

**COLORADO LEAGUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DENVER, COLORADO
APRIL 11, 2007**

The Colorado League Board of Directors met at the NRCS State Office in Denver on April 11, 2007. In attendance was Nellie Zion-President, Gary Ensign-Vice President, Gail Pitzer-Treasurer, and Bob Frye-Secretary. Randy Randall joined us at various times as did the NRCS Administrative Officer for Colorado. The meeting was called to order by Nellie at 0925.

The second order of business was to address concerns from the Treasurer. Gail felt that there needed to be documentation for all bills prior to payment. After much discussion the board agreed along with the need to follow the By Laws. The Treasurer then presented 3 previously submitted bills for payment.

A proposal was made that the League pay the following for its web page: (1) \$90.00 for the Domain Name which was for 6 years; (2) \$43.04 for the annual Hosting Fee and (3) \$19.00 for the license renewal. Gary made the motion to pay and it was seconded by Bob. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

The next bill brought before the board was from the San Luis Valley Council for reimbursement for travel expenses for attending the Western Conference in Colorado Springs. The board was reminded that it was decided at the Glenwood Springs meeting that each Council would pay for their respective member expenses. The only exception was that the League would pay for League Officers and volunteers (non council members) would receive meals for those days they worked. No other Councils had submitted for reimbursement. A motion was made by Gary and seconded by Bob that the request be denied. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

The last bill for consideration was also from the SLV Council and was for a trip to Washington D.C. by a SLV Council member. The request for reimbursement was for approximately \$2,200. Nellie stated that she was unaware that this individual would be going to DC and did not know it until she was there. It was her understanding that she would be the only one attending from Colorado because no one had asked to attend. Because there had been no pre- trip planning the lobbying efforts were not as effective as they could have been when it came to meeting with different people. It was brought to our attention that the By Laws clearly state that expenses by the League need to have prior approval. There was much discussion after all the facts were presented.

After discussions with NRCS officials we were advised not to pay this bill for lack of prior approval. A motion was made by Bob that the request for reimbursement for the DC trip by the Colorado League be denied. The motion was seconded by Gail and the motion was then passed by a unanimous vote.

Gary reported that after all the bills were paid for the Western Conference there is balance of \$4301.76 that will equally divided between Western and the Colorado League. Gail was instructed to send \$2150.88 to Susie Kline.

League training will be June 26-27 at the Penrose House in Colorado Springs. The Annual Meeting will be in the afternoon of June 27. Notice of meetings and agenda need to be communicated at least 60 days prior to the meeting. Jeff has suggested that one session topic be Strategy for Survival because of future budget cuts. Randy had several ideas for speakers from Texas and Oklahoma. There probably wouldn't be any expenses to the League for these coordinators to attend. Nellie and Jeff will develop an agenda. Randy explained to us that it Colorado NRCS direction that at least two council members will have to attend for a coordinator to attend and receive reimbursement.

Randy presented a handout to the group (see attachment) and followed up with an explanation and discussion.

The group then spent several hours plus reviewing the By-Laws and documenting suggested changes. There are numerous but not major proposed changes. Nellie will document the proposed changes.

Prior to the annual meeting there will be a League budget, an audit of the Leagues finances (Gail), and a list of nominating offices (Bob).

Prior to April 28, 2007 there will be a notice of an annual and training meeting with proposed By-Law changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Frye
Secretary