

December 9, 2015
Wednesday, 1:30 PM

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

The meeting was called to order by President, Suzy Campbell at 1:39 PM.

Treasurer's report was presented by Jamey. Jamey deposited \$180.00 from the registration fees from the recent training. She also deposited the \$1.00 earned from the picture left from the silent auction. Becky moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by: Melissa; motion passes

The secretary's report was presented by Becky for the months of October and November. Jamey moved to accept the secretary's report as presented. Seconded by: Melissa; motion passes.

Partnership Silent Auction- Melissa sent the letter to Belinda Withrow and Kim Fisher thanking them for their support for our organization in the past years and suggested we be part of the planning committee in the future for planning with the partnership meeting. No response has been received thus far. Peg suggested waiting until February to follow-up again.

Nutrient Management Training, Recap- We had 21 people in attendance, we collected \$180.00 in registration fees and spent \$53.96 in refreshments. Speakers and the workshop was well received by attendees. Lots of positive feedback from the high tunnel field trip at Elwood Williams. Melissa has submitted the paperwork to award CEU's from MD/WV for nutrient management and Forestry. Jamey has submitted the list to Greg Stone for conservation planning credits. Peg requested some pictures from the event to place in the newsletter and suggested they be uploaded to the website too.

Scholarship- Jeff Skousen has been informed that this year we will fund one scholarship for current students. The deadline to have applications to Jeff is March 31, 2016. Suzy sent the application to several of her old professor's for distribution.

Website Updating- New pages have been added to the website listing the committee members and officer's names and email addresses. Committees have been added to the website as they exist at this time. Since a new chair has been appointed it is at her discretion to who is on what committee for this year. Jamey is going to research information and provide Suzy with a copy of the by-laws. The minutes from the 2015 meetings have been added along with the newsletter. Suzy mentioned she would like to archive all of the old newsletters on the website if possible.

New Business- Future Training- Suggestions and topics were discussed and will be researched and discussed with Tom Basden and brought back to the committee for further discussion. Ideas and suggestions mentioned include: Manure management program with Tom Basden, Soil Health with Mike Harman, Prescribed Grazing –Steve Ritz, Grazing Management-Troy Bishop, suggested we ask extension agents for ideas, economic value of conservation practices-Peg. Suggested it be a 2 day event one day for each area.

Other Business- Upcoming deadlines for chapter and individual award submission is February 29th. Suggested that these deadlines be sent to the membership for suggestions for nominations. Suggested that pictures and information about the last training be added to the website. Suzy or Melissa may have an opportunity to complete this task. This year's International meeting will be in Kentucky which should be drivable and a great opportunity for a lot of participation from WV. It was mentioned to add the list of members to the website. Melissa announced she is leaving WVCA and has accepted a position in Annapolis, MD, her last day will be December 23, 2015.

Date for the next meeting/teleconference will be **Friday, January 6, 2016 at 9 AM.**

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