What: SEEP Monthly Committee Meeting
Where: University of Idaho Coeur d'Alene
        Harbor Center Room 240B
        1031 N Academic Way
Date: Tuesday April 14, 2015
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Directions: From Northwest Boulevard, turn southwest (toward NIC) onto Hubbard, then take the first right onto Academic Way. Follow Academic Way to the end to reach the Harbor Center.

Minutes

9:00
Call to order: 9:20 with no agenda or minutes
Introductions; Tom, Jim, Bret, Allen, Denna (notes), Greg, Laura, molly by phone
Adopt minutes-no minutes to adopt
Treasurer’s report – Allen. YTD activity 4707.75, Avail Balance 32,207.42. 7,200 new revenue not including Bonner class. Marie provided a tabulation sheet for each class held this year so far, resulting in total cost per participant. Our account is growing. Tom requests a line-item for overhead on the budget and any items that distinguish net income from gross income. Marie will ask Marget about reflecting the agreement with U of I on the budget regarding overhead vs direct expenses.
Expenses: we have 22 manuals and 10 from 2013. More expense at the end of the year.

10:45am
Old Business
• Class results – committee
  o 18 Recert, 18 Koot basic, and 14 at Bonner.
  o Classes went well. Recert very successful; participation and feedback was great. People liked having the optional class. We would shorten the duration of the individual exercise and add a ½ hour to the classroom section. (Allen and Marie)
  o Bonner (Molly), noticed a lot of people looking through the manual for answers. Worth a look at the slides to be sure that the test questions are covered. Bonner students couldn’t find some answers in the book. Marie recommends we utilize the tabs in the back, like what was done in Kootenai, to do deeper into the information on the slides. Test questions: (Allen) the test if for them to use the resources and teach themselves on the important items. In the past, people missed the same questions; now people are missing different questions. In Bonner (Molly) FMQ included sizing a sediment basin. Denna offers to discuss with Molly on Thursday. Then, Spill Prevention is considered what type of BMP. Molly suggests that Planning is one of the answers. How are Fiber rolls used? Releases the water as sheet flow. We don’t get to how the water is released.
  o (Molly) People value the recert. Observed that people don’t know what to do to recertify, that they can use the CEU form. Maybe we need to educate them more on how to recertify? People don’t get a reminder until 3 years are up. They forget to tally their work. (Tom) maybe the last segment should go over SEEP CEU.
  o (Greg): Bonner pit is not going to be available for long. There may be another site available per Tom Trulock. Greg and Tom will keep the board updated.
• (Marie) Shoshone only has 3 signed up. Greg doesn't have pit for Shoshone. Greg and Brent and Jim are willing if 6 can sign up. Marie will contact.
• (Marie) Moscow one person signed up. Considering an autumn ReCert class.
• Not working on CESCL class until after class season. (Allen)
• Motion to Cancel Moscow: Denna makes a motion to cancel Moscow. Laura seconds. All in favor.
• Motion to Cancel Shoshone: Denna. Cancel Shoshone if less than 5 participants are . Laura seconded. Motion passed.

Other business brought forward: Laura wanted to know if SEEP would write a letter to the Kootenai County Commissioners about the 25-foot setback release on CDA Lake. Tom recommends they reference the FPA, they have a shoreline protection element maybe similar to Hayden City. Give the language to the commissioners that make sense, that can address the shared problem and maintain buffers, and be simple.
Allen asks to look at the CDA hillslope ordinance.
(Brent) When is it due? Laura says LMP is using GIS to look at lake shores before BEIPC. Laura said that Jamie mentioned that a committee could be resourced to review shoreline proposals for the county. Tom reviewed the layers of review that people already have to go through.
Allen, we teach the importance of buffers, so a letter could explain that we have scientific proof for how valuable buffers are. Keep it simple. We don't need to go into more ordinances. Ex: MN/WI 20 year review that 75 feet don't do the job. Tom commented that a setback is perceived as a taking of the land. 25 is a political compromise.
Denna recommends a letter based on the Values SEEP stand for. To be mindful of comments that are from SEEP as a whole, from those that are about our individual agencies or companies.
Brent suggested we have suggestions for the commissioner.
Allen suggests we include a review who we are and how we started and what we value. We provide examples of buffer research, what we teach. Not necessarily a solution.
Allen makes a motion in support of writing a letter about vegetative buffers. Second: Jim. Comments: stick with science-based information. (Jim). All in favor. Allen will provide a draft.
• Allen will work with Amy to get a demonstration for rain gardens at Lutheran Church of the Master school building.
• Stormwater outreach/education – 5-star. No new info on PSA.
• Advertisement – on going.

11:00
New Business
• CWRC/SEEP EPA grant proposal – we had a motion to partner. We submitted it. We will hear in July. (Marie)
• Revise class evaluation form – completed.

11:00
Other business –
• Facebook material – pictures from classroom were posted live. We may need to add a photo disclosure for classroom on the waiver. Allen Motion to create a photo release on the wavier. Marie seconds. All in favor, Motion passed.
• Upcoming SEEP CEU opportunities – Marie and Allen will keep up communication with Boise IBUL to update agreements and applicable classes. Drinking water and waste water professions are numerous in our area.
• Marie needs to purchase some items. Office supply and coffee carafes, a coffee maker. Making coffee will reduce expenses. Committee agrees that Marie will purchase. Greg mentioned that we need a 2-carafe holder that will prevent breakage.
• Set next meeting date and time: May 12th, 9:00 am. UI CDA.
• Adjourn meeting: Brent adjorns meeting at 11:04 am.
Notes by Denna.

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