

SWCS WV Chapter
Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2016
9:00 am

New Business

Those present on the call included: Melissa Merritt, past president; Suzy Campbell, president; Jamey Darlington, treasurer; Andrea Walker, substitute secretary; Peg Reese, newsletter committee chair; Josh Cook, teams representative; Tom Basden, President Elect.

The meeting was called to order by President, Suzy Campbell, at 9:06 am.

- Financial/Treasurer's Report- Jamey presented the report, told the group they needed to do something with the CD for Scholarship account,
 - ✓ Peg moved that we renew the CD, Melissa seconded. Motion carried.
 - ✓ Jamey moved that we put the WVU tags in the silent auction, Peg seconded. Motion carried.
 - ✓ Peg moved to accept the treasurers report, Jamey seconded. Motion carried.
- Secretary Report- The secretary's report was presented by Andrea for the month of July.
 - ✓ Melissa moved to accept the report, Jamey seconded. Motion carried.
- Election of Officers
 - Will occur at our fall workshop
 - Tom – President
 - Need to get ballots out
 - Look at membership list
 - Get nominations
 - Have election at the training, a possibility?
 - Peg- ask Greg Stone to be president elect.
 - a. Wouldn't hurt to have NRCS involvement
 - b. Tom will call and ask
 - c. Luis Aspey should consider joining as well.

Old Business

- International Conference –
 - It was a good time, hot weather
 - Hooked two students that will stick with the organization
 - Justin was a moderator – they covered his lodging fees.
 - One really good speaker, Chad Pregracke. Grew up on the Mississippi, cleaned trash out of the rivers with the help of volunteers
 - Tom suggested getting him to come to Morgantown to speak

- Peg – Mon County has a trash clean up organization. Evan Hansen is the head of it. Might be able to get in touch with him and get Chad to come speak in Morgantown and get something started on the Potomac.
 - Next year the conference is in Madison, Wisconsin.
 - Tom willing to make the trip. He suggests to take a bigger van to accommodate more people to make the trip more affordable.
 - Melissa gave her presentation (Andrea took pictures) will get them to Peg. Melissa also received the Accommodation Award. Good networking time as well.
- Annual Partnership Conference
 - October 3 & 4 in Flatwoods
 - No program this year, Belinda recommended that we print large poster and recognize award winners.
 - Jamey can be there to set up before 8, but can't be there when it closes.
 - Peg offered to help out, Josh got supervisor approval to help as well.
 - Peg moved to get \$100 out for cash box, Tom seconded. Motion Carried
 - Send letter to districts and NRCS asking for donations.
 - Send out 1st part of September
- Fall Training
 - Jeff would be interested in presenting on abandon mines
 - His area of research, mine reclamation
 - Agroforestry – Chesapeake Bay forester probably can't come down due to budget costs.
 - Maybe Barb McWhorter could?
 - Rainfall Simulator – Tom
 - ½ WVU, ½ district owned. Not used much. The more people use it the more they are comfortable with it.
 - Earlier fall conference, can be a whole workshop on its own.
 - NRCS soil health training is Nov 1, 2, 3. 1 in North and 1 in the south.
 - Tom will check with Jared and see about tying the training into NRCS's.
- Fellow award/ Ag hall of fame meeting
 - Peg – We nominated Barb McWhorter for award
 - Need 25 signatures from SWCS (Get them at fall meeting?)
 - She also got inducted into the Ag Hall of Fame, as well as received the Women of Ag award.
 - Ag Hall of Fame
 - Can only represent 1 organization
 - New building at Jackson's Mill
 - Asking for donations
 - Going to hold a “work day”

- Wanting to get more women involved

Other Business

- Andrea- Carla Hardy Communi Tree
 - Sent out follow up email with the forms
 - Each person can get 2 free trees
- September 9th Dedication of new Agricultural Sciences Building
- September 10th WVU Tailgate
 - At alumni center
 - Noon to 2 PM

Jamey moved to adjourn the call, Tom seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:20am.

Next meeting September 7th at 9am.