

SWCS WV Chapter
Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2016
9:00 am

Those present on the call included: Melissa Merritt, Past President; Suzy Campbell, President; Jamey Darlington, Treasurer; Becky Bowers, Secretary; Peg Reese, newsletter committee chair; Tom Basden, President Elect, Jared Beard, NRCS State Soil Scientist.

The meeting was called to order by President, Suzy Campbell, at 9:01 am.

New Business

- Financial/Treasurer's Report- Jamey presented the report, discussed the silent auction. An entire scholarship has been raised, Suzy was surprised at how much people donated.
 - ✓ Melissa moved to accept the treasurer's report, Tom seconded. Motion carried
- Secretary Report- The secretary's report was presented by Becky for the month of September
 - ✓ Jamey moved to accept the secretary's report, Becky seconded. Motion carried.

Posters/Display Board:

- Original Pictures were used and new posters were printed but the machine malfunctioned and multiple pictures and sizes were printed.
- Suzy talked about pricing boards, 1 or 2, maybe different sizes.
- She will check with Jason about the actual sizes
- Peg mentioned cutting the image down instead of purchasing new boards.

Footsteps on the Land (Part 2):

- History of the partnerships, mainly the CD.
- Focusing on the last 10 years
- ✓ Peg moved to go forward with this offer to if we can gather information to submit, Josh seconded. Motion carried

- Information to include would be the list of officer's, awards given, photos from workshops and pictures of Melissa and Jason getting awards at the international meeting.
- Melissa will resend the report out to Peg and everyone so information can be used from it for this project.
- Peg will take on the task – deadline as soon as we can get it to her

Newsletter: Needed information so Peg can proceed with the newsletter.

- Ballot
- Event for upcoming training

Old Business

Election of Officers:

- All online
- 6 ballots received so far
- Not truly a secret ballot, email is received with name, address, who was voted for.
- Email was received that Josh is interested in President Elect

Partnership Conference:

- Golden Auger Award – not announced
- Monroe County won the farm of the year award

Fall Training:

- No Bulletin as of this date.
- Tom sent ½ day of agenda to Jared to review
- Sent CEU's to NM – 2.5 hours of credits
- 10am – 12pm would be the training time and should wrap up around 2pm, then we would have our business meeting following.
- Objective of the meeting: Get more use of the rainfall simulator at pasture walks and field days
- Jared Beard picked the locations: Gibson's and a Mason County farm. Short session
- Registration fee to attend event? Thoughts?
 - No if it is linked to NRCS
 - So short of a program
- No chance to make money with a fundraiser?
 - Lunch to try and make some money on the event?
- Josh - South Area and Jamey - North Area would be responsible for arranging the pickup of the food.

- Closest town to Mason location is Teays Valley- farm off of Rt 35, the Kale Farm, located at the Putnam/Mason line.

Fellow award:

- Barb McWhorter
 - Signatures of 20 people
 - Couple of people aren't members, but plan to be by February.
 - Peg will work on the information and will use information from the WVU Outstanding Alumni Person which was done in 2013.
 - Electronic signature for the petition is acceptable.

Jared on call now....

- Jared was approached about the possibility of providing a lunch to those attending the upcoming training and SWCS being the sponsor.
- Not familiar with lunch provided
 - Jared can check on it, # of people?
- Becky described trying to make some profit from the event.
- 2 days of training
 - Monday (Preston County) (Tom)
 - Tuesday- Same farm, assessments in the fields
 - Wednesday (Mason County) – Rainfall Assessment (Tom)
 - Thursday – In field Assessments with NS Training Center
- Pre-Registration for lunch only
 - SWCS – will take care of lunch
- Jared will check with Louis to see if it is ok, he will let Tom know
- People outside of NRCS/SWCS attend?
 - Might be at the max number of people able to attend
- (Tues/Thur) Cannot encourage others to attend right now! Hopefully in the future? Not a one shot deal, advancing these activities down the road
- 1st day will be SWCS and other can join this day.
- Jamey will need to do it both days for lunch if we do it
- Jared will check with Louis to see if we can do it? First and then go from there!
- Partners: DEP, WVCA, WVDA, Extension
- Conservation credits forwarded to resource conservationist for approval to add it to bulletin – Jared will do!
- Tom offered to send in for NM for both days
- Heard back from Jared – Louis approved us sponsoring the event

Other Business

- Madison Wisconsin will be the location of the next International Meeting
- Josh may need to call in to business meeting – to Tom's phone because he is not able to attend the training.
- Nominate for awards, coming up in February
 - Other awards to nominate other than Fellow award.

Lunch possibilities:

- Sandwiches, chips, vegetables
 - Coffee pot available Tom said yes!
 - \$10 per person, 1 day per link
 - Kroger, email, Suzy sent to everyone from prices they received last training.
 - Tom will check with super Wal-Mart for deli pricing
 - Set up a link for lunch! Suzy will do that
 - \$10/lunch/day
 - Wal-Mart as an option for Jackie and keeping Josh in the loop too, and then decide
 - Seating options for lunch.
 - asked Jared to share his opinion
- ✓ Tom made the motion to offer lunch for 4 days of training with NRCS, Becky seconded it, motion passed

The rest of the discussion will be done over email

- ✓ Jamey moved to adjourn the call, Becky seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting October 31st at 1:30pm