



OPMA Board Meeting Minutes-Unapproved September 29, 2023

Those in attendance were: Dale Hodgson, Jeremy Chester, Tony Bohnert, Scott Underwood, Rob Sczcech, Bill Kirchner, Gary Wagner, Brad Sparks, Kurt Scherzinger, Eric Scherzinger, Molly Marsh, BJ Gall, AJ Alonso, Cory Phillips, Dave Ramsey, Chris Wible, Patrick Boland, Heather Alonso, Jay Neff, Adrian Culpepper, Mike Thome, and Carlita Skok

BJ Gall called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM

Agenda

- I. **President's Report**-B. Gall
BJ led us in the Pledge of Allegiance
- II. **Past President's Report**—Molly Marsh
Nothing to Report
- III. **Vice President's Report**-AJ. Alonso
AJ welcomed everyone. Nothing else to report.
- IV. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**-C. Phillips
Cory presented the minutes to the membership. Tony Bohnert made a motion to approve the July 2023 minutes and Dale Hodgson seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed.
- V. **Treasurer's Report**-C. Phillips
Cory then went over the financials and gave the quarterly update. Registration fees are up this year from the Summer meeting and dues are up to date. The next large expense is the winter meeting. Green advocacy day and the retainer that we pay to Tony Seegers needs to be separated in the budget. Chris wondered why the dollar and percentage on page 4 of the budget were so high and we determined that it was because the last quarter's expenses on the budget were showing as a negative without any profit to offset. Chris Wible made a motion to accept the financials, and Dale Hodgson seconded the motion. All were in favor and none were opposed.
- VI. Committee Report
 - a. **Allied Committee**—Nothing to Report
 - b. **Communications**—Brad Sparks reported that the July newsletter was received by 876 people, 198 people opened it and 39 emails bounced . The Board discussed adding a link

to the minutes to the newsletters moving forward (accessible to members) that have draft behind them if not yet approved, so that the full membership could have a better idea about what is going on organization-wide.

- c. **Constitution and Bylaws Committee**-Nothing to Report
- d. **Education/Training Committee**-Heather Alonso/Dale Hodgson- 23 people were at the September Roadshow and we had 4 speakers. They were an engaged group. Heather asked the group about what offerings they would like to see moving forward. The group discussed some hands on trainings and webinars that we may be able to offer to members free of charge—such as equipment maintenance. ACE and PHE are taking place at the winter meeting and the winter meeting agenda is full of fantastic speakers.
- e. **Executive Review Committee**- AJ Alonso-Nothing to Report
- f. **Legislative and OPARR**-Kurt Scherzinger-There was a legislative dinner last night with a nice group of OPMA members, Tony Seegers and the Agriculture committee head Tim Shaffer and he was supposed to stay for a short time, but he stayed for several hours. The pre-emption bill is being challenged. If you have a fundraiser you would like to attend and advocate for the OPMA, let Carlita know so that she can contact the Executive Committee for approval and OPMA can cover the expense. Chris Wible spoke about how he was able to get engaged with the DNR and that he enjoyed the collaboration with the department. If any regulatory agencies come up with a worst-case scenario, if we are engaged with them, we can affect change. Issue 1 did not pass in August. and there are 2 big issues on the November ballot—Issues 1 and 2. Bob Young resigned due to domestic violence charges. In Bexley, the council passed a local ordinance stating that companies have to give 24-48 hours' notice to abutting residences before applying mosquito treatment. This was in violation of the Ohio law. A member brought this to our attention, and we contacted Tony Seegers who wrote a letter to the city and then Tony also went to a council meeting. We moved quickly as an organization to remedy this situation for Pest Management companies doing business in Bexley. On the ODA front, Matt Beale retired. CNT has been approved by the EPA. They have entered into an agreement with OSU. Materials must be purchased from OSU. Highlights are that you must be 18 to apply, you must be a licensed applicator and you must keep a record of the ID number of the applicator. National pre-emption is still working into the farm bill. It should hit the floor in February 2024. The NPMA is meeting with the EPA October 10, 2023 to speak about rodenticides. ASPRO is in Lexington, KY next year, August 19-23, 2024. The President, VP and Legislative Chair should make an effort to go, and that all members are welcome to attend.
- g. **Long Range Planning**-Discussion took place about who could replace Scott Steckel and AJ suggested that the VP of the Board should be the chair of the committee so that there would be consistency with this committee. It was agreed to by the board.
- h. **Membership committee**—Dave Ramsey-We received a list from the ODA of all licensed pest management companies in Ohio and we removed our members and other redundancies and whittled it down to 983 names. We are sending a postcard to the 983 companies within the next week. Then we will work on calling those companies and then we can work on gleaning more participation from existing members. A spreadsheet needs to go out to the Board to see who can help with the phone calls.

- i. **Nominating committee**—Molly Marsh- Molly presented the slate of new board members to be voted on in December. The Executive Board will remain for another year and so will the Supplier representatives. For the 1st year of a 3 year term we are nominating Eric Scherzinger and Dave Ramsey. For the second year of a 3 year term we are nominating Chris Wible and Tony Bohnert and For the 3rd year of a 3 year term we are nominating Jeremy Chester and Jay Neff.
 - j. **PAC fund**—Eric Scherzinger-Peterson Fall Festival is in October and is \$25 to attend and is a great way to get OPMA on the radar.
 - k. **Past President**- Molly Marsh-There will be a lunch at the Winter Meeting.
 - l. **PestVets**-Brad Sparks and Cory Phillips- Flag brought in \$1700 at the Summer Meeting which was great. The logo is great and well received by National Pest Vets. Looking to partner up with PWIPM with fall and winter events.
 - m. **PWIPM**—Adrian Culpepper-Sylvia Kenmuir is the speaker for the winter meeting. Faye Golden is committed for next year. Sponsorships that PWIPM have received have been wonderful. **Looking to do a mixer with Pest Vets at the Winter Meeting**. Tabling a fall event until next year—too little notice to get something planned this year.
 - n. **Scholarship Fund** —Kurt Scherzinger \$7452.20 is the balance in the fund which means we can do 2 \$2500 scholarships in 2024. OSU did not have an applicant and we need to revise the application because it is too cumbersome.
 - o. **Summer Meeting**—Rob-Sczcech- Did a site visit at Salt Fork. 2024 Theme is the Wild West. Open to suggestions for 2025 and beyond. Looking to streamline the babysitting issues and otherwise summer meeting 2023 was a fun time.
 - p. **Winter Meeting**—AJ Alonso and Eric Scherzinger-the committee is meeting next week to finalize pricing. Speakers all are confirmed. Looking around at alternate locations for 2024 and beyond due to rising costs at Marriott—looking at Quest and Hilton. Open to other suggestions.
- VII. Old Business**
Nothing to Report
- VIII. New Business**
Nothing to Report

Dale Hodgson made a motion to adjourn, and Tony Bohnert seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:07 PM. The next meeting is Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 1:30 PM.