

Minutes
CWMA Board of Directors Meeting #2 – 2006
April 12 – Marriott Hotel – Ft. Collins

Legend:	
MSP = Moved, Seconded, Passed	MSF = Moved, Seconded, FAILED
TAB = Tabled	REF = Referred to Committee for further study.
TT = Task Team Formed	REP = Report, discussion presented, no action taken

2006 Board Members: (Terms Served/Term Begins)

President Alicia Doran (2/03)	President Elect Fred Raish (2/05)	
Sec.-Treas. Steve Anthony (1/06)	Tim D’Amato (1/05)	Stephen Elzinga (1/05)
Elizabeth Gillespie (1/06)	Hal Pearce (2/03)	Mel Shumway (2/04)
Paul Schreiner (2/03)	Larry Walker (1/06)	Kelly Uhing (ex-officio)
Eric Lane (ex-officio)		

Committee Chairs Present None
Excused: Stephen Elzinga
Guests: Danny Rios, Alamosa County

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President Alicia Doran

The Board offered a big thank you to Mel Shumway and his committee for their hard work on assembling a great Weed Management Training School. Thank you, Mel!!

New Business:

1. NIWAW VII Report – Alicia Doran and Fred Raish

REP: Our trip to Washington D.C. in February for National Invasive Weed Awareness Week was very productive. We met with aides to our representatives and were well received. We also met with representatives of NRCS, USDA, and FSA and shared our perspective on the allocation of funding and the need to streamline certain processes. (Anyone who has recently gone through the GLCI experience knows what I mean.)

It was heartening to meet so many dedicated professionals from around the U.S. who are dealing with the same sorts of issues we are faced with everyday. One of the speaking points for the group was support of the funding for the national weed law. There is hope that it will finally come through.

We would like to give Eric Lane and George Beck a giant thanks for another year of their assistance in navigating the halls of Congress. Their guidance and support is invaluable to CWMA’s success at NIWAW.

Colorado made one of the more positive and impressive impacts of any of the represented delegations.

2. Committee Operating Procedures – Alicia Doran

REP: Committees are active and doing well, however, there needs to be a tightening of reporting so that we can do even better. It was discussed and then suggested that:

1. Committee chairs provide notes of meeting dates for web posting.
2. Minutes from committee meetings be kept and mailed to the Executive Director for inclusion in the permanent records of the Association.

3. Bylaws – Executive Committee

REP: There are several “bugs” in the Association’s procedures for electing a President-elect. The current bylaws are not clear as to remaining terms once a person is elected and other small issues. The Committee met previous to the Board meeting and discussed several other minor bylaw problems. The Committee will draft corrections to these problems and present a draft to the Board at the July meeting. Once changes are finalized a mail-in ballot will be used to solicit approval from the membership so that the fall election can be held under the amended bylaws.

4. Colorado Weed Management Team – Alicia Doran

REP: Alicia gave a brief history of the Colorado Weed Management Team that was created at the 2001 Weed Summit and is comprised of weed managers from each of the federal agencies with land in Colorado along with various state land management agencies. The mission statement of the MOU creating this cooperative group states that interested and related weed management groups should be included in their meetings. CWMA fall under this category but has not had a seat at the table for nearly five years.

Eric Lane mentioned that some of the federal and state managers are members of CWMA, but that they are on the Team representing their agencies and not CWMA. Also, county weed managers or other county officials’ representation is also missing. The Board expressed an opinion that these entities, along with CWMA, should be represented even though they may not qualify as signers of the MOU.

Board members said this Team could accomplish even more if the entities discussed were included and Eric agreed that there was not reason why they should not be included. The president of CWMA will serve as the Association’s representative on the state Team.

5. Upcoming Issues

a. **If** the Allard mountain pine beetle bill is passed **it** would create more crews coming into the state and also increase state crews moving around the state with the potential of spreading invasives. This issue should be addressed in the bill and the Legislative Committee will make that opinion known to Allard’s office.

b. Alicia and Stephen Elzinga held a meeting with the state BLM coordinator, Carol Dawson. **One item that was discussed was** enforcing the weed prevention provisions of the BLM’s oil and gas development permit process. Carol said that there was **only** \$500,000 available for weed management on Colorado BLM lands **for this purpose**. The Board recommended that members need to support resource area people and help with weed education whenever possible targeted at BLM resource area managers and energy companies. County involvement could be one more “nudge” to get agencies and energy companies moving on revegetation and weed management work after a site is developed.

