

**Montana Environmental Health Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Phone Conference 9:00 am
March 17, 2011**

MEHA Board Members Present

Christine Hughes, President
Karen Solberg, President-Elect
Ruth Piccone, 1st Vice President
Crystal Nuño, Past President
Frank Preskar, Alternate Treasurer/Director
Paul Reeves, Secretary
Greg McGann, Director
Tom Moore, Director

MEHA Board Members not present

Steve Kilbreath, Director
Kathy Moore, Treasurer

Call to Order:

Christine H. called the meeting to order at 2:02pm. The meeting was held via conference call

Minutes:

Frank P. made a motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting.
Greg M. seconded motion.
Minutes approved with no changes
Motion carried

Treasurer's Report :

Christine confirmed all members had received the report from Kathy.
Crystal had a question about if WEHA had been paid, as they have been asking. Frank will follow up with Kathy.
Ruth made a motion to approve the treasurers report as submitted on March 17, 2011 by Kathy M..
Karen seconded motion.
Motion carried

Committee Reports: Updates

- Nominations: Christine H., Karen S., Ruth Piccone

Ruth P. Updating documents from Karen, making small changes and will get final drafts to Christine.

Elections upcoming in fall. Directors Tom M and Greg M. as well as the treasurer seats will open up. All of these seats are for a two year appointments.

Christine H. – suggested putting the length of each appointment on the nominations sheet.

- Awards: Karen S., Ruth P., Steve K.

Karen S. – There was a savings on the cost of making plaques. Karen is willing to follow up with this vendor again if MEHA would like.

- Legislation: Tom Moore (Chair), Christine H., Crystal N., and Steve K.

Tom M. - Committee continues to meet, all members invited to attend. Bills are being finalized, and discussed and distributed to both houses. AMPHO has asked MEHA to come up with a list of bills that we would like to see vetoed. All members invited to submit ideas.

Crystal – The “watch list” has dwindled to about three items.

Greg M – Status of HB268 Guest Ranch?

Christine H. – Meeting yesterday.

Tom. M. – Trying to get amended definitions, it does not appear to that there has been any changes.

Greg M. – Hearing concerns from caterers, and bar owners that Guest Ranches will be a largely unsupervised food and beverage vendor, giving an unfair advantage.

Christine H. – Encouraged these people with concerns contact the committee.

Greg M. - They have planned to contact the MTA. Concerns about losing market share.

Ruth - Department has taken a neutral stance and did not attend the meeting.

Frank P. – DEQ Wastewater HB28 (mixing zone) did pass the senate. Compliance date March 31, 2011.

Greg M. – projects in review will need to re-configure plans or install by March 31.

- Articles and by laws Any 3 Members. Ruth P. volunteered and Christine will solicit general membership

Ruth P. – Christine H. sent an email looking for recruits, but there were no responses.

- Communications: Alisha Johnson (Missoula County), Rod Daniel (Ravalli County)

Christine H. – Alisha Johnson has completed the newsletter and it is posted on the website

- Archives: Tim Read, Tom Moore

Tom M. – no news

- Membership: Frank P., Greg M. and Christine will solicit General Membership

Christine H. – working on new brochures.

Steve K. – joined at 2:51. DEQ may be a resource for printing.

Paul R. – Earth day event at Capitol lawn at the end of April, the MEHA booth could be set up to try to recruit new members. MEHA display board is at Lake County HD.

- Foundation: Crystal N., Alisha Johnson in addition to Kathy Moore, Theresa Blazicevich and Jeanna McPherson

Crystal N. – Are we going to have raffle?

Karen S. – MPHA interested in silent auction, not sure about the raffle.

Crystal N. – Interested in selling shirts and hats. Need a table @ spring conf.

- Conference Planning: Christine, Ruth, Karen S., Paul R., and Crystal
Christine H. - Spring Conference held in conjunction with FDA training in Great Falls, so lunch will be on the last day. Bagged lunch and MEHA General Membership meeting. What board members will be attending?

Crystal

Greg (?)

Karen

Frank

Kathy (?)

Ruth

Paul

The board decided that another meeting prior to Spring Conference was not necessary.

Crystal N. – Any decisions to be made at this meeting?

Greg – 40 attendees will not make a quorum.

The board is not aware of issues that would require a vote, unless GM brought it up.

If there are issues that arise members could submit a written proxy.

Christine H. - This may be an appropriate time to discuss issues such as a lobbyist, or professional conference planner to vote on them in the fall.

Crystal N – President and President elect may want to meet with treasurer to determine the feasibility of either of these expenditures.

Christine H. – Would like a clearer vision of what a lobbyist can accomplish, legislature seems interested in hearing from the general public.

Ruth P. – Missoula County has a lobbyist, maybe they can speak to that question.

Paul R. – No Missoula staff attending Spring Conference.

Crystal N. – Could not find what proportion of membership was necessary for a quorum.

Ruth P. – Will review the by-laws and see if it needs to be added.

Ruth P. - Suggested a phone conference to finalize the agenda for Spring Conference. Meeting set.

Christine H. – Lunch at Spring Conference will cost about \$9, and we will ask members to pay \$5. Total cost for MEHA will be around \$225, and Kathy approved the expenditure, there is money in the budget.

Karen S. - made a motion to approve the expenditure of approximately \$225 to cover partial costs for lunch at the Spring Conference.

Paul R. – Second

Motion carried

Karen S. – Fall Conference. Call for speakers sent out, and will be made available to all members to attract as many speakers as possible. Hoping to continue with the water/wastewater track. Working on determining if there will be money in the budget to hire a professional trainer, or come up with a local speaker.

Ruth P. Allen English (Gallatin County) is showing interest in presenting on water quality districts.

Frank P. - may have a speaker for septic maintenance program. Dave Gustafson (univ. of MN) will be doing training at Lewis and Clark County in April.

Karen S. – Also working on contacting vendors.

Christine H. – Possible keynote speakers Joe Russel Flathead County, Carl Osaka with NWCenter.

Tom M. – Suggested a speaker to talk about the Japan earthquake and subsequent tsunami.

Old Business:

Christine H. – Kathy has located a CD for investment purposes.

New Business:

No new business

Greg M. – signed off at 3:03

Frank P. – Motion to adjourn

Tom . M. seconded

Meeting adjourned 3:08pm

Next Conference call: **April 7, 2011 @ 2pm. Pre- Conference call**

Next routine meeting **April 21st at 1:30** if needed, as determined at conference, if not **May 19th at 1:30**