

AWAC Steering Committee Meeting

4/22/2008

Present: Joe Mathein, Matt Puffer, Joe Guzzetta, Mike Stevens, Terri Blomker, Larry Attebery

Absent: Jeanette Hayhurst, Mike Hernandez

Committee Updates:

Education Committee-Adelanto Night at Maverick's Stadium April 25 @ 7:05 p.m.; Barstow Garden Party Saturday, April 26, Helendale workshop Saturday April 26.

Finance Committee-Great support from Kathy Cortner and budget sheets are easier to understand and read.

Morongo Basin-Earth Days are coming up and Hi-Desert Water is taking the lead. Turtle Days is on May 3 and Joshua Basin Water will be attending that one; Landscaping 101 Workshop on May 17 to be held at the Joshua Tree Community Center. Next week we will be interviewing landscape architects who have bid to draw up landscape templates and design the demonstration garden at Joshua Basin Water District. We are also working on the Resource Action Program, Living Wise, a program supported by Southern California Edison and the Gas Company. Also looking for a groundwater model that can be shared among all AWAC members.

Landscape Committee-New publishing company for the calendar. Sending out for bids. Suggestions were made to revisit the nursery program in order to provide more support to the local nurseries. One thought was to provide "California Friendly" or "High Desert Friendly" Plant signs to the nurseries so that they can put these on plants that have been approved by AWAC and the WCIP.

Public Relations-No report.

Research Committee-Form for the Baseline Water Survey has been finalized. Working on the letter that will be going out and also trying to decide if (after the initial eight year survey) if the reports should be done quarterly or yearly.

Interim Executive Director-Talked about giveaways for the next year.