

**Nevada Water Resources Association  
Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
April 13, 2010  
USGS, 2730 Deer Run Road  
Carson City, NV 89701  
10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

- 1. Roll Call and Introduction of newly elected Board members:** Jay Dixon, Ed James, Mike Hardy, Rick Felling, Lari Knochenmus, Tina Triplett, Dave Wathen, Jay Fischer, Mike Widmer, Scott Brown, Bwire Ojiambo

**Not Present:** Dylan Frehner, Jeff Johnson, Michael Johnson, Dan Netcher, Ken Lykens, Brad Goetsch, Bill Listerud, Tracy Taylor

- 2. Review and Approval of March 2, 2010 Minutes**

The Board reviewed the March 2, 2010 minutes. Mike Widmer motioned to approve the minutes as is, Lari Knochenmus seconded the motion and all were in favor.

- 3. Financial Status**

Mike Hardy provided an overview of the 2010 Profit & Loss To Date report, 2010 Profit & Loss by Event report and month end balance sheet. He stated that the current checking account balance is \$69,988.22.

Tina requested that the Executive Board sign a document for the request of a credit limit increase to the NWRA Bank Of America credit card. The Board agreed that this was a good idea since the existing credit limit is \$3,000 and usually does not cover the food and beverage charges or deposit for NWRA events.

- 4. Executive Board election**

Ed James' term as the NWRA President is up and he is stepping down from the position. Nominations and votes took place with the Board members that were present and the following were voted in:

President: Mike Widmer, Washoe County Dept. of Water Resources

Vice President: Jay Dixon, Converse Consultants

Treasurer: Mike Hardy, Lumos & Associates, Inc.

- 5. 2010 Tahoe Science Conference**

Zach Hymanson, Executive Director of the Tahoe Science Consortium and Chairman of the Tahoe Science Conference joined the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Zach updated the Board on the history of the Tahoe Science Conference and provided an update on the 2010 Tahoe Science Conference which was held in Incline Village on March 16-17, 2010. The event net income to date is \$9,255.09 and will be held by NWRA as carryover for the 2012 Tahoe Science Conference. The Board expressed concerns about possible complications that may arise in the future with holding this rollover money. It was suggested by Zach that there was a

possibility of NWRA entering into a contract with one of the member organizations from the planning committee. The Board and Mr. Hymanson agreed that a more formal agreement can be brought forward in the future if the Board requests it. Ed James made a motion to hold the revenue from the 2010 event for Tahoe Science Consortium for 2 years and requests can only be made to access the funds by the Executive Director of TSC. Mike Hardy seconded the motion and all were in favor.

#### **6. NWRA Past Events – Debrief**

- a. **Water Rights in Nevada Class, March 1, 2010** was held at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas, Nevada with 31 attendees. Mike and Hugh once again did a great job.
- b. **Advanced Water Rights in Nevada Class, March 2, 2010** was also held at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas, Nevada with 30 attendees. There was positive feedback from the attendee evaluations.
- c. **NWRA Annual Conference and Hoover Dam Tour, March 2-4, 2010** was a huge success despite some changes that needed to be made to the meeting rooms due to a larger than anticipated audience. There were 253 attendees to the Annual Conference this year.

#### **7. Upcoming Events**

- **2010 Truckee River Tour, April 15-16, 2010** will be hosted by Janet Phillips in Reno, Nevada and only has one seat left.
- **The Southern Nevada Dinner Forum** is scheduled for May 13, 2010 but will need to be changed to a different date due to a conflict with the retirement dinner for Bob Coache, Deputy State Engineer.
- **Water Rights and Advanced Water Rights classes** will be held in June in Ely, Nevada. Actual dates to be determined by instructor availability.
- **UNR/NWRA Fall Dinner Forum, October 28, 2010** at the Meadowood Courtyard in Reno, Nevada.
- **Well Design, Construction and Rehabilitation Workshop, June 23, 2010** at the Washoe County Department of Water Resources in Reno, Nevada.
- **2011 NWRA Annual Conference, January 31-February 3, 2011** in Reno, Nevada. Location will be determined based on negotiations with the proposed sites. The Board has reviewed the hotel comparison spreadsheet and narrowed the choices to the Nugget in Sparks, Peppermill or Silver Legacy in Reno, Nevada.

#### **8. NWRA Future Events Discussion**

- Jay Dixon provided an update about the EGGE Symposium which will be held in March of 2011 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Board discussed the possibility of using the NWRA membership database for email event announcements and agreed that the distribution should be done by the NWRA clerical staff. Jay will forward the event announcements to Tina for email distribution. Jay has requested that the EGGE Conference be an agenda item for each Board meeting leading up to the actual event. Jay Dixon will be the contact person for this event.

- Michael Strobel has offered to instruct a Ground Water class for NWRA. It was agreed that this was a great idea and would be tied in with the 2011 Annual Conference if Mike is available. Tina will talk with Mike and report back to the Board at the next scheduled meeting.
- Mike Hardy will contact Alex Flangas with Holland & Hart as a possible speaker for the NWRA Northern Nevada Dinner Forum. Tina will follow up with event details if he has an interest in speaking at the event.

**9. Miscellaneous**

- a. The Board agreed not to have an increase to the 2011 Membership renewal rates. No action was required of the Board.
- b. Tina requested the approval of the purchase of 2 VGA cables for the LCD projectors currently owned by NWRA. Mike Hardy motioned to approve the purchase of 2 VGA cables with the approval of the Executive Board once the cables are chosen. Lari Knochenmus seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- c. The Board discussed possible guidelines for requests for postings to the NWRA website.

**10.** The next meeting date will be Monday, July 12, 2010 at Bill Nisbet's cabin in Lamoille Canyon. The address will be forwarded to the Board prior to the meeting.

**11. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Minutes by Tina Triplett 4/20/2010