WAS Board Meeting

October 28, 2021

Via Zoom

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Meeting called to order by Jerry Bromenshenk/Jaylene Naylor

In attendance: Jerry Bromenshenk, Jaylene Naylor, Charlie Vanden Heuvel, Melanie Kirby, Shelley Mills, Etienne Tardif, Sherry Olsen-Frank, Tom Chester, Ron Miksha, Steve Sweet, Nanette (TX), Dewey Caron

Welcome from Jerry Bromenshenk. He discusses:

COVID challenges

Busy summer

Highlighted next mini-conference

December annual meeting & mini-conference

Open Issues:

1. July proposed in-person conference in MT
   1. MT has the highest COVID outbreak in the U.S.
   2. MT had a change of governors who removed mask mandates
   3. Jerry Bromenshenk committed to a long term commercial beekeepers contract for 2022+
   4. Jaylene Naylor swamped at work
      1. Neither able to put a conference together for MT 2022.
   5. Previously Charlie Vanden Heuvel had suggested a survey of members to see what they want from WAS.
      1. This survey did not happen.
   6. In response to Jerry’s feeling overwhelmed with WAS duties, Charlie suggests he could’ve delegated some of the work.
   7. Discussion on WAS going forward and the possibility of an in-person conference ensued.
2. Estate Donation:
   1. WAS received a $23k+ bequest from the Estate of Jack Matthenius to be exclusively used for research, which means these funds are restricted for that purpose only.
3. Zoom License:
   1. Allows up to 1000 attendees
   2. Renews in Jan
   3. Sponsors have been charged $165 per mini-conference to defray some of those costs.
   4. Increased membership dues and pay-per-view would cover more of the costs.

Committee Reports:

1. Nominations Committee
   1. Those directors proposed for this committee are Steve Sweet, Charlie Vanden Heuvel, and Etienne Tardif. The vote was unanimously in favor.
   2. No other committee reports at this time.

New Business:

1. Annual Dues:
   1. Should Sherry send out dues notices?
   2. Discussion was had on sending a note regarding the value of becoming a member to have access to all mini-conferences.
   3. Nothing was decided.
2. Direction of WAS
   1. A new committee was formed to explore the direction WAS should take going forward.
   2. The Future of WAS Committee consists of Steve Sweet, Charlie Vanden Heuvel & Melanie Kirby.
   3. Discussion of best use of research funds.
   4. Discussion on use of student researchers & presentations.
3. HBHC
   1. Motion to donate $2,000 to HBHC by Charlie Vanden Heuvel, 2nd by Steve Sweet.
      1. Amended by Charlie & Steve to use restricted research funds for donation.
      2. Further discussion- Dewey suggests a token $500 donation.
         1. Steve Sweet says no to $500 but is willing to reduce to $1,000.
      3. Motion amended by Charlie/Steve to donate $1,000 to HBHC.
         1. Further discussion on amount to donate.
      4. Amended Motion Passes at $1,000 donation.
4. MT 2022 Conference
   1. Motion to cancel MT 2022 conference by Etienne Tardif. 2nd by Charlie Vanden Heuvel.
   2. Motion passes.
   3. Sherry Olsen-Frank asks for confirmation from Board to send cancellation request & check to Holiday Inn Missoula.
      1. Board confirms.
5. Mini-Conferences
   1. Etienne Tardif requests taking the mini-conferences away from Jerry to free up some of his time.
   2. Jerry Bromenshenk would like to stay involved.
      1. Jerry has Nov, Dec, and Jan mini-conferences lined up.
   3. Further discussion on memberships, dues, and benefits of being a member of WAS.
   4. No decisions made.

Next Meeting: Annual Membership meeting Dec. 15th with possibility of a Board meeting a few days beforehand.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Sherry Olsen-Frank

Treasurer and acting Secretary