

**Nevada Water Resources Association  
Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
October 28, 2010  
Nevada Division of Water Resources  
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

1. **Roll Call and Welcome:** Jeff Johnson, Michael Johnson, Rick Felling, Brad Goetsch, Edwin James, Lari Knochenmus, Bill Listerud, Jay Fischer, Mike Hardy, Mike Widmer, Bwire Ojiambo, Tina Triplett

**Not Present:** Dylan Frehner, Ken Lykens, Jay Dixon, Randy Brown, Dave Wathen, Jason King

2. **Review and Approval of July 12, 2010 Minutes**

The Board reviewed the July 12, 2010 minutes. Rick Felling 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. Mike stated that the current checking account balance is \$53116.16. There is currently \$8475.00 outstanding in accounts receivables.

4. **Executive Director Contract & Scope of Work**

Mike Widmer briefed the Board on the content of the Professional Services Agreement that has been drafted for Tina Triplett, Executive Director, that was provided in each board packet for review. Ed James moved to approve and accept the contract for the Scope of Work as is with the modification to add an Appendix B to include a rate structure for subcontracted services. Mike Hardy seconded the motion and all were in favor.

5. **NWRA Past Events – Debrief**

- a. **Northern Nevada Dinner Forum, September 15, 2010** was held at the Airport Plaza in Reno, Nevada. The attendee evaluation summary was reviewed and discussed for this event. Rick Felling opened discussion about the comment that was made about NWRA providing opposing views at NWRA events. After some discussion on this matter, Brad Goetsch summarized the discussion by agreeing that it is not NWRA's obligation to provide an opposing view for each presentation and that there is always time for audience participation and comments either during or after presentations.
- b. **Water Rights in Nevada Class, October 18, 2010** was held at the Henderson Convention Center in Henderson, Nevada with 11 attendees. Mike and Hugh once again did a great job. Michael Johnson was the onsite NWRA contact for this class and the Advanced Water Rights Class. He volunteered to work the events and did a great job—thank you, Michael Johnson!

- c. **Advanced Water Rights in Nevada Class, October 19, 2010** was also held at the Henderson Convention Center in Henderson, Nevada with 11 attendees. There was positive feedback from the attendee evaluations.

Michael Johnson requested that an agenda item be added to the agenda for discussion. He opened discussion for the possibility of waiving the registration fees for the Annual Conference for Mike Buschelman and Hugh Ricci to thank them for all of their hard work and effort for the NWRA Water Rights classes. The Board agreed to this request. Tina will contact Mike and Hugh about this. Michael Johnson also requested to move Agenda #8, 2011 Carbonate Tour, up for discussion at this time so that he could participate and provide information before he had to leave for a meeting.

6. There have been requests for another Carbonate Tour and Michael Johnson and Bob Coache have agreed to lead this event. Michael suggested that the event be held in early June, 2011 or the third week of September, 2011. He will contact the speakers from the previous tour, track down the guidebook from someone at SNWA and contact Mesquite Bus Company for rates. Tina will draft a budget for this event and send all files from the 2007 tour to Michael to review. Mike Hardy, Lari Knochenmus and Jay Fischer have offered to help organize this event.

7. **2011 Annual Conference**

Tina provided an overview of the conference activities for the first week of February. These events include:

**Monday, January 31, 2011**

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Water Rights in Nevada Class** with Michael Buschelman & Hugh Ricci

**Tuesday, February 1, 2011:**

8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Advanced Water Rights in Nevada Class** with Michael Buschelman & Hugh Ricci

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. NWRA Bi-Annual **Ski Day at Mt. Rose Ski Resort** (departs from the Peppermill)

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. NWRA Annual Conference **Tour of the Truckee** (departs from the Peppermill)

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Conference Registration (Tuscany Meeting Rooms Foyer)

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Groundwater Workshop** with Michael Strobel, Ph.D. (Tuscany Meeting Rooms)

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Event Exhibitor & Poster Set Up (Tuscany Meeting Rooms)

