

# WCCA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 21, 2018  
Stoney Creek Inn, Wausau, WI

Members Present: Josh Rowley, Dave Sadenwasser, Adam Wiegel, Scott Godfrey, Ben Greenburg, Dean Johnson, Brian Giebel, Rob Schierman, CeCe Tesky, Michelle Staff, Kay Lutze, Terry Ochs

Call to Order at 7:01 PM by Rob Schierman

Changes or additions to the agenda. There was a suggestion to move agency updates to before Committee reports. Rowley/Greenburg motion to change agenda to allow this. Motion carried.

Minutes from January 11-12, 2018 meeting – Johnson/Sadenwasser motion to approve. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tesky discussed budget information. Money was received in 2017 for POWTS training. All of it was budgeted in 2018 so this will be a change in the budget. Changes were suggested to secretary/treasurer duties. Discussion about sec/treasurer writing checks to themselves, cash collection of money, bank statement review and the need for the secretary/treasurer to have some knowledge of budgeting, banking and accounting. Sadenwasser/Johnson motion to put policies in Executive Board Guidebook – including that secretary/treasurer cannot write checks to themselves for payment or reimbursement, cash collected for raffles and silent auction will be counted by the audit committee that evening and deposited by the secretary/treasurer as soon as practicable and the bank statement will be reviewed by the audit committee each month. Motion carried. Johnson/Sadenwasser motion to review the nomination(s) for secretary/treasurer by the nomination committee for this year and to review the articles and consider appointment of the secretary/treasurer in future years. Motion carried.

Michelle Staff provided a floodplain report. Mapping areas that are being redone are Iron, Lafayette, Florence, Taylor, Shawano, Kickapoo Watershed. SB601 is on Governor's desk for signature. Ochs spoke with Bob Welsh and there would be no changes at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. If a map changes, the LOMA will no longer be valid. There should be more LOMAs for land, rather than structures. FEMA took out base flood elevations shown on the LOMA across the whole country. A regular LOMA takes 60 days. If it is an AE area, just get the elevation and use that for issuing a permit. If it is an A area, check with WME to see if there is some base flood elevations. Campgrounds – workgroup is still working on language to clarify. FEMA will start auditing states in the NFIP program. Governor will get letter asking if state is following NFIP. Theme for workshop was about Houston and Florida, where buildings that were built to uniform building codes, fared better than those that were not built to building code standards.

Kay Lutze provided a shoreland report. Michelle and Kay just finished technical working sessions II that were done around the state. Next will be some Community Assistance Vistis. Kay is looking for volunteers. Is there concerns? How do you do things? Would just be with the zoning administrator/staff. Ashland and Bayfield volunteered. DNR shoreland staff is down 2 people and no replacements in sight. Kathy, a past WMS, is looking at variances as a helper. Michelle will be hiring an assistant in her office soon. Kay was thinking about holding OHWM training for new staff in the fall. Possibly get together in different regions since regions vary widely with Great Lakes and inland lakes. Dave Sadenwasser volunteered their county for a site. Discussion about meeting with surveyors on determining OHWM. Kay impressed on them to get ahold of county zoning officials to agree on location. If you know OHWM is incorrect, contact surveyor and discuss with them why this is a problem for their client.

Old Business

Committee Appointments – Audit committee will be made up of President, First VP and Secretary/Treasurer. Jay Kozlowski replaced Jenn in NW District. He will be new Nomination Committee Chair.

Legislative Process – There was discussion about our representation with WCA. It was suggested to compile a list of lobbyists that could have similar interests as us and consider how can we find like mindedness. Discussion about how to improve legislative communication to the membership. We need to remain fact-based when discussing with legislators – not persuasive. Something like “here are the consequences that you may not have thought of”. Discussion about when we might run into problems as a “lobbyist”. Suggestion that we can call and introduce ourselves to the author of a bill or co-sponsors. Let them know we are boots on the ground and we can offer to help. Legislative Committee should be meeting and deciding how to create policies on how they will function to assist 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and react to pending legislation. Past 2<sup>nd</sup> VPs to assist. Report back to us in June 15.

Program/Conference Report (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee) - Scott Godfrey, Coordinator and Dean Johnson, 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Godfrey handed out raffle tickets. Bring back in fall. Meals for this conference are a new caterer so we will see how it goes. Silent auction Thursday night. We will also be doing a 50/50 raffle on Thursday. Fall conference will be at Barker’s Island in Superior. What about locations for fall 2019? Dean went over the conference agenda. Discussion about 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – In the past we have purchased small items for give away to the membership and we have come up with larger ticket items that the members can order themselves. Do we need a new banner? We need to decide by summer what we will purchase and offer for purchase.

Legislation/Education Committee Report - Josh Rowley, 2nd VP – AB 547 (wetlands) and SB601 (LOMA) are on governor’s desk. Some bills died off.

NR 115 Advisory Committee Report – Terry Ochs – nothing to report.

Webpage/Decoder Coordinator Report - CeCe Tesky – Tesky will be working on getting more resource pages for shoreland and floodplain.

Leadership & Outreach Committee Report – Dean Johnson – nothing to report.

POWTS/Sanitation Committee – Chris Olson/CeCe Tesky – Tesky discussed training sessions. Sessions in January were well received. We need to decide if we will do again next year. Elevation training went well. Ed is doing soil training around the state.

Awards/Scholarships Committee – CeCe Tesky – Tesky talked about scholarships and retirement plaques. John Bluemke from Columbia County and Rob Klotz from Jefferson County also retired and need plaques. (2) \$750 scholarships were awarded.

District Reports – will do tomorrow @ business meeting.

Adjourn – Rowley/Wiegel motion to adjourn @ 9:08. Motion carried.