This problem will only increase as activity increases.

c. The Board discussed the possibility of creating an applicator’s insurance program that would increase membership and also bring revenue to the Association through insurance company commission sharing. This issue was referred to the Commercial Applicator’s Committee for development.

Executive Director and Financial Reports See Attached

MSP: To approve the Executive Director and Financial reports as presented.

Committee Reports

1. Commercial Applicator’s Committee – Paul Schreiner

No additional report

2. 2006 Conference & Trade Show Committee – Fred Raish

REP: Fred introduced the working agenda that is in development with the Colorado Section of the SRM for our joint meeting in Grand Junction on December 5-6 at the Two River Convention Center.

MSP: To approve tentative 2006 Agenda as presented.

REP: Danny Rios also issued an invitation to host the 2007 Convention in Alamosa. The Committee will take this invitation into consideration.

Education, Outreach, and Membership Committee – Tim D’Amato

REP: The CWMA weed booths have been located.

A 9th Edition weed book working group was established and met to discuss the next printing of the book tentatively titled “Noxious Weeds of Colorado, 9th Edition” The group is currently seeking photos, soliciting printing bids, and hopes to go to press by October.

The Russian Olive rehab project in Yuma County will begin April 17th with the CWMA sponsored field day to be announced later in the year to view results.

The semi-trailer truck sign project is proving to be too expensive for current budget levels (\$18,000 to \$19,000 for two trucks for 5-7 years) and billboards are also very expensive (\$300 per month) for one billboard. The Committee will continue to seek alternative awareness building projects.

Weed Awareness Week is scheduled for the second week in July.

Intern/Scholarship Committee – Kelly Uhing

REP: CWMA had a booth at the Warner College of Natural Resources outreach day at CSU and there was high interest in the intern program. The Committee had determined that this has to be a building year for the Intern Program as there was not enough time to develop a good protocol in time for the summer season. The scholarship program will issue award(s) to a CSU student(s) in either the natural resources school or a graduate weed science student for the Fall 2006 semester.

Newsletter/Internet Committee – Charlie Henry and Alicia Doran

REP: No report on the newsletter. The website continues to develop and the weed spotter portion of the site is up and running.

Legislative Committee – Alicia for Stephen Elzinga

REP: The Pesticide Applicator bill has cleared the sunset review process and been approved. The private applicator bill is currently in the Appropriation Committee and is progressing. The Weed List hearing went well.

Nominations and Awards Committee – Elizabeth Gillespie

REP: The Committee is developing a standard nomination and award form to help those making nominations have an easier time submitting nominations. ~~Drafts will be brought to the next Board meeting for review and final approval.~~

Ornamental Weed Committee – Steve Anthony

REP:

2007 Weed Calendar

The 2007 Calendar Work Plan was reviewed and assignments were discussed.

Revisions were made to the work plan. Lisa Taylor suggested moving “Weeds on National Grasslands” from June to May to emphasize the impacts noxious have on wildflowers. There was quite a discussion on photos. Judy had several options for Pawnee Grasslands (nice work Judy!) Tom mentioned that Lorraine Yates may be able to help with some photos of Denver area scenes Ann and Jen Mantle volunteered to help in the review process.

2008 Weed Calendar

It was suggested that a theme for 2008 Calendar be decided upon so that we may start working on the photos. Ann Larson suggested a theme of “Weeds in Municipalities” or “Weeds in Your Backyard”. Everyone liked the concept so we will proceed ahead with the idea.

Don't Plant a Pest

Steve informed the group that both CWMA and Colorado Big Country RC&D agreed to fund the project in the amount of \$2,750 (each group). The end product will be a PDF file that will be on both organization's website and a hard copy brochure version.

