

**South Dakota Chapter
Soil & Water Conservation Society
October 9th, 2018
Meeting, Via Phone**

Call to Order: Andy called the meeting to order at 11:06am, with 7 members present via phone: Matti Kuykendall, Arlene Brandt-Jenson, Andy Oxford, Tom Schumacher, Jeff Zimprich, and Val DeVine. Doug Vik joined at 11:30am.

Agenda: Arlene moved to approve the agenda. Val seconded. Agenda approved.

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

Treasurer's Report: Doug-absent, no report. Arlene talked to him on the phone this morning and he approved of sponsoring the annual meeting. Carrie (stickers), Tammy (bookmarks), and Tom (website) need reimbursed. Val sent Doug a dues check that should be coming to him in the mail this week. Discussed maybe getting a debit card for future expenses. Would make purchases and payments easier. Perhaps a new bank would provide this and make switching Treasurers easier.

Division Reports:

West - Sandra Huber- Absent, no report.

Northeast - No Chair- No report.

Southeast – Jason Gilb- Absent, no report.

Central - Andy Oxford- Yvonne and Andy attended the Water Festival on 9/25 at the Discovery Center in Pierre. Used the table top demo and other activities. Has returned the National banner to Ankeny. Andy and Carrie attended the SDACD meeting in Pierre.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership** – 31 members at present. New recruitment/membership also needed from SDSU faculty. Tom talked to Cheryl Reese about renewing membership and thinks she will. Peter Kovack and Prof. Chang and Kumar were asked to join too as faculty members. Arlene invited Sara Bauder and Anthony Bly to be members also. Jeff Z. is updating the NRCS professional membership encouragement flyer to send out to all employees again. Need to send SWCS brochures to state office to include in these packets. Send to Jeff Z. or Kathy.

- **Publicity** – Tom Schumacher added more minutes to the website and the scholarship winners. Andy has possession of the stickers and bookmarks. Contact him if you need them for promotional events.

- **Scholarships** – Arlene Brandt-Jensen- No report for scholarships until the spring.

Old Business:

- 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 November.
 - Need approval from 2/3 of voting members present to pass new by-laws

New Business:

- Annual Conference – Arlene - The annual conference will be in conjunction with SDSU's workshop on November 29th in Sioux Falls at the Sioux Falls Regional Extension Center. 9am-4pm. 3rd Annual "Managing Soil: Maximizing Profit" workshop.
 - \$20 cost for registration. Registration should open this week. Register by November 21st or pay at the door. Do thru the SDSU website. Jeff Z. says NRCS would be willing to cover the registration fee. May only cover for SWCS members, must check with Kathy. State office would register for all of us and write one check. Await instruction from the bulletin.
 - Jeff Z. will support time and attendance for NRCS employees.
 - Club can co-sponsor at the Gold (\$500), Blue (\$250), or White (\$100) levels
 - Arlene moved for the club to sponsor at the Gold level and contribute \$500 to the meeting. Val seconded. Motion passed.
 - The agenda is almost finalized and will then be sent to the state office to be emailed to employees
 - There is room for a silent auction and we will plan on doing it. Need forms made (Arlene), and money collected afterward (Matti).
 - We will have a table/booth with room for a display. Arlene will work with Andy to design a booth.

Next meeting: ANNUAL MEETING November 29th, 2018

- Doug moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:46pm. Val seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Matti Kuykendall
Secretary