

**South Dakota Chapter
Soil & Water Conservation Society
2015 January 15, 2015 meeting
via teleconference**

Present: President-Judi Schultz, Secretary-Val DeVine, Treasurer-Doug Vik, Central Director-Andy Oxford, NE Director-Matt Hubers, SE Director-Jeff Stewart, President-Elect- Tammy Sommer, Members-Mike Larson, Heidi Reints, Yvonne Haefner, Arlene Brandt-Jenson

The meeting was called to order by Judi Schultz.

Agenda was reviewed and no additions were made.

The last board meeting minutes were emailed out. Sandy moved to approve minutes and Doug seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's report- Doug Vik emailed report. Doug reviewed 2014 actual budget and 2015 proposed budget. May need to increase June technical meeting numbers. Tabled that until regional meeting discussion.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report-Matt moved to approve minutes and Sandy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Directors' Reports:

West-None

NE-good positive feedback from the 2014 annual meeting.

Central-None

SE-Food Hub-lead by SDSU Extension-where the interest and growers are. Hub contacts area entities to see if they want homegrown food. Feb 9-Edible Food Workshop-promos coming out. Judi will send Chuck Lebeda an email asking about the Water Festival in Sioux Falls.

Committees:

Activities-looking for a chair. Tammy and Heidi will continue to look into summer activity.

Awards-Feb 12 is the deadline. Tammy will work to submit award based on the nomination from the Annual meeting.

Cons Ed/Ad Hoc-continued helping teach the Geology merit badge, Heidi and Scott Groepper plan to present soils info. Jason has a plan to have a booth in late spring.

Membership-check weekly report. NRCS Bulletin came out to encourage employees to participate in any organizations for professional development.

Newsletter-if anyone would like to take this task on, she would be willing to pass the torch. Went out a week before the annual meeting via email. Some people were missed. Maybe we need to move towards the 'Chapter Notes idea' rather than a newsletter. Multiple members didn't receive the newsletter. Jason and Jeff will send Yvonne a summary about their activities.

Nominations—Chris Lousias will look for next year.

Website-need to followup with Tom to get access to the website. Val will email Tom and cc Judi and Chris. Chris would like to try to edit the website as needed.

Scholarships-Arlene emailed the summary of the scholarship info. Cheryl Reese and Michelle Burke are the committee members with Arlene. Deadline March 31. 2--\$500 apps.

Regional Meeting—11 states and providences. Usual costs from \$45-60. Depends on funding, sponsorship, etc. In the past we sold raffle tickets. Montana had a silent auction at theirs. Attendance varies—20-50 people. SD Humanities grants is a possibility. Stipulations-open to the public and need to advertise the Humanities grant in the promotions. SD Archives— not the Speakers Bureau. Judi will look into the grants. Gloria and Brad Tennant-hotel and mileage. Scott-hotel and mileage. Meeting room discounts. Andy is estimating a \$55-60 meeting fee. Doug will budget \$1500 (25ppl x \$60) for the regional meeting. Board feels we need to continue the annual meeting to keep our silent auction scholarship funds coming in. Matt & Judi will contact SRM. Rough Draft agenda has been proposed for regional meeting. June 16-18. Judi will contact the regional director. Lunch speaker—Judi will check on.

Old-Business--None

New Business:

West-Sandy Huber, NE-Matt Hubers

Legislative Meet & Greet-Jan 26. \$80 with no food handouts; \$40-with food handouts. Application deadline Jan 20. Andy will send in registration and pay for it. Doug will reimburse. Membership brochures and issue papers and soil demonstration—Andy will bring. Chris-pick up banner, popcorn & bags, oil, call Ames for membership brochures.

Next Board meeting—March 19 @ 9am. All members are welcome to join.

Doug will send Bald Eagle Awareness donation in.

Meeting was adjourned by Chris and seconded by Matt.

Respectfully Submitted,
Val DeVine
Secretary