

**MWCA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
July 18, 2008, MDA Room 225, Helena, MT**

Members present – Jim Ghekiere, Jack Eddie, Judie Tilman, Dave Burch, Diana Ericson, & Becky Kington

**Statewide Noxious Weed Awareness and Education Calendar contribution**

Carla Hoopes approached the association for a contribution towards the 2009 calendar. There was some dialog about the placement of the MWCA logo and information in the calendar. It was generally felt that having our membership form on the back of the calendar was not effective advertising for the association. Becky had approached Carla about placing our website address on specific pages within the calendar and that could not be done at this time. ***Jim Ghekiere motioned to donate \$250 to Carla for the calendar. Jack seconded. All were in favor.***

**Financial Policy**

Becky brought up the fact that we had a business that had not paid their annual conference bill and it was outstanding by seven months. It was felt by the committee that our current late fees were not incentive enough for bills to be paid on time. ***Jack Eddie motioned that after 4 months, any outstanding bill will incur a 10% late finance charge for each month the bill goes unpaid and each month's charges will be compounded monthly. In addition, the company or individual will not be allowed to attend any future MWCA functions until the bill is paid in full and the company or individual will be required to pay any future registration fees at the time of registration. Credit will no longer be allowed. Any appeals by the company or individual will be subject to review by the MWCA Executive Committee.*** Judie Tilman seconded the motion and all were in favor. A letter stating this policy would be sent to the business immediately. The committee also wanted to reserve the right to turn a person or business delinquent on their bill into a collection agency at the discrimination of the executive committee.

**BSSA Magazine**

Dave Martin with DNRC requested time with the executive committee to discuss the sponsorship levels and possible partnership with the Big Sky Small Acres publication. Dave explained that there were four ways to sponsor the magazine: A single issue sponsorship of \$3,500 - \$3,900 and sponsorships were not available until next year; a direct cash sponsorship of any amount; in-kind support such as involvement on a committee or sitting on the board; and supporting trainings or small acreage workshops through letters of support from counties. ***Jack Eddie motioned that we request becoming an official partner with BSSA and Jim Ghekiere seconded. All were in favor.*** Becky would draft a letter of support to Dave Martin requesting our sponsorship of and partnership with the magazine. Becky also suggested a zero spread article would be appropriate for the winter issue and she would draft one up.

Due to the time frame of the other meetings held on this day, most of the proposed agenda was not covered. The executive committee re-scheduled their meeting for August 14<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. in Helena at the MDA building.