



# Common Waters of Oregon

Minutes for Common Waters Meeting  
August 3, 2005, 7pm  
Hugh O'Donnell's Home

Chair for this meeting – Heather McNeill  
Secretary for this meeting – Hugh O'Donnell

Present: Heather McNeill, Hugh O'Donnell, Bryan Gooch Redd, Mark Bidwell, David Hamann, Skip Lynch

- Heather reported on membership and finances
- Bryan reported on the current disposition of SB 1028, 1066 and 1087. (moving nowhere and probably dead. We should get ready to celebrate!)
- Hugh reported that the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office is observing the AG's April 2005 opinion.
- Group discussed the form of organization. Need to consult a lawyer about the articles of incorporation and an accountant about IRS filings.

#### Articles and Bylaws Discussed:

- Membership 1) open to any individual 2) executive committee determines admission in qualification of larger organization.
- Bryan will create draft of bylaws and revised articles.
- Will pursue 501c3 status pending legal opinion.

Annual meeting will be first Saturday in May in Salem. Banquet May 6<sup>th</sup>. Nominations for officers will begin one month prior.

#### Projects:

- Stewardship: Discussed working towards a joint Westfly/Common Waters project. Skip will contact David Golabay to work out plans.
- Education: discussed working in Deschutes Co., creation of speaker's bureau, presentation tools. Should focus on rights and responsibilities on rivers and lakes. Hugh will work on this. Discussed developing standard power point presentation that maybe is made into a video. on river rights. Maybe make poster signs on river rights at all public access sights along a river- Trask and Rogue in particular due to Nav studies coming up.
- Strategic Affiliations: Steelheaders likely to join. Need to reach the boating groups. Get back in touch with Oregon Hunters Association too.
- Political: discussed educating legislators. Meet each legislator to make sure they understand the AG's opinion and the history of river rights.

#### Board of Directors

President: Heather McNeill, West Linn  
VP: Bryan Gooch Redd, Portland  
VP: Gary Callicott, Bend  
Secretary: David Hamann, Beaverton  
Treasurer: Heather McNeill  
BoD: Skip Lynch, Albany



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BoD: Bruce Bittler, Stayton

BoD: Mark Bidwell, Salem

BoD: Hugh O'Donnell, Hillsboro

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Elections to be held May 6<sup>th</sup> at a membership meeting in Salem. Need to find location. Suggested 6pm no host dinner and 7pm meeting. Each member gets to vote for officers and 4 general membership board seats. Each association gets a single vote and gets to vote for officers & 4 general membership board seats. In addition, associations get to vote for 3 association board seats. Nominations to occur in April.

Next board meeting Sept 10, 2005 in Detroit, OR 1pm. Hugh O'Donnell to provide location and directions. Agenda for the meeting to be sent out by August 30.

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