

Region X BOD Meeting

Oct 1 2015

Call In



Attendance: Michelle Steeler, Jack Griffith, Rocky Simmons, Liz Norton, Tim Taylor, Eddie Larson, Jeff Carlson.

Absent: Max VanValey.

Agency: John Geppert, Darren James, Sharon Perkins, Mark Hurliman, Jacob Ewer, Carol Henning, (Sharell Lien and Mike Bowles were excused due to other work obligations).

Safety Topic: Jack Griffith reported on the hazards of fire season here in the NW. There are personal conditions that result from smoke so precautions are necessary. Mark Hurliman mentioned it's that time of the year to be more observant for animals on the roads, Mark encountered this opportunity recently and avoided contact.

Meetings: A discussion by Michelle Steeler on a proposal to adjust our quarterly meetings. The meetings should start with the state/government agencies providing their briefings then the BOD meeting to follow. The work that is related to the planning process will be deferred to the BOD/Planning meeting with the planning committee more engaged.

Transparency: Michelle Steeler advised the group she will providing more information in a timely manner for us to absorb and be more informed. Michelle believes the group would benefit with a monthly call to discuss issues that come up from month to month basis, regionally and nationally. We will try to use the first Thursday of the month as a trial date, Michelle will schedule these meetings for the team.

Correspondence Process: Michelle asked all of us to route to her any communications on behalf of Region X so she can review before it is sent out. It is very important that the Region X chairperson is informed and updated on all related information.

BOD opening: Jack Griffith will do the advertisement of this opening with our web master on Monday Oct 5th. We will discuss/select the appointment or vote at our Oct 2015 BOD meeting. Jack will also work with Jeff Carlson on some Bylaws changes/updates for the team to consider/review at the BOD meeting in Oct.

Letter to Vendor: Jack Griffith prepared an initial "draft" letter for the BOD to review regarding Arctic Branding & Apparel's lack of support meeting their commitments as a sponsor at the Portland, Oregon conference. Michelle Steeler will continue to work with Jeff Carlson and Tim Taylor on the draft letter with our communication to the Artic Branding vendor and it will be a discussion item at the next BOD meeting.

Conference Tracks: A request/reminder to the team to be prepared to review their work on the track proposals for our Oct BOD/Planning meeting (contact Michelle if you need help). Rocky will call Clint Wolfley to gain an understanding of what his workshop would cover and bring that information to the

meeting. Mark Hurliman also has two power type companies prepared to present electrical information for anyone who may need that in their track.

Miscellaneous: Jacob Ewer stated he will be on a new assignment but will be at the next meeting. Jacob will inform the team of his availability during our next meeting (there is some changes being made within the regional office). Darren James requested some Region X handouts for some outreach activities – Michelle will bring these to the next meeting. Jack Griffith submitted our 990 form to the national VPPPA office. Jack asked everyone to send in information for the briefing at the next national BOD meetings regarding Region X activities. Jack also will provide the sponsorship letter shortly for the team to send out for the 2016 conference. Michelle reported some changes for her company (relocating and layoffs), doesn't think anything will have a negative effect on her.

Proposed agenda items for the next meeting:

- Website Discussion – updates etc..
- . Bylaw committee work.

Next meeting at Skamania Lodge Oct 19/20.

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 8:45.

Rocky Simmons



Region X Recording Secretary

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