

**Meeting Minutes**  
**South Dakota Chapter – Soil & Water Conservation Society**  
**Tuesday June 5, 2019, 11:00 ~ via phone**

The meeting was called to order by President Val DeVine at 11:05. Also present on the call were Jeff Zimprich, Arlene Brandt-Jenson, and Carrie Werkmeister. Arlene made a motion to approve the agenda, Carrie seconded, motion carried.

**Secretary's report from April 4:** Jeff made a motion to approve, Carrie seconded, motion carried. Arlene is taking minutes today on Secretary Matti's behalf.

**Treasurer's report** emailed by Treasurer Andy Oxford (Balance sheet and P&L statement): Arlene made a motion to approve, Jeff seconded, motion carried.

**Financial audit** – Michelle Burke and Deron Ruesch have not completed the audit yet; a date is set in July.

**Annual mtg** – Carrie has been working with Caren Assman, Ex Dir of SD Wheat Inc. and SDSWCS is approved as a co-host of the AG Horizons Conference, Dec. 10-11, Ramkota RiverCenter, Pierre. <http://sdwheat.org/inc/ag-horizon/> No financial obligations for the conference, but no financial returns. But we do need to sponsor one keynote speaker for 50 minutes. Caren said there will be 7 keynotes and 25 breakouts at this time. We may have to pay for airfare, per diem, hotel for a keynote speaker. Jeff Z offered to speak and will ask to be on the agenda, and he could possibly be our keynote speaker. Arlene and Val asked how the keynote expenses worked - are they all averaged out among all co-hosts? Or do we each find our own speaker and pay for that speaker's expenses? Val asked what the registration fee will be. Carrie will check on these questions. We get a complimentary exhibit booth. SDACD will also join the conference as new co-hosts this year, so the attendance should increase by ~200. Jeff Z will be supportive of SWCS members going on govt time and expense. We will be able to have a table for the silent auction scholarship fundraiser. Table space may be limited. Jeff mentioned the SDACD auxiliary usually has a silent auction at the SDACD annual meetings and maybe we could join forces with them. Jeff will ask Angela Ehlers who the contact person is for that and let Carrie know. Arlene offered to help with silent auction as we get closer. Suggestions for break out speakers are welcome.

**Old Business:**

**Membership Rebate Form:** Welcome packets to new NRCS employees have recently been sent out. The SWCS trifold brochure was included. The paper rebate form was not included, but will be included in future mailings. That's not a problem, because SWCS members can make a personal follow-up call and email the fillable form. Jeff will send the list of new employees (contact info including name, position, phone and email address) to Val at his earliest convenience, and Val will be in touch with the officers within a month of receiving the membership list from Jeff Z for how to divvy up the list for recruiting.

**Scholarship/Internship Update:** Arlene reported that Jordenne DuCheny is planning to do her volunteer hours through the Aberdeen FO. She is current in a study abroad trip to Southeast Asia, then will be in touch with DC Jaime Rindels when she returns. She had already been volunteering at the NRCS office prior to the Internship. Jeff suggested that Val stop in to the Aberdeen FO and greet her as Pres of SD SWCS and encourage SWCS membership.

**International mtg.** Val and Judi S. approved to attend on official time and expense, but haven't received official list. Jeff said that should be coming soon.

Next meeting date for SD SWCS will be Wed. Aug. 7, 11:00 AM Central. All members welcome to participate in teleconference. Motion to adjourn Arlene, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff, motion carried.

Submitted by Arlene Brandt-Jenson, Acting Secretary