

August 18, 2015
Tuesday, 9 AM

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 9:03PM.

Treasurer's report was presented by Jamey. Jamey let the committee know that a cd will be maturing for the scholarship fund and she would like to know what the committee would like to do. Peg, made a motion to transfer \$100.00 to the savings account and the remaining amount would be sent to the cd. Seconded by: Suzy. With some discussion the motion was amended that the amount of \$500.00 would be transferred to the savings account and the remaining amount placed in the cd. Seconded by Jamey. Both motions passed, amendment and the original motion. Treasurer's report was accepted Motion made by Becky and seconded by Suzy; motion passes.

The secretary report was presented from the teleconference held on July 9, 2015 and the Motion was made to accept the minutes as submitted motion made by Jamey and seconded by Suzy; motion passes.

Marcellus Shale Tour- Melissa provided an update on the upcoming training. So far 9 people have registered for the training. Melissa has submitted the request to NRCS for employees to attend but has not received a response. Becky suggested sending the information onto Louis Aspey's secretary to see if she could complete the process a little faster. Credit's for conservation planning and nutrient management credits have been submitted for approval. Suzy has received the process for giving environmental credits to those that apply.

The day of the training Jamey and Melissa will take care of paying and picking the lunch up for the participants. Peg nor Becky will be able to attend due to other obligations.

Carpooling option and agenda have been taken care of. Melissa will bring the display and would like to request additional brochures from SWCS for the training next week. It was also suggested that the awards we received at the International Conference be displayed at the upcoming training.

Website- Melissa updated the group on the website. She said she has uploaded the information about the Marcellus Shale tour workshop. In the future she will upload pictures taken at the GIS workshop and the International Meeting. She advised us to continue to add documents to the website as we have time. It was recommended that Melissa resend the website access code information to the advisory board so we could use the website as needed.

GIS training- At the present September 29, 2015 has been penciled in for the next GIS training to be held at NCTC in Shepherdstown, WV from 8AM-5PM. The training will be funded again with Cheasepeake Bay dollars. A place holder refundable amount was talked about which would allow people to pay a \$15-\$20 fee to hold their place for the training. If they attend then they would receive the refund of the place holder amount if not the deposit would be held. A registration fee cannot be charged because this training is already funded with program money. This would have to be researched a little further for final approval.

Nutrient Management Training- The week of November 17-19, 2015 was proposed for possible dates. Topics and speakers were discussed. Web Soil Survey, Jared Beard; WV Flood Tool, unknown speaker; CNMP's, Paul Hartley, Kansas; Mike Harman, WVU Extension. These suggestions were discussed and it was brought to the attention of the group that a conflict of using Paul Hartley as a speaker verses the WV Department of Agriculture is not necessary. So it was advised to proceed with caution.

International Meeting- Melissa provided a recap of the awards the Chapter received at the International meeting. The first award was the Sustained Performance Award and the second was the Professional Development Award. Jason Dalrymple was also awarded the individual Accommodation Award. Melissa met with Mark the Regional Representative. In the future Mark would like to meet with all chapter officer's to discuss how to improve the overall SWCS efforts. This could be a teleconference or a face to face. This information will be discussed at a later date. Suzy and Melissa talked about the conference stating that there were 400+ members/attendees, presentations were good, 20 minute sessions were very effective, and the soil health tour was wonderful. The tour covered cover crops, soil health, and rotational grazing. Information from the conference should be on the National SWCS website.

The next International meeting will be in Louisville, KY for 2016.

The group was asked to think about new officers or reelection of officer's. Tom Basden is to be approached about becoming an officer.

Date for the next meeting will be **Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 1:00PM**. Becky will see about getting the teleconference line again from WV NRCS.

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