



MACDEO Fall Meeting (Re-Scheduled)
January 23, 2013
Red Lion Colonial Inn
Helena, MT

Attendance:

Julie Ralston, Bitterroot CD, Area V, Chairman
Guelda Halverson, Sweet Grass County CD, Area IV, Vice-Chairman
Patricia Johnson, Valley County CD, Area I Representative & Treasurer
Carie Hess, Petroleum County CD, Area I Representative
Julie Goss, Richland County CD, Area II Representative
Kodie Olsen, Little Beaver CD, Area II Representative
Teresa Wilhelms, Area III Representative
Penny Landon, Carbon CD, Area IV Representative
Leona Gollen, Green Mountain CD, Area V Representative
Lori Zeiser, Area V Representative & Secretary
Denise Thompson, Broadwater CD, Area VI Representative
Lacey Rasmussen, Meagher County CD, Area VI Representative
Jenifer Anderson, Phillips CD
Gail Cicon, Liberty County CD
Ginger Kauffman, Flathead CD
Chris Malgren, Lake County CD
Destanie Melin, Garfield County CD
Patsy Meredith, Eastern Sanders County CD
Renee Nelson, Wibaux CD
Charlee Thompson, Mineral County CD
Erica Jones, Pondera County CD
Cheryl Miller, Upper Musselshell CD
Jan Fontaine, MACD
David Martin, Karl Christians, Heidi Crum & Laurie Zeller, DNRC
Jessica Anderson, Park CD
Laura Angvick, Sheridan County CD
Belinda Knapton, Glacier County CD
Patti Mason, Flathead CD
Gloria Menke, Big Horn CD
Marlene Moon, Toole County CD
Karen Peterson, Granite CD
Bobbi Vannattan, Rosebud CD
Toni Neslen, Cascade CD

A quorum being present, Julie Ralston, EO Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:48pm.

Minutes from the November 15, 2011 MACDEO Fall Meeting were approved as presented – Teresa Wilhelms made the motion, Jan Fontaine seconded – motion passed.

Patricia Johnson provided the Financial Reports for FY2011-2012 and the proposed budget for FY2012-2013 as well as the 2012 Convention financial reports – Jan Fontaine moved to accept the proposed FY2012-2013 Budget, Marlene Moon seconded – motion passed.

Pat answered questions and went over the details of the proposed budget. Pat will send out the financial report from the 2012 Convention.

Area Reports – Each Area reported on highlights of activities in their areas. The state Envirothon Competition will be held April 22nd & 23rd in Lewistown – all are welcome to attend and help.

Partnership Reports – No Partner Reports at this meeting.

North American Envirothon & Volunteer Update – Teresa Wilhelms – Teresa went over the Volunteer List for the NA Envirothon – please ask your supervisors and other agency partners to volunteer to help with the event – you can volunteer for 1 day or the entire week. Jan Fontaine and Lori Zeiser attended the Pennsylvania competition last year and gave an update on the volunteer jobs – it is a lot of work, but very rewarding and the Envirothon committee folks are great people to work with.

Old Business

Review of Area Representatives – Pat Johnson has the final list and will send it out to everyone

New Business

Insurance – a discussion was conducted to look into getting health insurance for CD paid staff and the feasibility of adding this option. At the November 2011 EO meeting it was brought to the attention of the EO members that the MACo Health Insurance premiums were increased to an amount that Districts could not afford to provide the benefit. Other options are being looked into and with the new health care laws decisions will need to be made for coverage – most Districts do not provide the benefit to their employees. The decision was made to form a committee to work on the options and report back at the EO Spring meeting. Julie Goss, Lori Zeiser, Guelda Halverson, and Jan Fontaine will head up that committee.

Education & Training

The EO Members discussed the Administrators Workshop and the success of the workshop – after much discussion it was decided to hold a workshop every other year at the same time as the Legislative Meet & Greet – Julie Ralston stated that if this was the case, a committee to plan the 2015 workshop needs to be formed much earlier in order to be able to budget better and apply for 223 grant fund rather than to be scrambling to find the funds so everyone can attend. Lori Zeiser stated that she has prepared a workshop evaluation that will be handed out the next morning and asked that everyone please fill their out and turn it in so that the committee will know how to proceed with the plans for 2015.

Election of Officers

Guelda Halverson – President

Julie Goss nominated Kodie Olsen for Vice President, Pat Johnson seconded – motion passed. Kodie Olsen accepted the nomination and was voted in as Vice President – unanimous.

Teresa Wilhelms nominated Patricia Johnson as Treasurer, Cheryl Miller seconded – motion passed. Patricia Johnson accepted the nomination – unanimous.

Teresa Wilhelms nominated Lori Zeiser as Secretary, Carie Hess seconded – motion passed. Lori Zeiser accepted the nomination – unanimous.

Teresa Wilhelms moved to adjourn the meeting, Pat Johnson seconded – motion passed - meeting adjourned at 5:05pm.

Respectfully submitted: Lori Zeiser, Secretary