

**South Dakota Chapter
Soil & Water Conservation Society
Board Meeting--teleconference
Aug 22, 2014**

Attendance: President-Chris Lousias, Secretary-Valeree DeVine, Tammy Sommer, Heidi Rients, President Elect-Judi Schultz, Central Director-Andy Oxford, NE Director-Matt Hubers.

Meeting called to order by Chris Lousias at 10:07 am.

Matt moved to wave the reading of the minutes and Andy seconded. Minutes were approved as mailed out.

Division

West-None

Northeast- None

Central-Oct 1-2-Environthon scheduled. 6-8 soil kits sold. How the kits are being sold/advertised-Andy's wife is a teacher, Conservation District from Pennsylvania, word of mouth.

Southeast-None

Old Business

Annual Meeting-Matt will email out a draft agenda. It's almost final. Still looking for sponsors. Reminder to bring items for the crazy auction to support our scholarship fund. It will be held on Oct 8-9 in Ft Pierre with SRM at the Americinn. Chris will talk to Jeff Zimprich to see if we can get additional support to send people for training purposes. Chris will send agenda to Kathy Irving.

Membership-Heidi follows up with each member who's membership lapses. Always promoting to potential members. What happened to the joint brochure? Chris will followup with Jeff Zimprich on the discussions from the all area meeting on an encouragement bulletin.

Awards-does anyone have any suggestions on award submissions? Send to Tammy if so.

Standing Committees-until needed they are available.

Legislative meet & greet- Andy sent a message to the Dept of Ag to find out when it is.

ND meeting- Yvonne and Penny attended, but weren't available for an update.

2015 technical meeting-tabled until annual meeting. Will be a main agenda topic at the annual meeting.

International conference-Chris attended. Topics covered-how to help environment, improve water quality, how we're not making a dent in helping the environment. Membership is still a concern. Farm Bill session-Wayne Honeycutt and NACD lobbyist-already working on the next farm bill. Their focus is money.

Next board meeting-Oct 8-Annual meeting.

Judi adjourned and Matt seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valeree DeVine

Secretary