

SWCS WV Chapter
Meeting Minutes
September 7, 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; Tom Basden, President Elect.

The meeting was called to order by President, Suzy Campbell, at 9:11 am.

- Financial/Treasurer's Report- Jamey presented the report, told the group they needed to do something with the CD for general account
 - ✓ Peg moved to renew the CD for 2 years, Jamey seconded. Motion carried
 - ✓ Tom moved to accept the treasure's report, Melissa seconded. Motion carried
- Secretary Report- The secretary's report was presented by Andrea for the month of August.
 - a. Jamey moved to accept the secretary's report, tom seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Election of Officers
 - **Until September 19th to get nominations for officers.**
 - Get ballots out September 28th.
 - October 28th ballots back
 - Tom spoke with Greg, he said no, he has a lot of obligations going on. But, he would think about a current NRCS member that would be suitable and would want to serve as president.
 - We should all talk to members and try to get them to agree to take a leadership position.
 - Put together a letter to the State Conservationist and request that he try to reconnect SWCS with NRCS in WV to help grow our organization.
 - Peg suggested that it be someone outside of NRCS. Tom or Melissa could do it.
 - Tom asked if Suzy was comfortable with meeting with Louis. Melissa also offered to help. Suzy can't travel until last half of October.
 - Suzy – if Louis could attend the fall workshop, we could then discuss the opportunities with him and we can thank him for working with us.

- Peg – have Greg at that meeting and that might help strengthen things. Him and Louis will most likely both be at the Annual Partnership Conference
- Jamey- Greg might be at the NRCS training next week in Morgantown.
- Tom will check and see if we can get a meeting on this short of a notice. **
Remind Louis that we are nominating his employees for awards and helping them to maintain their certification. Not many of his employees, even at the state office are members**
- Melissa re-emailed her presentation from the International SWCS Conference.

Everyone be thinking of ideas and send them Tom's way.

- Annual Partnership Conference
 - October 3rd and 4th
 - Making poster for display
 - Tom can print, but no time to put together
 - Information to include: Scholarship winner, Melissa's award and Barb's nomination for Ag Hall of Fame. Add pictures and a write up.
 - Suzy has the display board, have to measure for dimensions. She will send it with Tim Canfield to the NRCS meeting and Jamey will get it.
 - Send the letter out asking for donations from NRCS and the districts
 - Suzy will email out to the district and Jamey to NRCS
 - Jamey can be there Monday morning and all day Tuesday
 - Peg can be there on Monday
 - Suzy – Josh has been approved to help with the conference.
 - She is sending an email to the 3 that have agreed to help. Allow them to set a schedule.
- Fall Training
 - Tom sent out an email about his discussion with Jared. Tom is willing to accept help on talking about soil health topics. (Ask Tim Dilliplane?)
 - He is working with us pretty well, going to allow us a time to get together and have our meeting.
 - First week in November. Tom will get with him and check on dates.
Business meeting in the North or South?
- Fellow award
 - Nominated Barb, need 25 signatures. Keep that in mind.
 - Send Jamey a copy and the membership list, she can get signatures next week
 - Take it to the partnership and then the toolkit training in October
 - Peg- be thinking of nominations for next year.

Jamey moved to adjourn the call, Melissa seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:43am.

Next meeting October 5th at 9am.