

**Minutes**  
**CWMA Board of Directors Meeting #3 – 2006**  
**July 19<sup>th</sup> – Senior Center -- Frisco**

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
MTF = Moved to File	

**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:                              Hal Pearce, Paul Schreiner, Mel Shumway  
Guests:                                 None

Meeting called to order at 11:32 p.m. by President Alicia Doran

**MSP:** To approve the minutes as amended from the April 12, 2006 Board meeting.

**President’s Report – Alicia Doran**

**REP:** Alicia attended the Colorado Noxious Weed Management Team meeting. The meeting was very positive. The Team agreed that more weed education is needed in the state and wants to explore more partnership opportunities.

Alicia and Larry Walker attended the Colorado Counties Incorporated (CCI) meeting to learn more about CCI’s views on the updated nursery rules. CCI offered their support of CWMA on weed issues. Art Goodtimes, San Miguel County, is on the national steering committee for county commission weed issues. He asked for a letter from CWMA supporting weed management. Alicia will draft a letter and route to the Board for comment.

Transportation corridors are a hot-button weed issue with the commissioners.

***Executive Director and Financial Reports*** See Attached

**MSF:** To file the Executive Director and Financial reports as presented. (Attached)

**New Business:**

***1. Weed Calendars – Steve Anthony and Stephen Elzinga***

**REP:** Steve and Stephen presented a proposal to CWMA to assume the management and production of the annual weed calendar in 2007 for the 2008 calendar instead of Big Country RC&D. This suggestion was made to CWMA for approval before it is to be presented to Big Country. As they outlined, the advantages to CWMA would be as follows:

- a. Better state-wide distribution due to CWMA’s wider contacts.
- b. Revenue would accrue to CWMA of \$1 to \$1.50 per calendar or a potential net of \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year.

- c. CWMA members are already doing much of the work and this would allow more members to participate which would reduce the work load for those who are currently involved.
- d. CWMA can offer customers the advantage of paying by credit card, which Big Country does not accept, which would increase the number of calendars sold.

**MSP:** To approve assuming the production and distribution of the weed calendars upon approval by Big Country RC&D with professions favorable to CWMA for assuming this project.

### ***2. State Weed Advisory Committee – Stephen Elzinga***

**REP:** Nominations for new members to this important committee are currently being sought. CWMA will sponsor and support any member who wishes to serve on the Advisory Committee.

Eric Lane gave a brief summary of the first committee and said that once everyone learned about each other, a level of trust and comfort evolved and the committee came together well to perform the tasks asked of it. Nearly half the committee will turn over this term, but there is also a good core of experience remaining, so the first committee bugs should be well worked out and the new committee should be more productive as it will be more experienced. Eric feels the committee could be an even stronger voice in the state on weed issues than it currently is and that this may well happen with the new committee that is currently being formed.

More information on the committee will be in the upcoming *Weed Watch* in Eric's column.

### ***3. High Altitude Vegetation Tour – Larry Walker***

**REP:** The Climax Molybdenum mine at Leadville on Fremont Pass is demonstrating some very positive re-vegetation results and Larry thought their work was worthy of a tour by CWMA members and anyone interested in this type of work. The Board discussed that CSU currently sponsors a High Altitude Vegetation Conference every summer and that we should not conflict with their goals or activities in any way, but that the Leadville tour would be of interest. Larry proposed a September tour if it can be arranged with the mine's re-veg staff.

**MSP:** To investigate conducting a re-vegetation education tour at the Climax Mine at Leadville for a budgeted amount not to exceed \$1,500. Larry will email a proposal to the Board once he has further investigated this opportunity.

## **Committee Reports**

### ***Commercial Applicator's Committee – Paul Schreiner***

No report

### ***2006 Conference & Trade Show Committee – Fred Raish***

**REP:** Fred introduced the nearly final agenda that has been agreed to by the Colorado Section of the Society of Range Management (CSSRM) for a joint annual conference in Grand Junction. The Board discussed how the costs and revenues would be divided. The CSSRM has a more extensive silent auction (they raise between \$1,500 and \$2,000 vs. \$200 for CWMA's auction), but CWMA would draw more participants to the trade show than would normally attend a CSSRM convention.

It was agreed that Fred would work out an agreement in writing with CSSRM that will split the costs and revenues for the entire conference based on percentage of member from each group attending. In the case of individuals who are members of both organizations, the costs and revenue will be split 50-50. Each group will hold their own banquets and these costs will be handled individually.

**MSP:** To approve the CWMA-CSSRM Annual Meeting and Trade Show agenda as proposed.

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

**REP:** A 9<sup>th</sup> Edition weed book working group is moving ahead with the next printing which is scheduled to go to press in October. CWMA has sold all of the 8<sup>th</sup> edition books (**see attached report**).

Thanks to Elizabeth Gillespie’s and other member’s efforts the committee is taking advantage of several opportunities to display the Association’s information through the CWMA weed booth at Cherry Creek State Park for Lake Appreciation Month, the Colorado Open Space Alliance meeting in Aspen, and at other state parks events in the coming months.

***Intern/Scholarship Committee – Kelly Uhing***

**REP:** The committee is adapting on the go to get the scholarship program moved from high school students to those college students who complete internships in weed management anywhere in Colorado or surrounding states. New scholarship forms are being prepared and will be used to interest potential candidates this fall.

***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. Charlie and Alicia will produce a new spot on the website that informs people why CWMA cannot make weed recommendations and where they can obtain this much-needed assistance.

***Legislative Committee – Stephen Elzinga***

**REP:** The Pesticide Applicator bill has been approved. The Department of Agriculture will assume the testing and licensing of private applicators from the EPA. This test will probably no longer be an open-book test. Rules and Regulation review begins on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

***Nominations and Awards Committee – Elizabeth Gillespie***

**REP:** Elizabeth presented the new nomination forms that will be used for Board nominations and awards. The new forms will be posted to the internet immediately and also included in upcoming newsletters.

***Ornamental Weed Committee – Steve Anthony***

**REP:**

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 to follow.

Irene Schonle has completed the basic information and Steve is routing this spreadsheet to the Board for comment.

Summer Ornamental Weed Tours

Steve will report on these tours as they have just been completed and get information and photos to Charlie for the newsletter if possible.

***Weed Management Training School – Mel Shumway***

**REP:** The School ended up with 178 total attendees – good job Mel and your committee.

State Weed Coordinator Report – Eric Lane

REP: The Commissioner of Agriculture is asking that funding for the State Weed Grant program be reinstated at the previous level of \$290,000 per year. This request will go to the legislature in January.

The Department is in the process of evaluating the designated weed lists to see how proposed new species can be assigned as the level of threat they proposed is evaluated. California has a system that allows certain species to be watched and evaluated before they are added to the weed list and this may be the same approach Colorado needs to take.

The Department has produced a new weed education poster in cooperation with the Denver Botanical Gardens and Eric is distributing a supply to counties and will have more available at the Annual Conference in December.

***Board of Director Meeting Dates for 2006:***

**October 19**, 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 1:55 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,  
Charles Henry, Executive Director

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Executive Director:

Charles Henry      7-24-06  
Signature                      Date

Secretary:

Steve Anthony      7-25-06  
Signature                      Date