



# Utah Mosquito Abatement Association

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## Minutes of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS January 4, 2019

The Utah Mosquito Abatement Association's Board of Directors met for the monthly meeting January 4, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. at the Southwest MAD, 1460 South Sandhill Drive, Washington, Utah. The meeting was conducted by President Sean Amodt. Those present were Sean Amodt, Ryan Arkoudas, Scott Bradshaw, Rick Chapoose Jr., Brian Hougaard, Ryan Lusty, Richard Rigby, Eldon Rowley, Randy Sessions, TJ Shelby, Erin Arnott, and Greg White. Those attending by conference call: Ary Faraji, Mark Nelson, Blaine Oakeson, Kirk Robbins and Cory Worwood.

1. **MINUTES:** The minutes of December 6. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Randy Sessions. The motion was seconded by Eldon Rowley. The motion passed.
2. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** The financial report dated December 31, 2018, showed a balance of \$69,116.57 in the money market account and \$960.54 in the checking account for a combined total of \$70,077.11 in all accounts. The money was distributed in the following funds: (1) General Fund: \$54,608.70 (2) Encephalitis Surveillance Fund: \$6,534.69, (3) Droplet Calibration Fund: \$8,933.72. A motion was made by Ryan Arkoudas to accept the financial report. It was seconded by Brian Hougaard. The motion passed.
3. **UPCOMING CONFERENCES:**  
MVCAC Meeting Feb 3 -6. Ary and Greg will be attending and presenting at the meeting. Fly-in will be held next week with Ary, Greg, and Ryan Arkoudas attending. AMCA Feb. 24 – March 1, Greg will be presenting and Southwest MAD will be submitting a poster. The West Central meeting will be March 4-6. The March UMAA Board of Director's meeting will immediately follow the West Central meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>.
4. **SURVEILLANCE:** Sean Amodt reported that Southwest MAD trapped in December and found some adult mosquitoes. Richard Rigby thanked Greg White for his training session on Utahserv.
5. **LEGISLATIVE:** Ryan Lusty said that the legislative session will start in January. The NPDES was not in the Farm Bill. There was discussion on Washington Days and future topics. Senator Fillmore is rumored to be looking into a bill on property tax changes among special districts. More legislative information will follow when the session starts January 28<sup>th</sup>.
6. **OTHER BUSINESS:** Sean Amodt brought up Spring Workshop ideas. Ryan Arkoudas asked for suggested topics. Greg brought the ideas of the Audubon

Society potentially speaking on bird habitat protection against mosquito technicians. Brian Hougaard brought up dog bite issues as a potential topic. Ryan Arkoudas is going to look into previous agendas. Ryan had mentioned that UHP did the defensive driving presentation in 2017. Ryan Arkoudas asked about breakout sessions in the afternoon. Eldon mentioned that he liked the equipment rodeos in the past. Randy pulled up the 2018 workshop agenda. Sean mentioned CEU law requirement. Greg mentioned pesticide safety and clean up. The workshop committee will plan a meeting in February.

Sean mentioned the operational discussion for future meetings. Sean demonstrated his new truck with the topper and pull-out work tray in the bed of the truck. Greg mentioned his experience with pull-out work trays, sun damage and pesticide security being a key factor. Bring your operational ideas to Brian Hougaard for future discussion.

Sean also mentioned an update to their electric granule blower. They engineered an orifice restrictor with a 3D printer.

Brian Hougaard asked about seasonal employee job announcements. Some ideas were employee referrals. Job fairs. Social Media. ULV part time workers, weather related. DWS postings,

Greg uses Tableau with Utahserv. Ryan Arkoudas asked about Tableau and its usefulness. It is useful with surveillance and treatments on Utahserv.

Resistance Studies ... Eric likes to do resistance testing and is a good resource. It was discussed to possibly do a resistance workshop or training day. Greg mentioned that adulticide resistance could be done in a day. Ryan Arkoudas is interested in adulticide resistance. Eldon spoke of his past experiences of pesticide resistance when he first became the manager. Randy mentioned possibly using the Encephalitis fund to cover the cost of the resistance workshop.

What is done during winter months around other districts?

Brian Hougaard performs employee reviews, organize trucks. Eldon works for eight months out of the year and makes sure the buildings' pipes aren't frozen.

Greg works on research, currently working on sugar alcohols and honey cards. Detecting virus on expectorant cards. Mosquito frass versus saliva. He has different projects going on; new building and construction, annual reports. What worked and what didn't work.

Richard Rigby watches ULGT safety webinars.

Sean will be redoing capture cups and working on a digitized mosquito key. Sean is in need of good samples of mosquitoes. Lou Nielsen had slides and Greg White believes they are located at SLCMAD.

7. **VENDORS:**

- Mark Nelson barrier sprays two new products, OneGuard (4 modes of action) and Proflex. Looking forward to new year. Has some calendars.
- TJ Shelby working on the upcoming bid.
- Erin Arnott working on bid.
- Blaine Oakeson thanks for support and business the past year. Manufacturing is gearing up for the upcoming year.

Eldon and Richard motioned to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned.

**NEXT MEETING: February 7, 2019, South Salt Lake Valley MAD, 7308 Airport Road, West Jordan, UT**

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