



## **Minutes**

WHIS Annual Business Meeting  
October 4, 2007  
Salt Lake City, UT

### **1. Minutes**

Minutes from 2006 read and approved.

### **2. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Bev Clark submitted budget (attached). She stated that WHIS started with a balance of \$4,062.73 balance as of 9/26/2007. Conference expenses were not totaled at the time of the meeting but were reported by Ron Larsen (UT) to be less than \$800.00.

The "new" silent auction also raised \$ 329.00 to help fund next year's conference.

### **3. WHIS President/Western Plant Board.**

President Mettler reported on her meeting with WPB members in Oregon last month. Michele gave a presentation to WPB members about the WHIS, its purpose and activities. She asked for WPB member support to encourage more horticulture inspectors from each state to join WHIS and participate in yearly meetings. Michelle said she was encouraged by their interest. She said that Hawaii's participation this year was a direct result of her meeting with NPB. Some NPB members discussed the option of using CAPS funding to pay for state inspectors to attend future meetings. Michelle also requested some financial assistance from WPB but has not received a response. Brad Lewis (New Mexico Department of Agriculture) of the Western Plant Board was selected by NPB to act as a liaison between WHIS and WPB.

### **4. New Business**

WHIS has not been able to go forward with applying for 501C3 status because the hoped-for by-laws changes that would enable the Executive Board to pursue tax-free status were not ratified by the necessary number of members. Michelle asked attendees whether or not WHIS should try another ballot attempt. The members present agreed unanimously to send the ballots out again to all paid members. Peggy McKie (out-going Secretary) agreed to send the ballots out as soon as possible.

Connie Jones from New Mexico volunteered to take on the task of continuing the research to obtain 501C3 tax exempt status and will report back to the Executive Board.

Michelle asked if WHIS should consider making this year's "silent auction" a regular part of the WHIS annual meeting. The members present agreed unanimously to continue the new tradition at the next meeting.

Michelle also asked if membership fees should be raised. General discussion followed with several points being made against raising the membership fee. The consensus was that as a result of Utah's frugal use of treasury funds, an increase in membership, and the additional funds generated by the silent auction, it shouldn't be necessary to raise membership fees for another year at least.

Submitted: Peggy McKie, WHIS Secretary (out-going) 10-11-2007)

**5. 2007 WHIS Meeting.**

**Oregon** volunteered to host WHIS meeting in 2008, probably in the Portland area. Nevada agreed to research the possibility of hosting the conference in 2009 and would report back to the Executive Board later next year.

**6. Election of New Officers**

President – Clint Burfitt (UT)

Vice-president – Christy Brown (OR)

Treasurer -Bev Clark (OR)

Secretary- Connie Jones (NM)

Editor – John Wraspir (WA)

Website – Hank Uhden (WY)

**7. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. MST.**

## **2007 - WHIS Annual Meeting**

### **2006 Minutes Read and Approve**

### **Treasurer's Report - Bev Clark**

**Year in Review:**     Bev Clark – Treasurer, Linda Clark  
                              Ron Larson – V. President

### **May – WPB Meeting in OR**

- Status of WHIS
- Ballots
- Decreasing Funds
- Lack of support from SPRO's
- Requested assistance and support
- WHIS and WPB Meetings collectively

### **Result**

- Letters were sent to SPRO's to support WHIS
- Official financial request made to WPB
- Brad Lewis, NM
- Non-profit status

### **New Business**

- **Bylaws / Ballots**
- **Fundraising**
- **Suggestions / Comments**

### **Elect New Officers:**

**President**

**V. Pres.**

**Secretary**

**Treasurer**

**Editor**

**Website**