

BC CWMA Organizational Structure Action Team Meeting

October 30, 2012

In attendance: Xan Augerot, Jenny Ayotte, Crystal Durbecq, Vern Holm, Heath Keirstead, Peter Kenagy & Becky Koepke-Hill

- 1- Updates
 - a. Heath updated the group on the activities of the other Action Teams
- 2- Who to recruit for 2 co-chairs & secretary
 - a. Chair possibilities: Bridget Chipman (NRCS), Al Kitzman (Benton County), Molly Monroe (USFWS), Andy Hulting (OSU Extension)
 - b. Secretary Possibilities: Laurie Starha
 - c. Heath will begin asking the identified folks to take these roles
- 3- Different types of CWMA membership for interested individuals, contractors, others
 - a. Different options: partners, friends of, members
 - b. Decided that anyone who wants to join should have that option.
 - c. Peter recommended that we invite fertilizer company representatives to join the CWMA
 - d. Heath will send out MOU to all parties who attended the Invasives Planning Meetings
- 4- Create 1 yr work plan and 2 year timeline for CWMA
 - a. Decided we might need more than 2 yrs before providing a weed board recommendation to the commissioners
- 5- Discuss weed board pros and cons
 - a. What further research do we need?
 - b. What more might a weed district be able to do:
 - i. A place to report neighbors with weed problems
 - ii. Provide funding or contractors for control
 - iii. Come out and spray
 - iv. Provide volunteer removal options
 - c. Look at Marion County Weed Board- County started weed board because they were treating weeds in Rights of Way that were not being treated on other side of the property boundary (not a good investment)
 - d. Marion Co. started Weed Board with 20 + people from industries, vineyards, timber, ag, etc and NO funding for anything. Now they have one staff person working 1/3 time.
 - e. Morrow County: 5cents/acre to cover weed district. Peter says he would pay \$1/acre.
 - f. We know commissioners are looking for ways to SAVE, not SPEND, money
 - g. We need to build a strategy and develop a track record as CWMA
- 6- Come up with some ideas for BC CWMA logo
 - a. Something clear, clean, that represents the county and weed control
 - b. Folks like the Weed Spotters Logo
 - c. Vern shared the Columbia Gorge CWMA logo with us. It is an oval with a pretty image of the Gorge. He says effort was taken NOT to have a weed on it. First of all, because it has been over-done to the point where a logo with a weed on it has no effect on the public. Secondly, there is a tremendous range in the amount of precipitation in the Columbia Gorge running east to west so there is no one weed that speaks for the area. Therefore, the logo was chosen as being representative of this special place in the world that the Columbia Gorge CWMA feels is worth protecting. To this end, it evokes a sense of place and commitment for CWMA partners as well as the public.
 - d. Work with a graphic artist to create a logo- BSWCD has money in budget to cover this.
 - e. Come up with three logo options to present at full CWMA meeting

- 7- Where to house CWMA webpage and what should be on it?
 - a. Determined that housing it at BSWCD would work.
 - b. Heath will establish a CWMA listserv and google docs page for the group
- 8- Setting a meeting date & agenda for the full BCCWMA?
 - a. Early January
 - i. Heath will send out Doodle
 - b. Adopt by-laws (Vern will send ORCWMAA and Lake County CWMA by-laws as an example we could use)
 - c. Recommend what membership should look like
 - d. Recommend steering committee members: 1 rep from each action team, co-chairs, secretary and coordinator
 - e. Authorize steering committee to make decisions on behalf of the larger group
 - f. Agreed that 2x per year should suffice for whole group meetings