Irene asked for a small group of volunteers to assist with the project. Jen Mantle volunteered as did Ann for the photos. Tom said he would like to be in the loop and would help if time allows.

Denver Botanic Garden's Mirror Garden

Tom discussed DBG's plans for a Noxious Weed/Safe Alternative “Mirror Garden. Tom explained that they will use live weeds, however the perennials will be in containers and the biennials will be “deadheaded”. DBG is working with Eric Lane and the Colorado Department of Agriculture on permits for the weed species.

MSP: To endorse the DBG Mirror Garden project and have Steve communicate this endorsement to Tom Grant.

Plant Select

Tom discussed an official Plant Select protocol and analysis of practices and processes that has been developed by two graduate students. The paper can be found at: <www.appliedplantconservation.org>.

The group discussed the 2004 letter that was sent out to Plant Select by CWMA. There was discussion on whether or not to send out another letter. Last year Judy and Karen talked to George Beck re: Plant Select. It was thought that George may have more influence talking to Plant Select through CSU. Judy said she would readdress the issue with George.

Pro Green Booth

Kudos to Mark Johnston and John Powell for their efforts in coordinating CWMA's participation in the Pro Green Expo obtained a booth for CWMA January 25 through 27. Thanks to Jennifer Murray, Stephen Elzinga, Tom Grant, Mark Johnston, and John Powell for staffing the booth. Since the booth is free to CWMA again in 2007, Mark has already reserved space for the 2007 Expo. Steve will seek permission from CWMA BOD at next meeting.

Oxeye Daisy Blitz

Irene mentioned that she does have templates available for oxeye daisy magnets. Please contact Irene if interested. The group discussed the importance of increasing public education on oxeye as it is a List B species that has had a management strategy developed by the Colorado Department of Agriculture this year. Jen Mantle will make available to the group her fact sheet on oxeye daisy developed by Summit County.

Ornamental Weed Tours for 2006

There was interest from El Paso County, Pitkin County (separate weed walks in Snowmass Village and Aspen), and in Summit County. Steve informed the group that there is a limited budget to provide CWMA Weed Booklets to the areas that conduct the ornamental weed tours in exchange for CWMA being listed as a “co-sponsor” of each local tour. The topic of charging a fee was discussed with the group again deciding that they did not want to charge the public. John, Lisa, Jen Mantle, Ann Larson, and Steve will work together on the tours. The local weed

managers will determine their dates, Steve will work with them on the weed books and promoting the tours within CWMA.

Update on Tours

El Paso County

Location: Colorado Springs, Bear Creek Regional Park
Date: July 15th
Time: 10:00 am
Contact Info and how to register: Mark Johnston at 719-520-7654
Where to Meet: Call for directions

Summit County

Location: Breckinridge Town Hall, parking lot behind Town Hall
Date: July 8th
Time: 9:00am to 11:00am
Contact info and how to register: Lisa Taylor: 970-668-4218
Where to meet: Breckinridge Town Hall

Pitkin County

Location: Snowmass Village
Date: July 12th
Time: 11:00am
Contact info and how to register: Jim Lewis, 970-920-5214
Where to meet: Snomass Village Two Creeks parking lot

San Miguel County

Location: Town of Ophir (one of Colorado's highest towns)
Date: August 10th
Time: 6:30 PM
Contact info and how to register: Sheila Grother- 970 327-0399
Where to meet: Ophir Town Hall (call for directions and other information)

Weed Management Training School – Mel Shumway

REP: The 2006 school is off and running with 179 registered which is an increase of nearly 40 from the previous year. The Committee has received an invitation to bid from the Hilton (formerly Holiday Inn) and will explore their facility and prices for next year. However, there is not dissatisfaction with the Marriott Hotel.

Board of Director Meeting Dates for 2006:

July 19, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Summit County Commons Building, Frisco
October 18, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Summit County Commons Building, Frisco
December 6, during the Annual Conference, Grand Junction

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,
Charles Henry, Executive Director

Executive Director:

Charles Henry 4-24-06
Signature Date

Secretary:

Steve Anthony 4-24-06
Signature Date