

Those present on the teleconference included Suzy Campbell, President; Tom Basden, President-elect; Jamey Darlington, Treasurer; and Peg Reese

The meeting was called to order by President, Suzy Campbell at 9:07AM.

**Treasurer's report:** was presented by Jamey. **Jamey moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by: Tom; motion passes**

**Secretary's report:** was omitted for this meeting but will be presented at the next meeting.

**Manure Management Field Training:** The training will be held on **May 12, 2016** from approximately 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Greg Gibson's farm above Bruceton Mills. Fee options for the training were discussed.

**Jamey moved to charge \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members for the workshop. Seconded by: Melissa; motion passes**

We will provide lunch and do it on our own (i.e. sandwich trays, cookies, and chips from Krogers). We will aim to receive 6 nutrient management credits for the training and have it be entirely a field exercise with no powerpoints. The focus will be on Manure Management activities and if time allows, we may pursue other topics for a broader agenda, for example, a speaker from Penn State on pasture and weed management.

We will have a RUSLE component and conservation practice by field, farmer has nice field differences, has contour slopes, have Greg talk about manure management and how he allocates, go through rotation and how P levels go up during corn part of rotation and when alfalfa comes in, he doesn't apply and P numbers go down. Tom will contact speakers and draw up an outline to send to group.

**Ag fall of fame nomination:** Peg reported that the nomination for Barbara McWhorter has been submitted and is awaiting approval. We need to select our representative. Suzy will reach out to Jeff Skousen and let him know that we have a nominee and ask if he would like to represent us and Peg volunteered to be a back up to maintain that we have a vote if Jeff can't go, or be the main representative if Jeff can't. Peg also noted that she will contact leadership of representatives that will be voting and request support for our nomination.

Additionally, we plan to nominate Barbara for the Fellow Award next year and will be sure to have the nomination form at our May training to begin collecting signatures.

**Website:** Suzy reminded group to make sure to direct people to website for applications, registrations, etc.

Peg asked if we are able to take online registrations and payment through our website. Suzy recommended JotForm. Melissa recommended that we can use a "contact us" form on the website for it. Online payment would be through PayPal, Melissa will give an info. session on it at the next call and the group will then decide on how and if to take online payment.

**Archived files:** Tom will discuss cloud storage options, pricing, etc. with IT. We will try to get 1tb of storage on a cloud and also back up with a physical thumbdrive.

**Fundraising for Scholarship Account:** Ideas presented: 50/50 drawing at meetings-sell tickets and half goes to winner and half goes to society (\$1 per ticket, \$5 for 6 tickets), Kroger- if you shop there and link card to our account a certain percentage will be donated to us, silent auctions at trainings, send things out to members asking for donations for scholarship funds, place jar out at trainings seeking donations.

It was decided to hold 50/50 raffle at the next training and also have a jar out for donations. We will **put something on bottom of registration form to make people aware saying something along the lines of "due to reduced funds received through silent auction, we will be holding 50/50 drawing and seeking donations for our scholarship fund."**

### **OTHER:**

**International conference:** Will be July 24-27 at Louisville, KY: <http://www.swcs.org/en/conferences/>

It is 6 hours away, Tom can get a van to transport 7-12 people. He is going to go and planning to take a student. We should promote this at our May meeting and encourage people to attend and see what they are missing! Tom can pick people up at the district office in Morgantown and people can leave vehicles there.

It was suggested that we assist new attendees with registration fees as an incentive to go and get involved. Jamey mentioned that we have a \$1,000 CD account that is about to mature. Last year the chapter paid about \$550 for Suzy's registration fees, so we could sponsor 2 people to go with that.

**Jamey moved send notice to membership asking if anyone would like to attend for the first time and offer \$1,000 towards registration. Seconded by: Peg; motion passes.**

We will ask for a small contribution in exchange for \$500 scholarship to attend, such as writing an article for the newsletter and/or joining a committee. **Deadline for people to confirm attendance/request assistance with registration will be April 29<sup>th</sup>.**

Peg also noted that if the registration fee is an issue that if you volunteer to work at the meeting, you may be able to get reduced registration. Contact executive director, Jim Guliford, to answer questions about this and ask if there any volunteer openings available?

**Annual Report and Chapter Awards:** **Deadline is March 16<sup>th</sup>.** Suzy will submit report. Melissa will assist with preparation of the Chapter Achievement Award nomination.

**Melissa moved that we adjourn at 10:50am. Seconded by: Peg; motion passes.**