



OPMA Board Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2024 9:00 AM
Meeting via Zoom

Those in attendance were: AJ Alonso, Kurt Scherzinger, Dale Hodgson, Dave Ramsey, Heather Alonso, Jeremy Chester, Brad Sparks, Adrian Culpepper, Scott Underwood, Scott Steckel, Cory Phillips, Brad Koehler, Chris Wible, Eric Scherzinger and Carlita Skok

The Meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by Andrew “AJ” Alonso.

President’s Report: BJ and Molly could not be here today.

VP Report: NTR

Approval of Agenda and Minutes: Cory asked for questions, Dale made a motion to approve and Dave seconded. All were in favor. None opposed. Minutes approved.

Treasurers report: Cory made mention of looking at year end for 2023 and that the OPMA has tightened our belts. We have used our board members to work on committees. We have righted the ship. Membership committee has helped. Questions or concerns. AJ made a motion to approve the budget and Dale seconded. All in favor, None opposed.

Committee Reports:

Allied Council: NTR

Communications: Brad Sparks, we sent out the newsletter after the winter meeting and we got the analytics for that. We had 1500 total recipients. Opens were 15-16% and 2 people unsubscribed. We have been doing in quarterly. Next one will update about summer meeting. We will highlight summer meeting, legislative dinner, licensing and training reminders.

Education/Training: Heather asked Dale to take the lead on the report. \$2710 was generated from 37 attendees on February 20, 2024. September in person training on 9/19 at OSA in Reynoldsburg.

Executive Review: We were supposed to meet at the JMBS offices. We will meet in April with the OPMA Board

Legislative and OPARR: Legislative Day was a great turnout. Next year it is March 9-11, 2025. We would like feedback for other fundraisers to attend. The kids event was in full force and the kids had a blast. Ohio Plant. Preemption language in Ohio. MyCare Waiver issue- Medicaid voucher program. OPMA does fund Green Advocacy Day. NPMA-Preemption into the farm bill timing is in question. Vulnerable Species Act-there is a list of 20 species that are considered vulnerable and structural pest control is exempt from that list. Biggest state update is in Indiana—taking away the authority that the state agency has to regulate. Kurt asked about donating to industry issues fund as an association. It helps fund the third party lobbying fund that helps get pesticide preemption inserted into farm bill. Kurt, and Executive Board are going to meet to discuss the amount and bring it to the board this summer. Michelle Moore left the NPMA and Josh Reynolds has left the NPMA as well.

Long Range Planning:

Membership: Going to reconvene and do another drive soon.

Nominating: NTR

PAC Fund: Cory went to the Kloptenstein for Ohio event and we gave a \$350 donation to his fund. There is an \$8011 balance in the PAC account.

Past Presidents Council: NTR

PestVets: Cory working for a service project called Sanctuary Quarters providing safe housing to veterans. One in 5 homeless people in the US is a Veteran. There is some money coming in for a grant \$100 and \$500. Dave shared that we made the Pest Vets Battalion Buddies Board this year.

PWIPM: Adrian attended the PWIPM local networks call. Kristen Peregoy is no longer in the industry. Impact awards were just announced.

Scholarship: 7 applicants and 2 scholarships will be awarded. Next fundraiser will be at the auction. Winners will be announced in the next week or two. OSU scholarship. No updated a

Summer Meeting: July 11-14 at Salt Fork. Wild Wild West theme. Working on Next Year's location.

Winter Meeting: All set for this year at the Marriott. Looking at 3 locations for 2025.

Old Business: Advertising portion on the website is going to be removed. Dave made a motion to remove it and Cory seconded it. All in favor, none opposed. Also, Melinda has been contacted by our attorney to remove herself from all financial accounts.

Eric made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dale seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.