

OPMA
Board Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2024

In Attendance: Tony Bohnert, Kurt Scherzinger, +Dale Hodgson, Adrian Culpepper, Jeff Teague, Dave Ramsey, Rob Szczech, Heather Alonso, Chris Wible, AJ Alonso, Cory Phillips. BJ Gall. Dave Johnson, Gary Wagner, Molly Marsh, Jeremy Chester

Guests: Seun Oladipupo

President's Report- BJ Gall- Nothing To Report

Immediate Past President's Report- Molly Marsh-Nothing to Report

Vice President's Report-we are going to make some changes to the long-range planning committee and how that call has been going.

Financial Report-Cory Phillips-Cory gave the financial report and we are down \$8,000 in registrations but membership is up and expenses were down at the winter and summer meetings. We are in the black by \$16,725 currently so things are looking up. Cory is going to ask Ryle for a 5-year average P & L or rolling P & L so that we can see where we have been and where the trends are going. Dave Ramsey made a motion to accept the financial report. Dale Hodgson seconded that motion. All were in favor, and none were opposed. The financial report was accepted.

Action: *Ryle needs to put together a 5 year picture of the P & L. The financial report was accepted.*

Approval of Agenda and Minutes-Cory Phillips- Chris Wible made a motion to approve the minutes and Jeremy Chester seconded the motion. All were in favor and none were opposed. The July minutes were approved.

Action: *The July minutes were approved.*

Committee Reports

Allied council- Dave Johnson-July meeting, was very positive and everybody really got a lot of value out of it. Discussion took place about having an Allied Council meeting at the winter meeting. It is beneficial to the association, to sit down and talk about how we can support each other. Winter Meeting Committee will meet to put something on the agenda targeted towards the allied council. Gary Wagner asked if there is a platform like SurveyMonkey to survey our membership.

Action: Put at item on the Winter Meeting Agenda for the Allied Council

Communications Committee- Brad Sparks-Brad is staying on top of the e-mail and. Carlita is making sure everything gets updated on the website and on Facebook.

Constitution and Bylaws-Jeff Teague-Nothing to Report

Education and Training-Heather Alonso and Dale Hodgson-September training was yesterday with 17 people and the cost is negligible. December training is coming up soon. That is set. February training webinar is easy and that is 100% profit to us. Discussion took place about the OPMA offering test prep for the new Category 7 and 10A requirements that are coming out that Matt talked about at the September training course. OPMA could offer in perhaps in person or virtually. Matt Cochran gave an update on certifications: There has to be direct supervision of applicators (25 miles or 2 hours.) If companies are using drones for applications, they have to be licensed. Our membership has to be updated that we need to get our people licensed. ODA and ODNR are not working well together and we have to keep our eye on what is going on with the restricted use of rodenticides. There is going to be ACE, PHE and CIT at the Winter Meeting this year, Target is sponsoring ACE. Gary is doing PHE and he is the best at it. The PHE is a good certificate to have. It helps to prepare your technicians. Remember that certificates do not have to keep up with CEU's. The CVC has a grant assigned to Ohio Valley educators and they are asking for the OPMA's help to conduct a needs assessment for tick borne disease. Information will be coming out soon.

Seun Oladipupo was here as part of the meeting and introduced himself. His research is to find sustainable ways to help the OPMA. Carlita is to send his contact information to the board. OSU and OPMA need to be on the same page

Action: Carlita to send Seun's information to the Board.

Executive Review Committee- at the last meeting we voted in Belle Rose Management and Ryle as the finance company for the next 18 months. We will have a review in December.

Legislative Committee- Kurt Scherzinger- Met with Senator Lang on Thursday. We had about 8 OPMA members at dinner. February 26th is Green Advocacy day and it would be great if at least 10 OPMA members could be there. Legislative Day in DC is March 9-March 11 and Ohio has always had a strong contingency. Ohio PLANT-Ohio preemption has been signed into law. Railroads and drilling (challenge). The city of Columbus had sued to stop it. We will file as an interested party if it goes to court. Senator McCauley is expected to become President of the Senate. There is a speaker battle in the senate over who has control of the funds—there is a power struggle within the republican party. Marijuana is

legal in Ohio now. The ODA update is that Dan Kenny won an award from the EPA. The EPA used and emergency stop order for the first time in 40 years. The pre-emption in the farm bill—we are all crossing fingers. The extension expires in 10 days. The extension has to pass. The NPMA is making an effort to make sure to make sure that the extension passes. We also do not know what is in the Rodenticide Registration Review until the report is released. They have been promising it for 2 years. It is supposed to be released in February 2025. State Updates—California is getting rid of glue boards. Non-Competes are being challenged by the state of Texas and OSEA has proposed new heat standards—15 minute breaks has to be taken if the heat is excessive.

Long Range Planning Committee-AJ Alonso-looking to bring in More educational components

Membership Committee- One Drive is up to date. New Membership Drive. Postcards are going out. We made calls ahead of time. We made a goal of 11 new members and we have 12 new members so far! Would be nice to have a new member luncheon or sticker on badges at the winter meeting

Action: Order stickers versus Ribbons for new members at Winter Meeting

Nominating committee- Molly Marsh- Immediate past Pres will be BJ Pres will be AJ Cory will be VP Chris Wible will be Sec/Treas and 1st year of a 3 year term is Brad Sparks and Kacey Wyman. 2nd year of a 3 year term is Eric Scherzinger and Dave Ramsey and 3rd year of a 3 year term are Rob Szczech and Jeremy Chester. All were in favor of this slate and there was no discussion. The vote will take place at the December meeting.

PAC fund- Eric Scherzinger- there is a month and a half left if you would like to donate to some candidates. We would like to send a donate to Senator Lang.

Past President's Council-Molly Marsh-Wednesday before the Board Meeting—invite will go out to the Past Presidents. Lunch is Wednesday before the board meeting.

Pest Vets- Dave Ramsey-T shirts will be for sale at the winter meeting.

PWIPM-Adrian Culpepper-meetings have been at different times of the day. There are 5 shirts left if anyone would like to buy one. There is a \$1000 scholarship available for a woman to take the ACE. Information is on the website. There will be a reception at the winter meeting.

Scholarship Committee-Molly Marsh-2017 Verbiage on the OSU endowment has changed. The scholarship can go to a member of the OPMA, or a spouse or child of the OPMA. The candidate must be focused on urban entomology. Dr Strange asked if that

could be stretched to landscape pest. The membership has decided to let the scholarship money sit for a bit rather than go to landscape pest.

Summer Meeting -Rob Szczech-the meeting was a big success. The theme is going to be a Renaissance genre. The dates are July 10-13. Committee is always open to suggestions about how things are being run. Need to organize several tee times so that there is an option for golf. There was a discussion had about the lack of an education component to draw in more people.

Winter Meeting-AJ Alonso- the report is in the packet. Speaker is on there. Dave maybe interested in changing the topic.

Dale Hodgson made a **Motion to Adjourn** the Meeting and Dave Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor and none were opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:41 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carlita Skok