

Minutes from 4/1/2010 MWCA Business Meeting (Professional Development Training)

Becky handed out and requested each person present to fill out a 2010 (Professional Development Training) conference survey.

Amy addressed the fall training and Terry Turner is working on the agenda and Amy stated that the MWCA fall board meeting will be taking place during that conference.

Dale Butori informed the group of how the awards committee is trying to come up with the criteria for the awards program. At this time no criteria for the "coordinator of the year" award could be developed and because of that Dale questioned the group of their thoughts for not having an award for that category, the group supported his committee's thoughts and everyone was in agreement that there would be no award given that was titled "coordinator of the year".

Becky informed the group that the MWCA weed calendar program was not funded by the noxious weed trust fund and over ordering calendars would be damaging to the budget of the calendars, she is requesting pre-order numbers. The calendars will cost between \$1 and \$2 each depending on the total number in the order. She also reminded everyone of the Department of Ag success story DVD's that is still available.

Amy also talked about spring training and asked the group to come up with 3 locations for them to be held. The MWCA will hold 2 spring trainings in order to better accommodate coordinators in the east and the west of the state. She also asked that she be given some topics for the agenda. A few folks in the meeting were unaware of the controversy surrounding the idea of holding 2 spring meetings. Paul felt that communication is a weakness among this group and members need to be better about sharing and communicating. Dale felt that we did not give an honest try at rotating the locations of the meetings; however the general consensus was that the pluses outweighed the minuses in holding two spring trainings. Amy will post the minutes of this meeting and the agenda of the trainings as they are developed. A question was asked about the agenda of these meetings and it was stated that these two trainings will not be mirrored due to the diversity of needs from East to West.

Stacy Barta informed the group of wash stations that the Department of Ag was ordering and if anyone wanted to be a part of that order they could contact Dave Burch, also if you wanted more information on the units you could visit hydrotech.com.

Jim Ghekiere informed the group of the federal mandate for radio communications and how it will affect everyone and their budgets. Basically old two way radios will not be legal or effective as of January 2013. Jim urged people to talk with their local law enforcement or emergency services about this and evaluate your needs. Jim will send out an email describing the process.

Diana reminded everyone of the website and the tools available on it, like the classified and job openings section and also let everyone know that meeting agendas are located in two separate locations on the site.

Amy reminded everyone to sign up for credits before leaving and the "Professional Development Training" is worth 5 applicator credits and that the first 3 directories are free and after that the directories will cost \$10 each.

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