

IDEA DIRECTOR'S MEETING
Department of Ag., Boise, Idaho
July 11, 2005
Minutes

Members

Present: Debbie Tiede, President, Division V; Karma Bragg, Vice President, Division VI, Rene⁸ Riddle, Secretary, Division I; Ken Stinson, Treasurer, Division II; Vicki Lukehart, Historian, Division III;

Members

Absent: Laurie McCall, Director, Division IV and Linda Daniels, Director at Large, Division V.

Advisors &

Others: Kathie Shea, SCC. Claude Bruce, IASCD, Chris Catherman, NRCS, and Carol Bruce, IASCD Ladies Auxiliary.

Welcome:

Debbie Tiede called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. and announced that we would be joining SCC for lunch. We will then finish up our meeting and adjourn at which time we are all invited to join their meeting.

Minutes:

Vicki moved, seconded by Karma to approve the March 14, 2005 minutes as mailed, without corrections or additions. **Motion Carried.**

Bylaw

Changes:

According to the Bylaws adopted Nov. 9, 2004 at conference in Moscow, Idaho, Article XIV - Vacancies reads as follows: *If a Division Director vacates the position, and an alternate from the same Division is not available, the Board of Directors may appoint an acting Director from another Division who shall serve until the next Division meeting at which time a Director shall be elected to serve out the vacancy.*

It was discussed by the members to change the bylaws in a way that would help during term limit issues to read as follows: If a Division Director vacates the position and an alternate is not available, the Board of Directors may appoint an acting Director who shall serve until the next Division meeting at which time a Director shall be elected to serve out the vacancy. It was also discussed to make a footnote to the Bylaws to read: If the Director is willing to continue their duties, they may be voted in

again by the board. Karma moved to amend the bylaws and add a footnote as discussed, seconded by Ken. These changes (by-law) will be brought before the general membership at conference. **Motion Carried.**

Gun Raffle:

Debbie told us that three Ruger Limited Edition 50th Anniversary 10/22's had been purchased for the gun raffle as well as a Stoeger over & under 12 gauge shotgun. The purchase price was well within the \$1000.00 limit. This will give ticket buyers more chances to win and hopefully boost ticket sales. Debbie will get the packets out to the Division Directors as soon as possible.

Treasurers Report:

Ken presented the approved CY 2005 Budget, Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual, and a Transaction Detail by Account as of July 1, 2005. He pointed out that 48 of 51 Districts have paid their dues, and only one district paid a lesser amount. Karma moved, seconded by Vicki to approve the Treasurers report. **Motion Carried.**

Other financial Items of Interest:

NCDEA:

Debbie reported that she had received an e-mail report of the NCDEA dues paid by all 52 states and only 12 states had paid dues. This does include Idaho. We discussed contacting Lila Dettmer for more information on how our dues are being used and whether or not we are functioning at a national level. We discussed that she should be submitting a written report to us if she cannot attend the meeting and a copy of NCDEA's agenda for their Pacific Regional Conference so we know what is coming up. We then discussed if there was enough funds available to send one of our own to the Pacific Regional Conference being held in Tucson, Az this year to evaluate and see first hand where our money is going and if it is a benefit to us to continue paying dues and helping with travel expenses for Lila. It was decided that there was enough money and Debbie offered to go. Karma moved to approve Debbie's expenses, seconded by Vicki. **Motion Carried.**

Bills to be paid:

All divisions have submitted requests for workshops this year. We discussed the fact that if you stay under budget you can host more than one workshop. Our allocation from NRCS and SCC has risen from \$1800 to \$2300 this year. Division VI already hosted their workshop and submitted their bill to the treasurer to be paid today along with the purchase of the guns and today's meeting travel expenses. Vicki moved to approve these expenses and pay these bills submitted, seconded by Karma. **Motion Carried.**

Conference Update:

Vicki updated us on the Conference plans. The schedule is basically the same. Jennifer is helping with the planning since Terri Grubbs has left and there is no Administrative Assistant at this time. This year's theme is: *Water, Idaho's Treasured Resource*. There will be a panel of specialists in their prospective fields available to answer questions on Tuesday. They are planning to have a motivational speaker at the IDEA luncheon (A Fiesta Celebration) but it is still in the planning also. They will be looking for raffle items or dollar donations from the districts again this year. Debbie will send out a "minute taker" list for gals to sign up on. Karma brought a sample shirt with the IDEA logo embroidered on it as an idea for a money maker. We could take orders for shirts at conference. She will also see what the cost is to have some canvas bags made up ready to sell at conference with the logo on it. These bags could also be used as a thank you gift or a door prize.

Claude Bruce:

Claude informed us that IASCD has received 50 applications for the secretary position and they have narrowed their choices down to 6 applicants. He wasn't sure of the time frame for the new applicants start date. He then spoke about the November conference. The key note speaker is from the Idaho Water Users Association. They will have a motivational speaker as well as a poet and singer.

Claude spoke about IASCD having a check writing issue. They are working to get Kent Foster bonded so that he can sign the IASCD checks. This will save on mailing time and potential losses in the mail of a signed check.

IASCD is addressing the idea of maternity leave. He also reminded us that the 2007 Farm Bill needs input by the districts

and WRP monies for techs have halted for now. They will let us know when more funds are available for techs.

Chris

Catherman:

Chris is the Grants and Agreement Specialist for NRCS. She reminded us that NRCS has given \$648,000 in funds since 2003. They have given \$3,000 to IDEA and \$185,000 to the Districts for administrative assistance for Farm Bill work. They are an active cooperative contributor to TMDL, Idaho One Plan, Envirothon and ESD. She informed us that the administrative assistance agreements are being updated and she is working on that.

Kathie Shea:

Kathie was relieved that the QuickBooks training was over. She said that copies are available and can be checked out for those of us that want a refresher course. She told us that the software *Front Page* which is used for web designing is now available and can be installed on the NRCS computers. We just need to Contact Lynann Stewart to get it uploaded. She also informed us that Linda Adams and Nan Reedy will be leaving.

New Business:

Debbie discussed the raffle table at conference and said that Sharon Kinzer and Monica Braswell will take care of the rifles and the money for us. If we want to help with a shift we need to contact Sharon.

We received a Thank-You from IASCD signed by Kent Foster for the donation to the Envirothon.

Debbie asked for names of any employees that have put in 15+ years and have not been recognized yet.

Debbie brought up the topic of insurance. A local agent has been contacted from Blue Cross to see if a group rate could be established. Debbie handed out applications to be filled out by employees and given back to Debbie. The agent will use these applications to make a potential premium based on the feedback he receives. This is a new venture and we are not sure if it will work yet but are trying to come up with something for all. It was also said that the district employees are eligible for PERSI if their districts wish to participate.

Discussion was made as to what we could do to make our IDEA luncheon more fun and memorable. Possibly a poolside luncheon. Vicki Lukehart will check with the hotel on accommodations for a possible poolside luncheon or any other “fun and different” place to meet.

Lunch: We took a lunch break with the ISCC and IASCD.

Kathy Weaver: Kathy helped us review and update our *Annual 5Year Plan*. Karma will take the information back with her and prepare the draft of the annual plan for viewing in the new format. She will e-mail it out for all to view and comment on.

Adjournment: With no other business, Ken moved, seconded by Karma to adjourn at 2:40 p.m.; the ***Motion Carried.***