

NEWARN minutes from Wednesday, November 2, 2011

The NEWARN meeting was held on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. at Kearney, Ne.

Present were Allen Scott Boyd, Bob Smith, Chuck Schmid, Doug Pollack, Harold Reynolds, Rich Koenig, Ken Swanson, Dennis Watts and Rick Melcher.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Rick Melcher.

There was a motion to adopt the agenda as presented by Chuck Schmid, seconded by Doug Pollack. All voting in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bob Smith to approve the minutes with two corrections. One is adding Cope Clark as present and changing 153 committees to 153 communities. Seconded by Allen Scott Boyd, approved by all. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report given by Chuck Schmid, Dennis Watts presented a bill for \$209.95 for printouts for Kearney presentation. The general feeling was that this was quite a bit of money for the presentation, there were three bids gathered for this however we felt that maybe in the future we could do maybe black and white handouts or do something different. Motion by Bob Smith to accept the report, seconded by Allen Scott Boyd. Approved by all, motion carried.

Newsletter – we will try to mail to city administrators or mayors, we are looking at about 600 copies. Couple things we will do, Chris Luebbe said she could do a little bit more fine tuning on the newsletter, we will put on there a short paragraph asking communities to consider joining NE Warn and also that we currently have 153 members. We would also add the current sponsors in the letter, we will try to have the letter mailed out by December 10, 2011, and if this can't be done we will do it during the second week of January 2012. Once the newsletter is finalized Rich will take to Big Red Printing to copy and mail.

We discussed gold level sponsorship. Currently we have a gold level sponsorship and a silver sponsorship; we will drop the gold level sponsorship down to \$100.00. Motion made by Ken Swanson to drop the sponsorship to \$100.00 per year or \$250.00 for three years. Seconded by Chuck Schmid, approved by all.

Also discussed liability insurance, Rick talked to Rob Pierce about it and we are supposed to hear back from Lash. This has been on the agenda for approximately 2 years. The board felt we should have liability insurance for the board members. Rick Melcher will talk with Rob Pierce

and tell him we want the Liability Insurance and see if the League will pick it up as they originally stated approximately two years ago. If at this time Lash Chaffin has a good reason why liability insurance is not needed then we will go from there.

Rick also talked about the league meeting in January. The National NEWARN chair Kevin Morley is looking at making a presentation at this meeting. Rob Pierce has not said whether Lash Chaffin has put Warn on the agenda or not. If we cannot be put on the agenda in January we will try for the Rural Water conference in March and have Kevin Morley there.

Motion to adjourn by Chuck Schmid, seconded by Dennis Watts, approved by all.

Next meeting will be in January with date and time to follow.