

July 9, 2015
Thursday, 1:00 PM

Those present on the teleconference included Melissa Merritt, President; Suzy Lucas, President-elect; Jamey Darlington, Treasurer; Becky Bowers, Secretary; and Peg Reese

The meeting was called to order by President, Melissa Merritt at 1:02PM.

Treasurer's report was presented by Jamey. Jamey let the committee know that money was transferred to cover the registration fee for Suzy to attend the International Conference. Treasurer's report was accepted Motion made by Peg and seconded by Becky; motion passes.

The secretary report was presented for the last two meetings and the Motion was made to accept the minutes from the May and June meetings as submitted motion made by Jamey and seconded by Peg; motion passes.

Marcellus Shale Tour- Melissa has talked with several people about obtaining the necessary equipment for the (fire retardant clothing) proposed tour in July. Those she approached included Tom Basden, Georgie Plaugher, WVU Department of Energy, and Jeff Skousen. None of them have access to fire retardant clothing that could be borrowed to meet the requirement for the proposed Marcellus shale tour.

Melissa approached John Ellender about modifying the tour because of this set back. He said that there is a well in New Martinsville that will be going off line and at that point the safety clothing would not be necessary. We would still need steel toed boots and hard hats to be on this site. The steel toed boots are still a concern so Melissa will approach John to see if work boots/hiking boots would be acceptable. Tour will be 3-4 hours with 3 hours of lecture in the morning. The tour will include a process area, well head, and pipe development. Melissa has contacted City Hall in New Martinsville, WV and they have a conference room that would accommodate those attending. Subway is close to the location and should be a great option for lunch. Options would include meat and cheese trays, chips, fruit and vegetable trays. Dates were discussed and it was mentioned that Georgie Plaugher has August 26, 2015 available. Georgie has mentioned she will have a group of presenters available something like a panel of multiple people. Jamey moved that the Marcellus Shale Tour be held on August 26, 2015, seconded by Becky; motion passes.

Speakers and topics were discussed again. Jeff Skousen, Tom Basden, Neptune Company, Corky DeMarco, Charlie Bryd, Oil and Gas Company Executive, DEP person, and Georgie Plaugher. Melissa is not sure if Tom will be available because of other obligations. If that is the case then she will approach Charlie Bryd. Melissa would rather not have Corky be part of this process anymore.

Transportation to the well location will be 20 minutes from City Hall and parking is limited so therefore we will need to have van transportation. Originally it was mentioned that WVU could help with this process and cost. Melissa is going to talk with Jeff Skousen again about this option. If it isn't supported by WVU then we will need to make sure this is covered in the registration fee. After Melissa checks on this information then we will decide how much the registration fee will be. Discussion was had that members should be less than non-members. Again this will be decided at a later date.

Credits for the training should be for nutrient management, conservation planning, and sediment and erosion credits. It was mentioned that Dennis Burns may know something about obtaining approval for the sediment and erosion credits. Melissa will approach him about this topic.

Peg mentioned that a small newsletter could be created to try and advertise for the training. Also an article from the GIS training with pictures would be included.

Website- The website was approved previously. Melissa would like us to go to the website and place reports and upcoming events there. Becky requested Melissa send the access information back out to us for future use. Melissa said the website is wvchapterswcs.org. Melissa is working on getting the access for new membership placed on the website.

GIS training- The training is set for July 14, 2015 at NCTC in Shepherdstown, WV. The spots were filled very quickly and she currently has a waiting list. She has 24 people registered and 60 people tried to register. The number is limited because computer access is necessary. A variation of organizations and companies have been registered. Peg would like our display and brochures from Ankeny to be displayed at the event. Discussion was held that this topic would be a great opportunity for a future training sponsored by SWCS.

SWCS International Meeting Silent Auction- Motion was made previously through the email process that up to \$50.00 be used to purchase items to send to the silent auction. Becky would be responsible for purchasing these items and getting them to Melissa for traveling purposes. Motion was made by Suzy and seconded by Becky; motion passes. She will pick the items up at the Romney Field Office by July 24th.

Nutrient Management Training- Suggestion was made by the group to gather information together as committee and then bring it back to the group for discussion. Committee is Melissa, Suzy, and Jason.

WV Partnership Meeting- Jamey was wanting to know if we were part of the event this year or not. Melissa is going to ask James Moore, President WV Conservation Districts about our participation in the silent auction and get back to the group. We have not been contacted about participating thus far.

Date for the next meeting will be **Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 9:00AM**. Peg will see about getting the teleconference line again from Pat Bowen, WV NRCS.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Becky and seconded by Jamey; motion passes.