What: SEEP Monthly Committee Meeting
Where: University of Idaho Coeur d'Alene
        Harbor Center Room 242G
        1031 N Academic Way
Date: Tuesday September 16, 2014
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Attendees: Marie Pengilly, Brent Leonard, Allen Isaacson, Jim Ekins, Jamie Brunner, Kristin Larson, Greg Limandri, Terry Leigh

Minutes

9:00 – 9:20
Call to order
Adopt minutes-08/19/14 Kristin motioned to adopt the minutes, Allen second. Motion passed.
Treasurer’s report – Allen Started the year with $36,937.38. After income and expenses, the balance is $35,149.35. There was discussion on how much we pay the university monthly. There was a $2,172.41 charge for support staff. Marie will check to see how much this charge was per month. We are at a deficit $1,788.03 for the year. We need to find a way to up our income. Also, we have some binders are for future classes.

9:20 – 10:00
Old business -
• Coeur d’Alene Stormwater Working Group
  o LID Training – Marie and Jim went to the intro course, which was a 4 hour course put on by Department of Ecology. The course was a good overview of BMPs, the pros and cons of each one, and design implementation. They did a good job of focusing on Eastern Washington issues. There is a whole new set of regulations that is the motivation for this training. If you were really going to implement the BMPs you’d need to take a more in-depth course. There are dates set for the more in-depth courses. Some of the courses will be on-line in the future. They are looking at a LID certificate.
  o LID Training in Idaho - There was discussion as the whether such a course would be of benefit in Idaho. There is motivation due to stormwater utility for owners of properties, but for the most part cost is low. Builders have no motivation, because they incur no costs. Perhaps a training for municipal decision makers? It would be good for the committee to track the courses offered in WA for now. There was other discussion about alternatives to grassy swales. DEQ has limited the use of stormwater retention to grassy swales or equivalent. This is where we need monitoring to prove they are effective. In situations where they retrofit an outfall, this is not required. It is necessary to pre-treat this water or whatever is installed needs to be filtered. Greenstone – in Post Falls, Spokane, Liberty Lake – they are a local green developer. It was stated they engineer their projects very well. Perhaps they would be willing give us a field trip of their projects. Terry will look into coordinating a field trip with their design engineer or someone who is knowledgeable on what has worked and the maintenance required. Jamie will help.
  o Spokane River Forum – this year will be a big focus on stormwater.
- Four corners project - Jamie and Laura Laumatilla met with Welch Comer about this project looking for ways to partner using LID and retrofitting outfalls into the lake.

- Gathering Garden status - no update.

- SOP Revision – Marie did the revisions. She wanted us to look at the certification section. Terry made a motion to accept the changes as is, Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

10:00 – 10:30

New Business –

- Recertifications – no applications received. Motion to accept Tom Freeman’s application. Brent motioned to accept the application, Marie seconded the motion. Motion passed. Marie created a new certificate that can be signed by the instructor or by Jamie.

- Website Update – Trainer Profiles – Eric, Jamie, Allen, Tom, Denna, Greg, and Brent are on the site. Need Kristin, Laura, Molly, Tom, and Tim. Bill Cleveland – we need to approach him about whether he will still assist.

- Kootenai Class in fall – only 2 on the list. There are quite a few people whose recertifications lapsed this Spring. Marie will try to contact those people. Marie will talk to Denna to see if she can round up some people. If there is a class, we had set aside Oct 14-15. Marie will look into marketing to landscape architects - profession association.

10:30 – 10:50

Subcommittee Updates –

- Marketing – Moscow training – Marie and Allen talked about holding a class in Moscow this fall. They need to work through the logistics. Terry can help out with making connections with City. He will provide contacts to Allen. They would like to hold the class in October or in the Spring. The city of Moscow employees have a T2 requirement; and, some of them have come up to take our class. Terry will also check with his T2 contact to see how many people are in need of such a class. The class doesn’t have to be in Moscow. It could be in Lewiston, if that were more convenient for people. U of I students – could it be a class for credit or a non-credit professional development course Extension class. Jim will put out some feelers to see if there is interest.

- Powerpoint Review/course upgrade - There was discussion on updating the content and also some ideas of using the Enviroscape model or a stream model in the course. Many of the students that have recertified more than once are bored with the class, and they don’t want to take it again. There was discussion about advanced courses, adding new material to the existing slides, or to have a recertification course. There was discussion about new material for such a recertification course – lessons learned from people such as Greg, Terry, Brent, or a discussion forum on lessons learned, a field trip with discussion on how to solve a problem, slides/discussion on things that have gone wrong. No date was set for this, but it was agreed that we should take a look at these ideas in the winter.

Other business –

- Set next meeting date and time – Oct 21, 9:00 – 11:00.

- Adjourn meeting

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