

WV SWCS Chapter Meeting

Phone Teleconference

January 20, 2015

The WV SWCS chapter held a teleconference on January 20, 2015 at 9 a.m. Those present on the phone were Melissa Merritt, President; Jason Dalrymple, Past President; Jamey Darlington, Treasurer; Becky Bowers, Secretary; and Peg Reese .

The meeting was called to order by Melissa Merritt, President.

The treasurer's report was emailed to those in attendance and motion was made by Jamey Darlington and seconded by Jason to accept them as presented and file for audit. Motion passed.

Minutes from the annual meeting were summarized and would be sent out in writing after the teleconference by Melissa.

Old Business:

Melissa summarized the annual meeting and said there were 37 individuals in attendance. Everyone thought the speakers were excellent and really thought those in attendance enjoyed the overall meeting. Election of officer's was completed at the meeting which appointed Jamey Darlington as Treasurer and Becky Bowers as Secretary. At the time of the meeting there was still no recommendations for president elect. After the annual meeting on January 20, 2015, names of individuals were raised that Suzie Lucas and Tom Basden would be willing to serve in these roles. The by-laws state that if it is after the election then it is up to the executive committee to decide who would be in this capacity. Discussion was had on both candidates and then a motion was made by Jason Dalrymple to appoint Suzie Lucas to the President-elect position 2nd by Jamey Darlington, motion passed.

Melissa will let the candidates know how the proceedings of the election went to both candidates.

We appreciated that Tom would like to serve in some capacity and would like him to get more involved in the organization. Discussion was had about being an area representative or committee representative. Becky Bowers recommended that Tom be asked to be the chair person for a training committee. That he could be in charge of the annual and summer meetings. We would also like to recommend that he consider running for an officer position next year.

New Business:

Ag and Forestry Hall of Fame dues- Becky moved to pay the \$25.00 for dues and Peg Reese, seconded the motion. Motion passes

Advertisement for the WV Grassland Contest and Beef Expo- We usually have a ½ page ad that is \$75.00 and is due by February 6, 2015. If we would like a 1/3 page ad it would be \$50.00 and full page ad would be \$125.00. Motion made by Jamey to purchase a ½ page ad for \$75.00 and seconded by Jason. Motion passes. Money will be taken from the general fund.

Other Business:

International meeting was discussed by Peg about who would attend and who would like to go? Jason asked who normally attends and Peg response was that it is normally the President-elect. We looked at availability of funds to see if we could sponsor someone. Usually we paid approximately \$1,000.00 per person. Jason made a motion to lay this topic on the table until the next meeting. 2nd by Becky. Motion passes. A committee was set up to research cost and registration fees for the next meeting. Committee included Jason and Melissa.

Becky asked about getting the list from the silent auction so she could send out thank you letters for those that donated an item for the auction since this event is so important to our scholarship fund. List would come from Jamey.

In the future the meeting is to be announced to Jeff Skousen the scholarship chair and Tom Basden if he accepts the position for training chairman.

Discussion was had on the time and dates for the next training/meeting and October/November was mentioned and then a summer meeting too.

Endowment fund was talked about and should be mentioned to WVU once the interest from the CD is collected.

Next meeting was set for February 24, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Becky and Seconded by Jamey. Motion Passed