Minutes

Minutes - Allen moved to accept the minutes from January 13, 2015. Marie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s report – Allen passed out a budget sheet listing expenses and income since 12/12/2014. We currently have $30,292. When we came into U of I we were at $37,000. So we need to make action that will generate income.

Old Business

- SEEP Steering Committee chair position
  There was nothing in the 1/13/15 minutes that a Chair was elected. It was unclear if this happened. Allen made the motion that Jamie remain the chair. Brent seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- Advanced/Recert class update – committee
  Kristin, Allen, and Aimee met yesterday and they came up with an outline on the course. Marie went through the outline with the group. The focus of the course is on stormwater. There are several existing presentations that they will draw from: the realtor course, CDA Lake Management, Allen’s stuff, and some slides/information from Aimee. The course will include a field component where they will have a couple of hours at Fernan Lake (or Cocolalla Lake) and come up with the solutions to the blue-green algae problem.

  Logistics: provide lunch and coffee/granola in the morning. There was some discussion on the cost. Our cost will be the printed slides, a resource list, and two instructors. Kristin moved that the registration cost would be $150. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed. Instructor fees: for Allen and Aimee. We will pay them the same fee as the basic fees, and this will be reconsidered after the first year.

  There was discussion on whether people who have let their recertification expired are eligible to take this course. Brent moved to allow people who took the course from 2011 or later to be eligible to take the course and be fully recertified. Denna seconded the motion. Motion passed.

  Allen made a motion that people who have let their certification lapse for 1 calendar year are eligible to take the recertification course. Terry seconded the motion. Motion passed.
Marie is going to send an email to people who need to be recertified. It will be advertised as people who took the course from 2011 on are eligible to recertify.

- **Update on CESCL certification via SEEP – Allen**
  Allen sent an email to Amy Moon, who is in Olympia. She is in charge of the program out of DOE. She replied with recommendations on course instructor credentials. She included minimum course requirements. We would need to apply to teach a course; then an MOA is put in place to authorize teaching of a course. The MOA would be valid for 3 years. From talking to people, there is a need for courses in Eastern WA. Allen was thinking he could teach a class at Spokane Community College. Beck Road – Post Falls Hwy District has a gravel pit that we could use for the field portion. Allen thought most of the minimum course requirements are met in our basic course, but he will review. We'd have to include WA regulations. Because Allen and Marie are working on the Recertification course, this effort cannot be worked on until after the Recertification course is completed.

- **Update on Moscow course – Allen and Marie**
  No update. Terry did email a guy who is the head of the city street department to ask if there is any interest in this course, and if they are willing to help find a field site. Marie also has some connections. Marie wants to find something off-campus because the parking situation on campus is difficult. The proposed date is April 15-16.

- **Participant feedback update – Denna**
  This was tabled.

- **Stormwater outreach/education – 5-star**
  Jim Ekins was not at the meeting. Jim submitted the grant and SEEP put in a letter of recommendation. Marie thought the funding would come through in June, if the proposal is approved.

- **Finalize Spring class dates, locations, and lead instructors**
  Marie has a spreadsheet with course dates and instructors.

  **Recertification Course (Kootenai):** March 18th (tentative and location to be determined)
  - Allen lead, Kristin assist

  **Kootenai:** March 26-27 (location to be determined) Allen lead, Denna Assist. Greg field lead.

  **Bonner:** April 7-8 Molly lead (need to confirm), Allen assistant (to be confirmed with Molly) and will bring up field supplies. Greg field lead.

  **Recertification Course (Sagle):** May 6th.
  - Allen lead, Aimee or Kristin assist

  **Moscow:** April 15-16 (tentative) Allen lead, Marie assist. Greg field lead.

  **Shoshone:** April 21-22. Denna lead, Allen Assist, Greg field lead.

  **Kootenai:** April 28-29. Allen lead, Kristin Assist, Greg field lead

- **Advertisement**
  Allen talked about getting on the Hwy District meetings and talk about SEEP. There are 60 brochures left. To reprint them it would cost $82 for 250 brochures. We will have to change the registration fee on the existing brochure. We are out of mugs, and almost out of cozy holders. Allen made the motion to print 250 brochures. Terry seconded the motion. Motion passed. Terry suggested someone attend the Trans-Canada pipeline dinner meeting. He will follow up on this. Denna will work on PSA for TV in Post Falls, Coeur d'Alene, and Shoshone County. Marie printed up a poster. Marie will email the poster to the Steering Committee and Instructors. Jamie will put together a press release. Denna will post it on and local event calendars. Marie will post it on Craig’s list
Revised CEU form
Marie revised the CEU form and incorporated suggested changes. There are no more changes to be made. Marie will email everyone that has taken the class and will post it on the Web site.

New Business

Regional Lakes Conference update
Attendance went down. It was a good conference that had more of an emphasis on aquatic weeds.

Other business –

Basic course registration fee: There was talk as to whether the registration fee for the basic course should be increased. **Laura moved that the fee be raised to $250. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

Facebook material
The class schedule will be posted, and we will link to our Web site after it is updated.

Upcoming SEEP CEU opportunities
No opportunities identified.

Set next meeting date and time
March 10 9-11.

Adjourn meeting

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