

OREGON MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL ASSOCIATION

2022 FALL MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 18, 2022

Location: Skamania Lodge, Stevenson Washington

In Attendance:

Bek Sudia, Multnomah County

Chris Law, Union VCD

Josh Jacobson, Clackamas VCD

Maggie Atchley, Clackamas County

Megan Bernard, Malheur County

Cliff Kiser, Crook County

Dr. Emilio DeBess, Oregon Health Authority

Joe Camacho, Target Specialty

Ryan Arkoudas, Clarke Mosquito

Tim Bennett, Central Life Sciences

Nate Hill, Valent Biosciences

Anita Baumgart, North Morrow VCD

Matt Hutchinson, Baker VVCD

Theresa Micallef, Clackamas County

Piper Kimbell, Leading Edge Technology

Andrew Ross, West Umatilla County

Janice Stroud, Adapco

Geoff Taylor, Jackson County MCD

Time: 1:30 PM the OMVCA Fall meeting was called to order by Vice President Josh Jacobson.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Cliff Kiser to accept the Spring 2022 OMVCA Fall Meeting minutes, seconded by Matt Hutchinson. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Anita Baumgart shared the treasurer's report. Beginning balance as of April 1, 2022, of \$10,1154.62 and an Ending balance as of October 3, 2022, of \$7,997.05 (*for a detailed report please review the attached Treasurer's Report*)

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Motion was made by Cliff Kiser to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Matt Hutchinson. Motion passed unanimously.

Oregon Health Authority Updates: by Dr. DeBess

Concerns:

- Dr. DeBess stated his concerns for future funding for mosquito disease testing to mosquito and vector control districts in Oregon. The funding continues to decrease.
- Dr. DeBess stated that when he turns in his request for funding, they give the application a grade. Oregon received an average score. Some of the CDC's reasoning for this was the lack of an entomologist in the State of Oregon, slow turn around on test results, leaving money on the table.
- Dr. DeBess said that there was about 60 to 70 thousand dollars that was left on the table.
- Dr. DeBess expressed his concern for so few Districts turning in a budget request for money. Some Districts stated that they did not request funding because they did not need it and wanted the funding to go to smaller districts that could benefit more from the money.
- Some Districts stated that they need funding for testing and equipment but not necessarily for education because it was already included in their budget.
- Dr. DeBess specified that the CDC loves funding for education.
- Districts need to give more feedback to Dr DeBess.

Future Needs:

- Better communication and feedback to Dr. DeBess
- Quicker turn around on positive test. Delays are the biggest concern with the Oregon State Lab, one option is for district to begin to test in house.
- Keep the public well informed, by posting trapping and WNV positive results on your district's website.
- Provide information to your district's public in all languages that pertain to your area. Dr. DeBess will help anyone that needs help translating your districts message in Spanish.
- Revisit your district's trapping strategies such as: setting traps closer to human populated areas, testing only species of mosquitoes that continuously test positive to WNV, deciding whether your district is going to be a district that just traps for mosquito population, or a public health district that traps and tests for disease carrying mosquitoes.
- Start thinking about a list of line items your district will need, such as, traps, batteries, testing supplies, public education material. This information is important in helping Dr. DeBess with the CDC application.

In house testing concerns with RAMP:

- The amount of time it takes to prep and run test. (Some districts do not have the staff)
- RAMP only test for WNV. OSU Lab test for WNV, St. Louis and Western Equine Encephalitis.
- Cost of getting started.
- Accuracy of the tests
- Nate Hill stated that if your district has a RAMP machine that is 7 to 10 years old, he recommends replacing it.

ADULT SURVEILLANCE & TESTING WORKGROUP UPDATE: Bek Sudia

- Bek stated, that most of the discussion on Adult Surveillance and testing has already taken place and the next step is setting up a call with Dr. DeBess after he has had a chance to see how much funding he has left to distribute.
- Bek Sudia also wants to consider us having training for the RAMP test at the OMVCA Spring meeting. Chris Law suggested that another option is to have a RAMP training at the NWMVCA spring meeting that would be held in either Tri-Cities or Boise Idaho.
- Explore further in house testing options such as, Co-Diagnostic (PCR testing).

INDUSTRY REP ANNOUNCEMENTS PRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING:

Tim Bennett (Central Life Science) tbennett@central.com

Joe Camacho (Target Specialty) joe.camacho@target-specialty.com

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Janice Stroud (Adapco) jstroud@e-adapco.com

Piper Kimball (Leading Edge) piper@leatteam.com

Nate Hill (Valent Bioscience) nathan.hill@valentbiosciences.com

OFFICERS ELECTIONS:

- A motion was made by Bek Sudia to nominate the current board of directors for a second term apart from Kenneth Carver as President. Seconded by Chris Law. Motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Anita Baumgart to nominate Bek Sudia for president. Seconded by Matt Hutchinson. Motion passed unanimously.
- Bek Sudia, President – Josh Jacobson, Vice President – Anita Baumgart, Secretary/treasurer – Geoff Taylor, Director at large position #1 – Chris Law, Director at large position #2

Meeting Adjourned:

Motion to Adjourn meeting by Cliff Kiser, seconded by Chris Law. Meeting adjourned 3:35 PM.

*Respectfully submitted by,
Anita Baumgart
OMVCA Secretary/Treasurer*