

Oregon Joint Use Association
Meeting Minutes
Bentley's Restaurant ~ Salem, Oregon
Thursday December 18, 2014

President Janet Ebright called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. President Ebright welcomed the group and thanked them for an outstanding year. A quorum was present:

Present:

Janet Ebright, President
Terry Blanc, Vice President
Sam Ackley
Mark Beaudry
Jeff Kent
Gary Lee
Linda Spurgeon
Doug Morten
Scott Rosenbalm
Scott Wheeler

Not Present:

Tom McGowan, Past President
Richard Gray

Guests:

Jeff VanLoo
Jerry Donovan

Staff:

Genoa Ingram
Jessica Carpenter

Minutes

MOTION: Moved by Gary Lee and seconded by Jeff Kent to approve the October 15, 2014 minutes as amended to reflect the following:

- VP Terry Blanc called meeting to order, not Tom McGowan
- September minutes reviewed, not June minutes.
- Correction to Doug Morten's last name, should be with "e" not an "o".

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Sam Ackley reviewed the financial statements noting positive revenues for the year.

Sam Ackley reviewed the proposed budget and discussed a few items including the mapping project, workshops and membership marketing that are not currently included in the budget since they are just concepts at this time.

MOTION: Moved by Jeff Kent and seconded by Gary Lee to approve the financial report and 2015 Budget as submitted. **Motion passed.**

Committee Reports

Publicity & Education - Jeff VanLoo, P & E Committee Chair, reported that Dave Marne's proposal was received and included a small increase over last year's cost. Event giveaways have been determined and will come in at a lower cost than previous year. Jeff reviewed the Committee's progress to date, noting that it will likely continue to host four-hour work sessions until the Jeopardy game is complete.

Conflict Resolution – No report.

Inspection/Correction Efficiency (ICE) – Co-Chairs Gary Lee and Janet Ebright noted that a full report of the Committee’s activities was presented at the Annual Meeting; the report will be available on the website. The Committee’s next meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2015.

Joint Inspection/Correction Subcommittee (JIS) – Cp-Chair Jerry Donovan shared that the committee is currently 14 members strong, recently adding Mark Rettman from the PUC staff. Jerry noted that the Committee is working on three deliverables including a statistical tool, the codes matrix, and a best practices manual.

Standards Committee – Staff noted that minutes from the Committee’s most recent meeting are included in the packet. The grandfather matrix is in progress. The Committee hopes to have the PUC letter index posted to the OJUA website soon.

Executive Committee – Chair Terry Bland reported that evaluations from the 2014 Annual Meeting included lots of great feedback; the most highly rated program was Tom’s Corner. There was also feedback about having a right of way expert attend in the future. The 2015 Annual Meeting is tentatively planned for the Pelican Pub in Pacific City. The website transition is almost complete, staff are working with Paul Steele to finalize this.

Legislative Committee – Terry Blanc shared the news that Richard Gray is leaving the Board, and the Executive Committee will be looking at options to fill the position of the Legislative Chair. Executive Committee will keep a watchful eye on joint use legislative issues. Gary Lee suggested that there is no need for a Legislative Committee since no meetings are taking place. The Board discussed the importance of having potential legislative issues monitored; Genoa will make sure the Executive Board is aware of anything that might affect the industry. Jeff Kent suggested having the committee remain intact but no activity. Additional Board discussion noted that a subcommittee could be started if needed.

Industry Updates

Gary Lee shared issue on California Mobile Home Park; the PUC is piloting a new program in an attempt to collaborate between utilities for underground facilities.

Jeff Kent shared that legislation pushed California commission to roll out a citation program for electrical lines. Electric utilities are working to determine what their responsibility is to the program; fines are anticipated to be very high. Fines would be paid to the state as a civil penalty.

Old Business

No old business to discuss.

New Business

Sam Ackley has recently encountered pole owners that don't have any Joint Use agreement, and he is looking for templates (noting that such templates could be made available on the OJUA website). Scott Rosenbalm may have some options that he can forward for review. Subsequent discussion noted that the Association should be cautious of any agreements it elects to post on the website.

Adjourn There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.