

CWMA Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at Sheraton Denver West Hotel

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Colorado Weed Management Association (CMWA) was called to order at 1:02 pm, Thursday, November 20, 2008 at the Sheraton Denver West Hotel following the conclusion of the annual conference. The presiding officer was Elizabeth Brown. A quorum was present, including the following: Judy Noel, J R Phillips, Kevin Gallagher, George Beck, Mel Shumway, Denny Bohon, Jonathan Rife, Cathy Shelton, Elizabeth Brown, Steven Anthony, Sheila Grother, and Donna Ralston, Exec. Director.

Absent: Kelly Uhing, (ex officio)

Committee members: Judith Sirota, Alicia Doran, Larry Walker

Vote on Bylaws: After counting of the ballots cast during the conference, there were a total of 73 votes cast, 67 “yes” and 6 “no”. The bylaws were adopted as revised 11.20.08.

Secretary/Treasurer-after consideration, Sheila Grother was nominated and elected as Secretary /treasurer for 2009.

Steve Anthony was thanked for his leadership & service.

January retreat-after discussion, it was decided that the 2 day board retreat would be held in Canon City Wednesday and Thursday, January 7 & 8 with lunch both days. JR & Mel would find a location.

Legislative Committee: Funding is in place for supporting a legislative lobbyist at the statehouse in 2009. A proposal was presented to hire Tracie Tracee Bentley of Peak Resources at \$25,000 for the calendar year 2009 with a one year commitment that could be extended. The County Weed Managers Association was is also planning to contribute toward this \$25,000 cost salary. After much discussion, it was pointed out that much of the upfront leg work needed to be done with statehouse committees in December and waiting til January might delay progress toward goals of getting a license place tag-on fee for weeds. It was also pointed out that Peak Resources would meet with the committee to develop the strategic plan in December free of charge. So it was decided that a full legislative committee meeting needed to be held via conference call on Monday, Nov. 24 at 8:30 a.m. to further discuss this plan, to devise a method to develop a strategic plan for this contract in December, and come to consensus on what goals would be in place.

A second conference call for the board of Directors would be held on Wednesday, Nov. 26 at 9:00 a.m. to vote on this proposal.

Healthy Habitat Coalition: George Beck brought a proposal to support the Healthy Habitat Coalition (through Wildlife Forever) to hire a national lobbyist with a donation of \$3000 to \$5000. He pointed out that large companies like DuPont, DOW, BASF, and possibly others were poised to make large donations toward this and grass roots support from states is needed to make the most impact. Since money was set aside for “legislative action” and the contract with Peak Resources would not use all of those funds, it would not impact the 2008 budget. It was decided to address this on the legislative committee conference call and bring it to the board for a vote at the conference call on Wed. Nov. 26.

Attendee List: Donna brought to the attention of the board that the exhibitors asked for a list of attendees who attended the show. The decision was not to provide this as permission was not sought from attendees prior to the show. It was suggested that this could be a part of the registration form for the STS.

Meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.