

**South Dakota Chapter
Soil & Water Conservation Society
August 27th, 2018
Meeting, Via Phone**

Call to Order: Carrie called the meeting to order at 11:03am, with 8 members and 1 guest present via phone: Matti Kuykendall, Arlene Brandt-Jenson, Carrie Werkmeister-Karki, Tom Schumacher, Tammy Sommer, Val DeVine, Doug Vik, Andy Oxford, and Sara Bauder of SDSU Extension.

Agenda: The Annual Conference was moved to 1st on the agenda so Sara could speak. Arlene moved to approve the agenda. Val seconded. Agenda approved.

Annual Conference – Carrie - The annual conference will be in conjunction with SDSU's workshop in December in Sioux Falls. "Managing Soil: Maximizing Profit" workshop. Jeff Z. says he will support attendance when it is related to soil health. Silent auction is a possibility. Approximately \$20 for attendance, most of the meeting is sponsored. Location and date are undecided. Maybe the Sioux Falls Regional Extension Office. Looking at the 1st week of December (3rd-6th) to meet, pending speaker availability and NRCS conflicts. Potential speakers: Jim Ristau (Arlene can contact) or David Lobv from University of Manitoba (Tom can contact). Arlene volunteered to assist Carrie in the planning as she is familiar with the building. Need a program lined up by the end of September to start getting approval through the state office. Maybe have our annual meeting over the lunch hour in the board room. Have a booth or slideshow running during a break to recruit membership.

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

Treasurer's Report: Doug: Income from dividends and LTCG from scholarship fund. \$56,000 net worth. \$2,000 expenses for Scholarships. Jeff Vander Wilt has paid us from the auction at our last annual meeting in October 2017, not included in this report (~\$550).

Division Reports:

West - Sandra Huber- Absent, no report.

Northeast - No Chair- No report.

Central - Andy Oxford- Yvonne and Andy will be going to the Water Festival on 9/25

Southeast – Jason Gilb- Absent, no report.

Committee Reports:

- Activities
- Fund Raising
- Annual Conference
- Conservation Ed/Ad hoc – Jason Gilb- Absent, no report
- History – Penny Galinat- Absent, no report
- Membership – 31 members at present. New recruitment/membership also needed from SDSU faculty.
- Memorials – Doug Vik- No report
- Newsletter – Yvonne Haefner- Absent, no report
- Nominations – Judi Schulz- Absent, no report
- **Publicity** – Tom Schumacher– Updated the Website, officers, removed committee members but kept the links to the descriptions, updated the soil painting kit. Pay \$18 to use the name and \$25 to use the server each year. Doug needs to reimburse these payments still. Going to send the login information to Doug and Val. He is collecting minutes from annual meetings to complete those on the website. Removing the Newsletters.
- Awards – Tammy Sommer- No report
- Long Range – Tammy Sommer- No report
- **Scholarships** – Arlene Brandt-Jensen- 2 winners were selected to receive \$1000 each. Arlene and Michelle Burke reviewed the applications. Tyler Kleinsasser and Jonathan Linke were the recipients. Would like another committee member from SDSU or SDSMT that may know some of the students or help spread the word.

Old Business:

- South Dakota Discovery Center Water Festival Donation – Andy- Decided not to donate money and instead donate time. Would help to wear SWCS nametags or something to show that we are there on behalf of SWCS. Carrie will order some SWCS SD stickers hopefully to get by the Water Festivals in Aberdeen on September 20th and Pierre in September 25th. Maybe a bookmark too. Talk about donating money at the meeting in December.
- National Conference will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico July 29th – August 1st, 2018. Val and Carrie gave recaps. No awards banquet this year, few State Conservationists in attendance, one voiced his disappointment in that. Many research projects presented. Keith Burns of Green Cover Seed in Nebraska gave a great science based talk. Keep the 2019 meeting in mind for attendance next year in Pennsylvania.

- Update from By-Laws Committee-
 - 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.
 - They've also suggested streamlining the committees
 - The next step for the committee is to work on a membership survey, with help from Andy.
 - Need approval from 2/3 of voting members present to pass new by-laws

New Business:

- 2018 SDACD Convention in Pierre on September 17th- SWCS booth- Andy - volunteers needed to help man the booth in Pierre. Banners have been requested from National. Carrie may be there for a couple of hours to help man the booth.
- 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: Tuesday October 9th, 2018 @ 11am Central Time**
 - Update on December annual meeting with SDSU
- Carrie moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:33pm. Andy seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
 Matti Kuykendall
 Secretary