Those present included Tom Basden, President; Becky Bowers, Secretary; Josh Cook, President-Elect, Suzy Campbell, Past-President, Melissa Merritt, and Andrea Walker.

The meeting was called to order by President, Tom Basden at 2:11 PM.

**New Business:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Jamey was not on the teleconference so Suzy made reference to the report Jamey had submitted to the group. Motion made to accept the treasurer’s report and pay the $25.00 dues to the Ag and Forestry Hall of Fame and $75.00 for the Beef Expo Ad by: Melissa. Seconded by: Andrea; Motion Passes

**Secretary's Report:** Becky presented the minutes for January, April, October, and December’s meeting. Motion to accept the minutes by Andrea and Seconded by: Suzy; Motion Passes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Award Nominations:** Other nominations for individual awards are due by February 28, 2017 and Chapter award deadline is March 15, 2017. Melissa discussed the types of awards and what awards have been given in the past. Discussion was held to nominate Becky Bowers for an outstanding service award. Requirements include 25 member signatures, resume and narrative. Melissa said she would help Becky to complete this task and Tom would mention to Jamey about getting the 25 signatures at the next area meeting. Motion was made by Melissa to nominate Becky for this award and Andrea, seconded the motion; motion passes.

**Newsletter:** Nothing new until Peg returns to the meetings.

**Upcoming Training:** Several topics and speakers were discussed. Jeff Skousen for service mine drainage, DOH for soil erosion control. Jeff would be a part of maybe a broader spectrum with 2 or 3 speakers including sediment erosion control, spring tree planting on the mines and mine reclamation. Tom will ask Jeff about what he would like to do.

**Other Business:** Tom leaves for Wales 1/9/2017. Tom can email from abroad. Suzy will set up the teleconference lines for now.

Date for the next meeting/teleconference will be **February 1, 2017 at 9 AM.**

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