

WMMA Minutes

February 13, 2024

Ramkota Hotel, Casper, WY

WMMA President, Steven Trowbridge, called the annual business meeting to order. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was moved and seconded. Motion carried.

It was moved to accept both the minutes and the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Given that Mikenna Smith will be the in-coming president, Hunter Deerman will be moving into the president-elect position. A vacancy for Member a Large will need to be filled.

Discussion to re-establish the not-for-profit status for the WMMA, which was lost year's ago, would entail some changes to the current constitution. This would also include changing the name of the organization itself. The proposed changes are indicated in red and will read as follows: First, changing the Wyoming Mosquito Management Association (WMMA) to the **Wyoming Mosquito Vector Management Association (WMVMA)**. Second, Allen Griffin suggested that a change to Article III, Section 2, which currently reads, "The duties of the officers are presented in the Bylaws. In no case will officers be allowed to carry out activities for the WMMA outside the purposes of the WMMA. " The proposed change would read, "The duties of the officers are presented in the Bylaws. In no case will officers be allowed to carry out activities or **otherwise approved by the executive committee**. Third, the proposed change to Article III, Section 4, which currently reads, "...The membership will be notified of committee action through written communication by WMMA..." The proposed change would read, "...The membership will be notified of committee action through written communication, **mail or e-mail** by WMMA... " Fourth, the proposed change to Article IV, Section 3, which currently reads, "...Dispensation of all proposals submitted to the membership by mail ballot must occur two months after mailing..." The proposed change would read "...Dispensation of all proposals submitted to the membership by mail ballot must occur **at least** two (2) months after mailing..."

A motion to accept the proposed changes to the WMMA constitution was made by Mikenna Smith. The motion was seconded by Kelsey Mitchell, motion carried, pending approval by an accountant.

There were no updates to report from the WMMA website.

Scott Schell, who sits on the Scholarship committee, suggested that options for broadening the scholarship outreach were in order. He stated that the current outreach to high schools was not having much success. He suggested expanding the outreach to include two year colleges and universities, so as to get the scholarship out to as many people as possible.

That being the end of old business, the gavel was turned over to the new WMMA president, Mikenna Smith.

New Business:

Mikenna asked for nominations to select a new Board Member to fill the position of Member at Large. Steven Trowbridge made the motion to nominate Reid Putnam to fill this position, the motion was seconded by Allen Griffin. Motion carried.

The second order of new business was discussion of a joint meeting between the West Central Mosquito and Vector Management Association (WCMVMA) and the WMMA. This meeting will be held in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, February 18-20th. The date of this meeting would not conflict with the AMCA meeting, scheduled to be the first week in March. There will be a general planning committee responsible for putting the conference together. The educational conference is scheduled to be 19-20th, with a pre-conference workshop scheduled, the 18th. This conference will be held in conjunction with Wyoming having its own program as well. Given the distance and costs associated with meeting location, it was felt that giving the membership ample time to budget for the conference was in order.

Ideas for educational workshops for the WMMA were discussed. These workshops would be scheduled in conjunction with the educational conference itself. The suggestion of having an I. D. workshop for both larvae and adults was offered. Jason Kinley suggested a larval assay as a possibility. Kelsey Mitchell suggested a course on RAMP testing. It was brought up, however, that the Wyoming Department Health Lab would be offering West Nile Virus testing at no charge, which may be a more viable option.

It was also suggested that those courses offered in a workshop format be offered in a revolving cycle. The purpose of these workshops is to increase educational opportunities for members in an effective manner.

Being no further business, Ron Taylor moved to adjourn, Allen Griffin seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John Leman, Secretary/Treasurer