

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting
SD Chapter of Soil and Water Conservation Society

October 22nd, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

Members present via Zoom: Arlene Brandt-Jenson, Sandeep Kumar, Andy Oxford, Tyler Tran

The meeting was called to order by Arlene at 5:23. Arlene apologized for being late!

Arlene discussed having a theme for the Annual Meeting. She suggested "Climate Change," but Andy, Sandeep, and Tyler didn't think a theme would be necessary.

Sandeep expressed that his students' presentations may be too technical for members, so he would prefer his students not present. Tyler agreed, as he had watched the presentations at the International Meeting and found they were short on time then.

Arlene explained Claire Lindahl would like to present for 45 minutes at the Annual Meeting. Keith Berns has a few options on the presentations he can give including "Carbonomics" and a virtual tour of the seed plant.

Tyler suggested having Carrie Werkmeister present her research from the International Meeting. Sandeep suggested having Peter O'Brien from Ohio speak. Tyler then suggested having local presenters like Jonathan Lundgren or Ryan Schmid from Blue Dasher Farms present.

Arlene would like to start a committee to have members help plan the meeting to increase engagement and vested interest. Rachel Frei, Maddy Rabenhorst, or Jim Ristau to join the committee.

Arlene is open to inviting non-members to the annual meeting. Andy thinks it could be a good recruitment tool, but Tyler worries that it may not provide a benefit to paying members. Arlene thought maybe we could charge a fee, but Sandeep thinks it should be free. It would be logistically hard. Sandeep thinks it could be used as a recruitment tool this year and be even bigger next year.

Arlene would like to upgrade our free zoom account for the chapter to use to allow for meetings more than 45 minutes, and to allow other committees to use. Sandeep and Tyler agree that we will likely have online meetings for the foreseeable future.

Tyler gave updates on recruitment, newsletter, and other info.

Arlene will contact potential members for the annual meeting planning committee.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55.