7:00 p.m. –10:00 p.m. NWRA Board of Director's Meeting

**Wednesday, February 2, 2011:**

8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Annual Conference Program, Artificial Recharge Reception and Poster Presentations

**Thursday, February 3, 2011:**

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. NWRA Annual 5K Run, Virginia Lake

8:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Annual Conference Program, Awards Luncheon and Elections

The Board of Directors reviewed the 2011 Conference budget. Lari Knochenmus stated that she has received 2 abstracts to date. Bill Listerud provided an update on the confirmed and verbally committed sponsors for the Annual Conference. Mike Widmer expressed an interest in inviting legislators of the Public Lands Committee to the conference. He also asked the Board for suggestions of how to increase the registration drive for the 2011 event. Ed James suggested that we announce the event to lobbyists. Tina will try to find a list of registered lobbyist that can be used to distribute conference materials. Mike Hardy offered to send Tina a list of the Northwest Mining registration to use to invite attendees to the event.

**8. Upcoming Events**

- **2011 NWRA Annual Conference, January 31-February 3, 2011** in Reno, Nevada. The conference will be held at the Peppermill Hotel, Casino & Spa in Reno, Nevada.
- **Water Rights Class, January 31, 2011**, Reno, Nevada.
- **Advanced Water Rights Class, February 1, 2011**, Reno, Nevada.
- **Groundwater Workshop, February 1, 2011**, Reno, Nevada.
- **2011 Truckee River Tour**, April , 2011 in Reno, Nevada.
- **Well Design, Construction and Rehab Workshop, June 8, 2011** in Reno, Nevada. The Workshop will be held at the Washoe County Department of Water Resources in Reno, Nevada.
- **Truckee River Symposium**, Fall, 2011 in Reno, Nevada

**9. NWRA Future Events Discussion**

- Michael Johnson has suggested that NWRA host a follow up day to the Well Design, Construction and Rehab Workshop with Neil Mansuy on June 9, 2010. He will contact Mr. Mansuy to discuss this.
- Mike Widmer and Mike Hardy provided an overview of a 6 week community outreach session for Domestic Well Owners in Nevada. The 1 ½- 2 hour session will provide information to the Well Owner on well construction, record keeping and maintenance This series of Well Owners Informational meetings will take place throughout Nevada in a 6 week timeframe and will be instructed by volunteering Board

Members within their respective Districts. There was discussion on the cost of the event and the members agreed that there would not be an entrance fee charged. A brochure would also be handed out that summarized the information being taught, The format of the brochure has not been decided upon. There was unanimous acceptance for these outreach sessions.

#### **10. Miscellaneous**

- a) Steve Bottoms, webmaster, is working on the revision of the NWRA website and has sent a mockup of the newly remodeled NWRA website for each Board Member to peruse. It was agreed that the new website looked fantastic, was easy to use and that we should move forward to launch this new site. Tina will contact Steve to start this process.
- b) Rick Felling has provided 2 legislative updates to Tina for posting on the website. After some discussion about legislative updates for the NWRA membership, it was agreed that NWRA would provide updates at the end of each month with issues that are relevant to the water industry. These updates will be sent to Tina for formatting and email distribution.
- c) Jay Dixon was not available for an update on the EGGE Conference. This item will be included on the next meeting agenda.
- d) Zach Hymanson has resigned from the Tahoe Science Consortium. As soon as a new director is hired, Tina will contact him/her with information about the Tahoe Science Conference funds that are being held by NWRA.
- e) A correspondence was sent to Tina from Susan Lynn who expressed a concern about the Great Basin Water Network's participation in NWRA events. Her main concern was that the cost of attending the annual conference was more than her constituents were willing to pay. She asked if it was possible to afford her group discounted rates. The Board discussed the request and noted that a daily rate is already in place, that the rate was cheaper than many other neighboring state water conference rates, and that the cost of the conference was not going to be changed to accommodate a single group.

**11.** The next meeting date will be Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

#### **12. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Minutes by Tina Triplett 10/29/2010