

Minutes: NFMAD Board meeting May 19, 2014

Present: President/Chair: Rain Klepper, Zach Hotchkiss, and Vice President: DeeDee Durrance. Glenn Austin absent due to surgery. Tom Wills also present.

The meeting was called to order 6:08 pm at the Hotchkiss Chamber Room by President Rain Klepper. The minutes of the April board meeting were approved as written and posted on the website as a "draft".

Treasurer's Report: The District accountant, Robyn Reinhard submitted a written report listing cash on hand as of April 30, 2014, \$35,784.34, which includes the Tabor reserve account balance of \$38811.30. The bulk of the mil levy has not funded as of yet, but is expected over the next 2 months.

The ATV sprayer was ordered on May 1st from Adapco Company, and will be droplet tested and calibrated with the other equipment. Adapco gave NFMAD a discounted price on the new sprayer.

Grant approval of \$5000 from the Planet Heritage Foundation has arrived, and the money will fund by the end of June. An additional \$1000 grant has also been approved by the private McCulloch foundation. Rain continues to apply for monies from various institutions to supplement the small budget allotted by the mil levy to the District. The WSCC will process the grants, same as last season.

Operations Report:

Chris Tschinkel and the crew are hard at work with physical mitigation, site evaluation, and applying larval treatments.

Chris is coordinating with the Delta Cty. Libraries and Paonia Farm and Home to sponsor the summer reading program kickoff on June 4th. Chris will be teaching the kids and parents how to make safe, effective mosquito traps to use at home throughout the season. All materials are being collected at the Transfer Recycling Center. Paonia Farm and Home and the Delta County Libraries are purchasing all needed materials for the traps. KVNF is doing free announcements of the event, there are posters being distributed, and Chris has written clear instructions that will continue to be available at the banks and town halls.

The Kiwanis club in Hotchkiss has requested a lecture on "Fight the Bite" from Chris, along with the instructional handout on making the home traps.

All personnel have been hired for the summer season, and Chris has revamped the number and management flowcharts for the crew. Lee Owsley and Richie Sanchez are full time, with support from Keaton Kropp, Dan Rust, April Owsley, and Cedar Keshet. Lulu Volkhausen is training the ID/Count team, and Gary Klepper is training several people in running the RAMP reader.

The Shed office has been cleaned and redone as the new "trap central" for battery charging, cleaning, loading of dry ice, etc., and the freezer for receiving the trap nets. (note...the freezer will probably have to be replaced)

A sentinel map of traps has been designed by analyzing the 2013 count patterns, prevailing winds, and migrations of particular species of mosquitoes, forming a District boundary net.

The website pages for trap data are in process of being updated for the 2014 season with the new labeling and numbering of each trap area. Tabulation of the seasonal data will be posted to Excel spreadsheets and reported to the state and federal governments. The new web update will also make the trap data more accessible for District residents

Equipment: the new ATV-mounted sprayer has arrived. A trailer has been donated for the ATV, so a truck can haul to various sites. Calibration and droplet testing begun with the Smart flows on the trucks on April 17th in GJT by the Van Diest company, has been completed for all equipment on May 21st.

Two orders of larval products have arrived to kick off the season. Early larvae have been discovered in areas of Hotchkiss, and aggressively treated.

Multiple Districts in western Colorado were hosted by Delta District #1 on May 20th, for OSHA educational class and certification testing. Gale Jirik of Adapco and B. Blake from Central Life Sciences did a 5 hour presentation of all aspects of OSHA safety, and administered the test. A product and operations review was also presented, pizza was served, and Adapco caps and post-it notes given out. All NFMAD crew, Chris Tschinkel, Rain Klepper, and Zach Hotchkiss attended the event, along with employees from Grand River, Delta District #1, Debeque, and other Districts.

New Business:

All current NFMAD Board members have taken the Oath of Office, and signatures notarized, filed with DOLA and the state of Colorado.

Since the election of May 1st was cancelled, new board terms have begun as of this date. Tom Wills is now serving on the Hotchkiss Town council, hence a secretarial seat is open on the Board. The Board now has 60 days to appoint a new member.

Zach Hotchkiss brought up the coordination of piping water around Hotchkiss to "return the water to the river", drying down large problem areas of mosquito breeding. This would be a huge support in mosquito control for Hotchkiss!

The June board meeting has been moved from June 16th to 9th, and will take place at 2pm at the NFMAD office in the new Hive Building on Grand Ave. in Paonia. It was decided to move the summer meetings to the heat of the day, in support of our farming and ranching board members.

There was no public comment.

Submitted by Rain Klepper.