



Minutes for Board Meeting of March 19, 2008

PARC Board Coordinator: Kathleen Harvey

Board Members Present

Chris Kirby, PARC Board Administrator
Dale Mitchell, PARC Co-Chair
Gail R. Shibley, PARC Co-Chair
Brad Knotts, ODF
Garnet Cooke, OR-OSHA
Chris Kuenzi, OSFM
Greg Pettit, DEQ

Consultants Present

Justin Waltz, OPHD
Jeff Jenkins OSU/Env. & Molecular Tox
Dr. Dan Sudakin, OSU/Env. & Molecular Tox.

Board Members Absent

Richard Kepler, ODF&W
Sandy Giffin, OHSU/Poison Control

Guests Present

Joan Rothlein, CROET

Introductions:

1. Called to order: 9:10 a.m.
 - a. There were no added agenda items for the meeting.
2. Review and approval of the January 2008 minutes was accomplished with minutes changed by Brad Knotts to reflect the Department of Forestry information.

Old Business:

1. Rose Lodge
 - a. Brad Knotts discussed this old issue that was involved with citizens who felt that there was a connection between herbicides and cancer in their community. No link could be found at the time, however the allegations have continued to live on the web. Brad passed out a document that contained the websites, but with the proviso that these were opinion sites, not scientific information. The group discussed cancer registry and Gail wanted to know if a person from the Cancer Registry should come speak to PARC. The group consensus was that a speaker should come to a meeting and discuss the Cancer Registry.

Gail asked if the agenda could be changed to take "New Business" first and the group concurred:

New Business:

1. Mediation
Justin discussed non-binding mediation as a tool for clients to use if they want to continue to work with a neighbor or company and have continuing concerns after contacting PARC. After discussion, Chris Kirby recommended the PARC website as an appropriate place to link the list of mediation programs in Oregon. Kathleen will accomplish that before the next meeting.
2. New Incidents/Cases

Kathleen talked about drafting the 2005 legislative report and the continuing issues with deltamethrin clean-up. There was a discussion of labeling issues with deltamethrin and the product containing silica. Garnet asked that Kathleen get a MSDS because any silica constituent would be named on the MSDS (this did later turn out to be true).
The group discussed the Dallas High School incident where a broken Malathion bottle caused an evacuation of some of the school.

Old Business (con't.)

Gail asked each of the agency representatives to discuss "issues" of importance to the agencies and, possibly to PARC.

Forestry:

- a. pesticide monitoring
- b. new research on "injurious" uses
- c. dealing with issues where the "sick" people are all from one area
- d. inerts
- e. dealing with allegations that agencies don't help citizens

work on effective outreach to people
document PARC work
work on getting case data trends up to date

OROSHA

- a. conduct more work outside agriculture
- b. work with other agencies to demonstrate successes
- c. recommended vignettes be developed about what happens and how the system works

Fire Marshal

- a. commercial storage facility incidents/fires

DEQ

- a. wells and water issues
- b. toxics monitoring
- c. many needs in the research area, not in investigation

ODA

- a. Can PARC bring expertise to the legislature
- b. Pesticide Management Plan for the state multi-agency approach to water quality
- c. Increase the awareness of PARC, including the member agencies
- d. Issue Scan – significant comments by people who do not know about the PARC role

Gail:

Can PARC as a Board can support \$ to the extension service or support POPs or the Public Health plan to increase educational programs? She also asked how PARC would use the recommendations.

Chris:

As PARC gets out the 05-06 report, it is an appropriate vehicle for recommendations

Dan:

There should be an effort to avoid duplication of effort between PARC recommendations and national plans. There may be a potential role related to safe storage of pesticide products. Additionally, cleanup and disposal are important issues and include currently registered products and cancelled products (disposal events). Could PARC have a role in encouraging this? He also discussed primary prevention.

Joan:

Labels and labeling are large issues.
Education/outreach for life of pesticide
Public health and safety

Jeff

Should be advertising the interaction of agencies – synergy

Justin:

2007-2009 Pesticide Education on Household pesticides
“Point of purchase education” - pilot project to work with Wilco in 5 stores with fact sheets being given to customers who purchase pesticides

Agency Updates

OROSHA:

The annual pesticide meeting with EPA, OROSHA and ODA will be held on April 9, 2008.
Discussion will include changes to labeling for soil fumigants, including the possibility of including buffer zones for fumigants, on farm agricultural handling facilities.
The OROSHA annual report will be posted on the web shortly.

ODA:

Working on annual cooperative agreement with USEPA (EPA). EPA is focusing on fumigant labeling. There are some initiatives focusing on big box store investigations.
Dale made the suggestion that staff in other agencies often does not know what PARC is or does, so he recommended Kathleen to make presentations to staff.
PURS will be a legislative issue at the '09 session, as there is already a push to make a few changes and the sunset needs to be amended.
ODA will be asking for additional funding to add investigators and for IPM in schools and sensitive sites.

ODF:

Issue scan and the comments brought into the Board of Forestry due to the Issue Scan (167 comments from the public) will be a primary focus for ODF. The agency will be reviewing monitoring options. Additionally, one of the comments is that applications (product, time, dates) can be changed after notification of the public, with no requirement to renotify.

The issue scan web address is:

http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/BOARD/index.shtml#Board_of_Forestry_Issue_Scan

This in case anyone wants to go look at the issue scan information.

Next meeting proposed for May 21, 2008