

Rogue River Watershed Board of Directors Meeting

13 July 2022

Attendees:

Board of Directors:

Name	Position	Present
Martha Gabrielse	Board Member	N
Todd McClelland	Board Member	N
Bill Otten	President	Y
Jessie Schulte	Board Member	Y
Bryce Spencer	Treasurer	Y
Gretchen Zuiderveen	Past President	Y

Other: Courtney Marek (LGROW), Josh Arnold (LGROW), Blake Sexton (Intern Candidate)

The meeting minutes from 8 June 2022 were approved as written.

By Laws Review:

The By Laws were reviewed on line and minor changes agreed to. Bryce agreed to make the final changes and provide to Jessie to turn into a *.pdf file and circulate for final signature.

The subject of insurance was raised by Gretchen. Courtney and Jessie will ask around to see what other insurance other watersheds may have.

501c(3) Filing:

Bryce reported that to maintain our 501c(3) filing we must have a President, Treasurer and Secretary. It was agreed that since Sharon Wilbourne, our previous secretary, was inactive due to medical issues, we need to elect a new secretary. Bill agreed to set up a meeting to discuss/elect a new secretary. It mentioned that with the hiring of an intern, they could keep notes and write the minutes.

REPORTS

Josh Arnold:

Reported that LGROW was awarded the MICOR grant for RR stream monitoring and sampling will begin in late September or early October. There will be 10 sites monitored. Sampling will be accomplished within a 2 week period. Bill noted he is on travel from September 30 through October 10.

Courtney Marek:

Courtney noted the LGROW subwatershed meeting group will be meeting tomorrow and would invite Bill. The main purpose is to discuss and plan the upcoming Jamboree on 17 September.

Courtney asked in RRWP would be interested in supporting a coordinated RR clean up. It was agreed that RRWP would be able to lead/support a clean up next spring. Planning would occur over the winter.

Participation from Schrems Trout Unlimited, Kelley Freridge (Rockford Board of Education Trustee) and Mindy Miner (Rockford Sustainability Committee) will be sought.

Gretchen Zuiderveen:

Gretchen reported she represented the RRWP at the Bills Lake in June. It was a well run event and numerous RRWP brochures passed out.

Bryce Spencer:

The financials were presented by Bryce. The details are stored on the RRWP Google Drive.

Other:

It was mentioned that Ryan Baldwin, the EGLE biologist assigned to the RR, could be a potential presenter at our annual meeting.

There are a separate series of meetings are being held on the Watershed Support Grant. The next one is scheduled for 15 July. These meetings currently focus on the work Jessica Gregory is doing for the MiEcoBuzz video series on the Rogue River.

It was agreed that there will be no August meeting.

The meeting concluded and Courtney and Josh signed off. The BoD subsequently discussed the intern position with Blake Sexton.