

**Nevada Water Resources Association  
Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
August 19, 2004  
Bill Nisbet's Cabin, Lamoille**

**1. Roll Call**

**Present:**

Dean Alford  
Vahid Behmaram  
Donna Bloom  
Hazel Dewey  
Bennie Hodges  
Jon Hutchings  
Michael Johnson  
Bill Listerud  
Paul Pettit  
Dennis Porter  
Steve Walker  
John Warwick

**Not Present:**

Kay Brothers  
Buzz Fitzpatrick  
Mark Forest  
Ed James  
Hugh Ricci  
Mike Strobel

2. **Minutes:** The Board reviewed and approved the April 22, 2004 minutes.

**3. Financial Status:**

Donna provided an overview of the finances. There was \$19,000. this time last year in the account. Currently there is \$36,500. in the account.

The individual budget analysis was reviewed and discussed. The Truckee River tour broke even. Tahoe Symposium charges from the Cal Neva were extremely high. Student prices were discussed for the future budgeting of these events. There were discrepancies in the room charges originally quoted by the Cal Neva. The 2004 NWRA Conference netted \$34,000.

This January the net income is -\$6,800.00. It was discussed on possibly changing the fiscal year from January 1-December 31 to July 1-June 31. NWRA was officially approved this year as 501(c)3 entity by the Internal Revenue Service.

The budget for the clerical position was discussed. It was voted to raise the allocation of the budget for this position to \$15,800. from \$10,800.

Membership Directories were not budgeted in this year's budget. Directories are being mailed out the first week of August. Approximate cost is \$1,500. including mailing. Motion was approved to add this expenditure to the budget.

The Multi-State Salinity Coalition account was discussed. In the past the money was in our general account. We have separated this and have formed a separate Salinity account to keep the monies properly accounted for.

Motion was carried to approve the budget as amended in today's meeting

#### 4. NWRA 2005 Conference

The Conference will be held at the Peppermill Hotel Casino February 1-3<sup>rd</sup>. The Nugget bumped us. The Planning committee consists of Susan Joseph-Taylor, Allan Biaggi, Catherine Hansford, Jon Hutchings, Dennis Porter, John Warwick, Michael Johnson, Zane Marshall, and Ed James as Chair. This years conference will include a ski day and a career day. It would be a mandatory board attendance. There was a discussion on what the format would be, mentoring program, and a questionnaire to students on what they want to know. There was a large discussion regarding panelists and formats of the conference.

John Hutchings suggested NWRA publish a top ten issues that would serve the NWRA members, legislators, and public. The Board agreed this would be a good idea.

#### 5. Upcoming Events:

A. **Lifetime Achievement Award:** Nominee's listed were Mike Turnipseed, George Hardman, Thomas Eakin, and Karen Baggett.

B. **Arsenic Symposium:** 20 registrants to date. 2 sponsors ECO:LOGIC and SNWA

C. **Southern Nevada Sustainability Symposium:** October 19<sup>th</sup> at Thomas Mack Center, UNLV. The University wants to sponsor it fully. Media attention is something they really want to attract. They are hoping for a strong public appearance. Donna is waiting on a signed contract from UNLV for costs and expenditures for NWRA being the facilitator.

D. **Evapo-transpiration Symposium:** November 15, 2004

Teri Katzer is the chair. It will be held at Las Vegas Valley Water District. Scott Tyler will moderate the whole event.

G. **Water Rights class in Pahrump:** November 10, 2004

The class will be held for Realtors in Pahrump, Nevada. Hugh Ricci and Michael Buschelman will teach the class. It is being held at the Community Center in Pahrump.

H. **National Salinity Management Desalination Summit:** December 13-14, 2004

It is being held at Cesars Palace in Las Vegas. Board members went through the preliminary program and speakers. NWRA is charging 10,000. to be the facilitator of this summit. This is due to Donna's undertaking of planning, coordinating and administrating the entire conference.

#### I. Other Potential Events:

It was decided that a Southern Nevada Dinner would be pushed back to Spring of 2005. Holding another Truckee River Symposium in August of 2005 was discussed. It was suggested to ask Janet Carson to be involved. Hosting a Dinner Forum after the legislative session was also suggested. One may be held in Reno and one in Las Vegas. The Eastern Carbonate Tour may possibly be held in October of 2005. It was suggested to have a Salt Cedar Symposium. Bennie Hodges discussed the discovery of beetles helping to conserve water resources in the state of Nevada.

There is active funding for the Water in the West program catered toward water education. NWRA will look into hosting bus tours around the state for educational purposes. Also, educating the public on domestic and public water supply. It has become a big issue in many areas. A class on basic ground water and well design was suggested as well.

7. **Technical Journal:**

Papers are in final peer review. Five papers will be on the website by the end of August. There will be a Tahoe Edition issue of the journal as well. The Journal will be available to all viewers for the first year. It will become a members only page for an added benefit for being an NWRA member.

8. **Website:**

Its up and running! Banners for the Arsenic and Salinity Symposium are on the site and so is online registration. Monica and Donna will be traveling to Folsom to learn how to use the website. Monica will be updating the website once the training and software have been purchased. Paypal is the company we are using to accept credit card registrations.

9. **Membership:** 225 members. Directories are designed and getting ready to mail. Donna brought a sample of the directories for the board to see.

11. **Miscellaneous:**

A recap discussion ensued regarding the Top Ten issues of water in the state of Nevada. A brief description of each one of these issues that NWRA feels are critical to Nevada. It will be used as an educational tool for the public. There was a deadline of December 31, 2004. Donna will e-mail the board members for their thoughts and lists of these issues.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 16, 2004 in Las Vegas.

Notes by Monica Foster 10/11/04