issues were noted.

### **Additions/Closing Comments**

*Next Board Meeting-*Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 2:30PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted by Shilah Olson*