



WATO Board Agenda
June 11, 2008

Attendance: Bill Oltman, Mike Charboneau, Randy Beehler, Dea Drake, Judy Devall, Marlene Feist,

1:33 p.m. Call to Order

Approval of minutes: May 14, 2008 – Mike Charboneau, Secretary

Moved for approval Mike Charboneau, seconded by Dea Drake

Financial Report – Dea Drake, Treasurer

As of this date \$14,600 in bank, two payments have not cleared bank, and there is one outstanding bill. We have one new membership and spring conference check to put in bank. Dea plans to do deposits all at once.

Update on email list - Jill Novik email address is incorrect and we need to correct for her to get emails from Bill Oltman. Bill noted correct address for future reference.

Spring Workshop – Randy Beehler

Received email late yesterday with Sara Morford, Communications Manager for Grant County PUD – she will not be able to attend our workshop. Grant County is the entity that is operating a broadband system. Randy is looking for replacement. Bill suggested talking to Tom Robertson who did study on rural broadband. Bill will check with him to see if he can help find a replacement.

With regards to rest of workshop everything is progressing well. Randy is positive with current sign up lists.

Dea Drake – we have 32 attendees thus far. With presenters we are over 40 participants. We can offer on site registration and then bill later. Board agrees this is a good idea. Dea will be unable to attend, but will deliver checkbook to Bill in case WATO needs to pay for expenses at conference.

Business Meeting – Topics

1. Board replacement for Regions 3 and 8
2. Judy – board meeting is a good place to allow for conversations from general members.
3. Should see if board wants to pursue a bylaws change to allow email voting for limited circumstances
4. Opportunity for members to share where they are at and see how WATO can assist with telecommunication issues. This is also a good time for members to ask questions that have come up during the day.

Old Business

WATO.org – Oregon cross-post

* Board action item

Had talked last meeting about putting Oregon chapter conference information on our WATOA website – Bill will check with Jon to follow up

Connect! tour in Olympia - The group was scheduled to meet with officials in Olympia on June 6th, but meeting was cancelled – Bill is not aware if they are going to reschedule.

DIS work group members – Law 6438 expresses that local governments should be included in workgroup. DIS is finishing membership listing, but list has not been published. They start their meetings on July 9th

2:15 Adjourn