

Northwest Oklahoma Alliance



Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

Northwest Technology Center

Incubator Conference Room & IETV & Conference Call

Alva, Oklahoma

Minutes

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order by President Cook at 10:20 a.m.
2. Roll call – Members present: Sonja Cook, Matt Gard, Melissa Washmon, and Barclay Holt
3. Recognition of Guests – Neal Williams
4. Approval of minutes of the April 29, 2009 meeting. Gard made motion to approve minutes of April meeting; Washmon seconded. Roll call vote: Gard, yes; Washmon, yes; Holt, yes; Cook, yes. Motion carried.
5. Treasurer's report presented by Washmon. Gard made motion to approve treasurer's report as presented; Cook seconded. Roll call vote: Gard, yes; Washmon, yes; Holt, yes; Cook, yes. Motion carried.
6. Cook reported that Brian Gaddy was still in correspondence with Poster Garden trying to get them artwork for the trade show booth. We will have it before the end of the year. No action necessary.
7. It was discussed to have a planning meeting for the Land Run 2009 to work out details. Still having trouble getting contacts to invite from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, however, the communities are submitting contacts they are pursuing. Washmon will be coordinating the invitations and guests follow-up and working with Woodward on organizing the stop there. Williams stated he would contact the travel agency and coordinate them with Washmon. Cook will work with the other host communities in organizing an overall schedule. Gard will coordinate with Fairview and Cook stated she would contact Brent Kisling about Enid.
8. As always, there was discussion about needing a membership drive and how to get people involved. NWODA has actually been very active, just no one is seizing those opportunities. Board members are to be gathering some ideas on how to grow our membership.
9. Cook reported the website was looking good, and stressed the importance of driving our members to the website for information. It is not being well utilized. Cook also felt like a newsletter might be a good idea; however, it is very time consuming to have to go gather the information from the different communities, then put it in a newsletter form and email out.

10. Holt reported Rep. Jeff Hickman had some ideas that may be helpful for our annual legislative event. Holt will be following up with Hickman as the planning begins.
11. No discussion regarding business retention & expansion.
12. Cook reported that the Partners in Progress were still offering several worthwhile workshops and encouraged members to attend.
13. Gard made motion to accept resignation of Vicki McCune from NwOA Board. Washmon seconded. Roll call vote: Gard, yes; Washmon, yes; Holt, yes; Cook, yes. Motion carried.
14. Holt made motion to accept resignation of Patti Wilber from NwOA Board. Gard seconded. Roll call vote: Gard, yes; Washmon, yes; Holt, yes; Cook, yes. Motion carried.
15. Cook stated she had talked with Tom Lucas, High Plains RC&D, regarding filling one of the vacant board seats with a High Plains RC&D board member. Lucas suggested Larry Wiemers, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. Gard made motion to nominate Larry Wiemers to the NwOA Board. Washmon seconded. Roll call vote: Gard, yes; Washmon, yes; Holt, yes; Cook, yes. Motion carried. This still leaves one vacant seat on the board. There has been interest from some other people to serve, so Cook will follow up with those interested and bring their names to the next meeting.
16. No community updates.
17. No new business.
18. Holt made motion to adjourn; Gard seconded. Roll call vote: Gard, yes; Washmon, yes; Holt, yes; Cook, yes. Motion carried. Adjournment at 12:12 p.m.