

WV SWCS Chapter Meeting

Teleconference

April 29, 2015

Those present were Melissa Merritt, President; Jamey Darlington, Treasurer; Suzy Lucas, President-elect; Becky Bowers, Secretary; and Peg Reese.

The meeting was called to order by Melissa Merritt, President at 9:12 am.

The Treasurer Report was presented by Jamey Darlington; Motion made by Becky, Seconded by Suzy Lucas, to accept the treasure report as presented, motion passed.

Secretary Report, Some corrections were to be made and then the Motion was made by Peg to accept the reading of the minutes and seconded by Suzy, motion passed.

Old Business:

Motion was made by Peg to adopt this Endowment Agreement Policy as the updated policy for the soil judging team. Seconded by Becky. Some discussion followed and Motion Passes

Endowment Agreement WVU Foundation: A lot of discussion was had on how much money to place in the cash/spending pool verses the endowment fund. Peg talked about a member is getting the opportunity to go to Hungry and the financial need could be greater. The amount earned from interest from the start of the endowment is \$1,464.84. This amount would be allotted to them in the cash amount but the policy no longer states that they receive only the interest amount. It was noted that reimbursement is only made by receipts. It was decided that the cash amount of \$4,288.01 would be placed in the cash/spending pool and a total of \$34,288.01 would actually be placed in the endowment.

Motion made by Peg to make changes to the endowment agreement, seconded by Becky, motion passes. Peg will make changes and then send them to the executive committee for approval. Then a motion will be made to approve the endowment agreement through email.

Marcellus Shale Tour: The group was informed that Amir Hass, Associate Professor, Agricultural Experimental Research Station, Horizontal Direction Drilling would like to have his own part in the training. Melissa is continuing to work with Corky Demarco about a site location and date/time. He has said the drilling has slowed down a lot harder to find a location. Some requirements were discussed about the attire for the event- steel toed boots will be a must. Registration fee with lunch will be \$25.00/person. Peg would like the dates and location for the newsletter by May 7, 2015. Suzy is continuing to work with Nate Askins, from Neptune-Company and Jeff Skousen has been sent an email about the training but had not responded per today.

Scholarships: Since no applications were submitted for the first round of scholarships the go ahead was given to Jeff Skousen to renounce to students the opportunity to apply for one \$500.00 scholarship. Deadline for these will be June. If we get no applications then we will not advertise again but wait until next year and have 2 scholarships.

Awards: Melissa discussed that an application was submitted for individual and chapter awards, confirmation was given that they received the information. Voting should be soon and that Melissa was hoping they let Jason know that he received the award before the International Conference.

Ag and Forestry Hall of Fame Awards/Representative: Barb McWhorter will be our representative.

Women in Agriculture Award Nomination: June 1, 2015 is the deadline for the application. At a previous meeting we voted to submit Barb McWhorter for this award. At this time due to time restraints a motion was made to postpone this nomination by Peg and seconded by Suzy, motion passes.

Website Update: Still looking for the best website based on use ability and most websites want a credit card to process the payment method. Melissa asked how to address this element. A lot of discussion was had on this subject. Jamey said she would approach the credit union about the possibility of obtaining a credit card and get back to the group.

GIS- possible training: Melissa said it is still ago and that it will be 8:30-5 and should be held at the end of June, 2015. Should be held at the Robert C. Byrd Health Science Center in Martinsburg, WV.

New Business:

Publicity Release Form, WVU Endowment Fund: Peg will draft a document and suggests we agree to everything listed on the document (permitting release of name and gift amount).

Thank you letter will be sent to Judy Thompson who donated to the organization. Letter has been completed and will be mailed today.

OUR NEXT MEETING: Will be May 28, 2015, Thursday at 9:00 am by teleconference, agenda will be forthcoming.

Adjourn motion made by Jamey and seconded by Suzy; motion passes.

