

**South Dakota Chapter
Soil & Water Conservation Society
May 10th, 2018
Meeting, Via Phone**

Call to Order: Carrie called the meeting to order at 11:02am, with 7 members present via phone: Matti Kuykendall, Andy Oxford, Arlene Brandt-Jenson, Carrie Werkmeister-Karki, Sandra Huber, Doug Vik, and Val Devine.

Agenda: Carrie moved to approve the agenda. Sandra seconded. Agenda approved.

Secretary's Report: Arlene moved to approve the previous meeting minutes with no corrections. Matti seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Doug: We have made \$198.88 so far this year, which includes \$65 from interest in the scholarship account and \$20 from one painting kit. Jeff Vander Wilt still needs to pay us from the auction at our last annual meeting in October 2017.

Division Reports:

West - Sandra Huber- No report.

Northeast - No Chair- No report.

Central - Andy Oxford- Sold 1 soil painting kit. Matti and Andy attended the Envirothon competition last week to run the soils portion.

Southeast – Jason Gilb- Absent, no report.

Committee Reports:

Activities - No chair, no report.

Awards – Tammy Sommer - Absent, no report.

Conservation Ed/Ad hoc – Jason Gilb- Absent, no report.

Fund Raising - No chair, no report.

History – Penny Galinat– Absent, no report.

Long Range – Judi Schulz– Absent, no report.

Membership – No chair, no report.

Memorials – Doug Vik - No Report.

Newsletter – Yvonne Haefner– Absent, no report.

Nominations – Judi Schulz– Absent, no report.

Publicity – Tom Schumacher– Absent, no report.

Scholarships – Arlene Brandt-Jensen – Committee is reviewing scholarships now, 15 applications, 10 eligible, 5 were not. 10 sent on to Michelle Burke and Cheryl Reese. Cheryl is no longer a member so may need to replace her on the committee.

Annual Conference – No chair, no report.

Old Business:

- Soil Painting Kits – Andy- There are \$8 of expenses per kit, we charge \$20 for them so make \$12 profit. Should we increase to cover the cost of flash drives (about \$3)? Maybe up it to \$25? It was decided to leave it at \$20. Andy will update the flat rate shipping charges and change the mailing address on the order form and send the updates to Tom to correct the website.
- South Dakota Discovery Center Water Festival Donation – Andy- There are 6 water festivals across the state. If we want to donate to all of them we can give a lump sum to Ann Lewis at the Discovery Center and she can distribute it to them. Most of the festivals need money for things their grants don't cover. We should be recognized by each Water Festival when we donate, they are typically good at that. They would like it to be a recurring donation and something that we can afford every year. It was decided we should discuss the future direction of the club first and table until the next meeting.
- National Conference will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico July 29th – August 1st, 2018. Val is planning to attend.
- Annual Conference – The PSSASD meeting will be in Rapid City June 21st -22nd. The SD SRM meeting will be in Deadwood. An East River location would be more desirable to the majority of the membership.
 - There is an option to have a one day meeting with SDSU Extension in Sioux Falls in December, usually the first week. The workshop that Sara Berg and Anthony Bly have put on in the past is titled “Managing Soil: Maximizing Profit”. This may be our best option based on location.
 - Can we still do the silent auction for the scholarship fund? It may be hard with people coming and going. Arlene will check to see if we can do it.
 - Is SDSU charging for attendance to this workshop like they do others? Carrie assumes so. Some of their workshops cost up to \$150. Maybe SWCS can cut some of the cost to encourage some membership and keep our registration fee at \$50 or less.
 - Carrie will see if they can try to do a poster session to promote research and the likelihood of allowing NRCS attendance for those who must present in order to attend a conference.
 - Need to have an hour set aside for our business meeting
 - Another option is November 1-3rd in Brookings in conjunction with SD Specialty Producers Association, at their SD Local Foods Conference.

- In order to get Jeff Z.'s support to allow NRCS members to attend it should be Soil Health related. May have trouble with that at this conference.
 - But it would be easier to do a silent auction here.
- Carrie moved to have the annual conference in conjunction with SDSU's "Managing Soil: Maximizing Profit" workshop in December. Val seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Update from By-Laws Committee-
 - The committee report was sent out via email.
 - There are some concerns with the Treasurer potentially being able to change each year and the hassle that comes with switching names on accounts. We should look into making the treasurer's accounts more easily accessed and switched via internet, and banking with banks that have multiple branches across the state.
 - National SWCS in Ankeny has reviewed the Draft By-Laws and given consent to change them. They will be voted on by the membership at the annual conference in December.
 - The next step for the committee is to work on a membership survey, with help from Andy.
- Officers – We need a new president elect as Lynsee can no longer commit to the office. Val is willing to be President-elect until the annual meeting in December in which a new slate of officers will need to be elected if the By-Law changes pass. Arlene moved to install Val as President-elect effective immediately, Carrie seconded. Motion carried.
- Website –What needs to be updated and sent to Tom Schumacher?
 - Update Officers
 - Remove committee members and leave the links to the committee descriptions
 - Update link name to Soil Painting Kit from Soil Color Samples
 - Revised Soil Painting Kit form
- Moving forward as a of club-
 - Pass By-Laws First
 - Send out member survey next year and find ways to improve our chapter

- **Next meeting: Tentatively Tuesday July 17th, 2018 @ 11am Central Time**
 - Update on December annual meeting with SDSU

- Carrie moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:16pm. Andy seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Matti Kuykendall
Secretary