

**MWCA Board Orientation**  
**February 7, 2007**  
**Chico Hot Springs**

Members present: Scott Bockness, Dave Brink, Bryce Christiaens, Margie Edsall, Jim Gordon, Mark Korte, Marty Malone, John Moodry, Jason Smith, Lisa Surber, Morgan Valliant, Marijka Wessner, Paul Wick, Dave Burch, Dan Dobler, Carla Hoopes, Carla Lawrence, & John Simons

Members excused: Dale Butori, Clint Clark, Jack Eddie, Ellen Engstedt, Jim Ghekiere, Daniel McIntosh, Diane Rice, Dick Zoanni, Justun Juelfs, Dave Schulz & Joe Wiegand.

9 – 11:45 Loren Soft of the Yellowstone Resource Center reviewed best practices for building a better board.

Becky handed out the board binders with all pertinent association materials.

12:30 – Regular business for the board

John reviewed his objectives for his term:

- 1) In accordance with the MWCA's work plan and objectives the first goal is to implement the re-structure of the board and committees of the MWCA by 2008.
- 2) To involve the membership of the MWCA as both customers and producers to become a proactive organization both for our members and the general public.
- 3) Encourage the collaboration between like natural resource groups and agencies to work towards commons goals and objectives.

Policies

The board reviewed the policies as outlined and made amendments. Upon the addition of those amendments, *Jim Gordon moved to adopt the MWCA policies, Scott Bockness seconded and all were in favor.*

IWM Committee

Scott explained a history of the biocontrol and research committees and now that Dave Brink was chairing that committee, Scott asked that Dave work with a variety of entities to develop a working set of objectives and goals for this important committee. Brink called an impromptu meeting for that evening concerning the committee.

MWCA Committees

A list of committees was passed around and board members were asked to sign up for committees that interested them. A new work group was formed: The implementation work group with the idea that this group would take on the implementation of achieving the goals and objectives the Assessment workgroup had put together. Scott Bockness was appointed the chair of this group.

MWCA Spring retreat/board meeting

Scott reviewed a tentative agenda for the retreat which included budget planning, dinner and socializing, planning and strategizing for 2007 – 08 and reviewing committee objectives.

The elected board members (other than officers) were asked to pick numbers to identify who would server one year terms and who would serve two year terms. The results were as follows:

Jim Gordon – 1 year  
Ellen Engstedt – 2 years  
Morgan Valliant – 1 year  
Mark Korte – 2 years  
Lisa Surber – 1 year  
Daniel McIntosh – 2 years  
Paul Wick – 2 years  
Bryce Christiaens – 1 year  
Marty Malone – 2 years  
Jack Eddie – 2 years  
Clint Clark – 1 year  
Dick Zoanni – 1 year  
Dale Butori – 1 year  
Dave Brink – 2 years  
Marijka Wessner – 1 year  
Diane Rice – 2 years

Margie Edsall's term would be in up 2008 and a new VP would be voted in.

#### Budget

Margie reviewed the P & L which was presented to the board. Committees would be asked for budgets along with objectives prior to the spring retreat.

#### Other business

Morgan requested that Becky bring a hole punch or have all materials punched prior to meetings.

Dave Burch discussed the progress of HB 2. Dan Dobler discussed the DNRC bill and the progress with that bill.

Becky reviewed meeting dates for 2007:

March 29 & 30, Spring Retreat  
September 13, Lewistown, early fall meeting  
November 8, Great Falls., late fall meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.