

OWAC TELECONFERENCE AGENDA – March 20, 2023

7 p.m., Monday March 20, 2023

ZOOM meeting # 816 0030 2796 Passcode: 816 0030 2796

Call to Order: Carrie Wilson, President

- I. Roll Call / Attending: Bob Semerau, Barbara Steinberg, John Williamson, Matt Johanson, Tom Martens, Carrie Wilson, Don Vachini, Mike Harris

Absent:, Peter Schroeder, Risa Wyatt, Betsy Senescu,

Motion to approve Minutes / Barbara Steinberg
Second / Bob Semerau

Passed on voice vote

- II. Finance report / Bob there is **\$15,641.09 in OWAC's account**
 - a. \$300.00 SENT TO CCA on behalf of Whitney Uyeda. First check got lost. Checks generated by bank are automated. Whenthey go out go out, not cashed, just MIA and put stop payment on it.

- III. **State Financial Reporting**
 - a. State requires 6-years filing and 3-years financials. Bob is working on it.
 - b. OWAC also must pay \$175.00 registrar fees to cover 6-years.

Tom got us legal, and all hell has broken out. Says state requires six years of filing, and three years of financials. Fortunately, they only want six years. We've got those years and we can keep working on it. Heard nothing for so long.

- IV. Outdoor Californian of the Year status OCOY / Bob
 - a. I presented a certificate in a frame to Whitney, Exhibit B
 - b. Whitney's son flooded us with nominations. Thought he was doing a good thing.

Bob made up a certificate, framed it and drove over to Santa Barbara and gave it to him. He now has something to put on his wall. He'll take it to CCA and make a formal presentation. Not a glitch in the system. Still wound up with 30 votes for him.

- V. EIC- Peter/John

Half way through the month, and we have not that many submissions/. Guess people waiting until the last few days. One guy submitted like a dozen.

Bob: Do we have judges?

Carrie: we got three so far.

VI. Membership benefits programs / Mike Harris

Nothing to report

VII. Membership report, John Williamson

- a. Resolved membership notifications. Last month we lost two members. There were complications with the system.

Bob: I will contact Gigi.

Barbara: Asked if anyone has a relationship with Ducks Unlimited.

Carrie: I will look online.

VIII. Vachini Scholarship contest Peter/Don/Matt/Bob (Now have five entrants)

Bob: One new one just came in from Torrance. The rest are primarily from the Bay area.

IX. Publicity Betsy No report. She's sailing through the Panama Canal.

X. Fall Conference, Thought we might possibly have Mammoth, but fell through.

Barbara: I was supposed to meet with Explore Butte County. Thought it would be a great location. They are a nonprofit.

Bob: After talking with Redding, we offer no bang for their buck. As membership ages, retire, become less active, this could be an issue going forward. May see a lot more of that. I don't think we are going to prove value. No one has shown any interest.

Barbara: What do we do?

John: Not having conferences impacts memberships. Think that's the big draw.

Bob: Think membership could pay for it? Laughlin would cost maybe \$5k to \$6k

Carrie: every other group pays for attending.

Bob: Maybe we should rethink – buy a block of rooms and they toss in meeting rooms.

Carrie: Maybe high time.

Bob: I will talk with Laughlin and Palm Springs.

John: Maybe we should be doing more Zoom meetings

Carrie: Maybe consider leaning more toward BATW / most members in Bay area.

Bob: I just don't know how much longer I can do this. Not enjoying it. If don't get answers, resolutions, you can kiss my butt good bye. I like the idea of trying something new. It costs the host about \$10K. Big Bear said we should keep the money. Bigger places the same.

Matt: I have an idea. We should try to recreate some of the things we do at conference and do it on Zoom.

Carrie: We should make a list of publications where members are contributing.

XI. Next Meeting Date: 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 10, 2023

XII. Motion to adjourn by Don Vachini
Second by John Williamson

Unanimous approval.

Meeting ended at 8:09 p.m.