



Soil & Water Conservation Society

Michigan Chapter

Executive Council Teleconference

July 29, 2011

MINUTES

(“Action Required” Items are in red italics)

Call to Order: 9:05 a.m. by – Jean Gagliardo, Chapter President

E. C. Members Attending:

Jean Gagliardo	President
Jason Kimbrough	Vice President
Aaron Lauster	Past President
Daniel F. Kesselring	Secretary
Michael LaPointe	Region 1 Director
Kelly Goward	Region 3 Director
John Freeland	Region 4 Director

Excused:

Scott Hughey	Region 2 Director
Kent Dankenbring	President-Elect

Absent: Jay Blair Treasurer

(7 present – quorum achieved)

Others Attending: None

Agenda Changes: Jean added a change in the date of the next teleconference because the regular date was on the same day as the Summer Tour. Kelly asked that a discussion of the website be added. Moved by Dan, supported by John, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Kelly, supported by John, to approved the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Treasures Report: Jay was not available for the teleconference, but had emailed Treasurer's Reports for May and June. Moved by Mike, supported by Dan to approve the Treasurer's Reports as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Summer Tour: Dan reported on the Summer Tour preparations. He has commitments for all four stops. Notice of the tour date was sent out several weeks ago. Two weeks ago a notice that registration was open was sent out. That included a registration form with a brief description of the tour. One week ago the Chapter Newsletter was sent out with more detail of the tour. Notices have been sent to all Chapter members, the East

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North Central Leadership Team, the All@MACD list-serve, the all NRCS employees list-serve, a list of TSPs and MAEAP consultants that Dan has, the Great Lakes Information Network (GLIN) list-serve, and the EnviroMich list-serve. The newsletter has been downloaded 63 times, the registration web page 61 times, but only 3 registrations have been received. Dan has contacted the Marshall Community Schools and can get a bus from them. However, he is reluctant to sign any contract until he has more registrations.

Dan suggested that if registration doesn't exceed 10, transportation can be handled with 2 vans or 3 cars. However, he felt he would need to check with the tour hosts to see if they are agreeable to host only 10 people. *Dan will followup with the hosts and with Extension.*

Fall Tour: Aaron reported that he has had discussions with Karen Blair and the basic outline for the tour is a morning portion indoors and the afternoon portion on a river. No date has been selected yet.

International Conference: Aaron Lauster, Jean Gagliardo, Jim Scott, Kristine Esch and Jay and Karen Blair. attended the International Conference in Washington, DC. Jean said it was very interesting. Aaron said that participation was down, but the presentations were very interesting.

New Business:

2011 Annual Meeting: Kent is Chair of the Annual Meeting Committee, but was not available for this teleconference because of training. Kelly reported that the MACD Partnership Training Committee has not met yet, but that a teleconference was scheduled for next week. She said that the MACD convention is scheduled for December 7 through 9, so the proposed date for our Annual Meeting (based on our discussion during our last teleconference) would be December 8.

The timing for deadlines in the Nominations and Elections procedure will be based on December 8.

Social Networking Websites: Jean opted to postpone this discussion for a future teleconference.

Annual Work Plan: Jean did a brief review of the Annual Work Plan. She noted that we were up to date on July except that she needed to appoint a Planning Committee for the 2012 ANR Week Seminar. Also, the Nominations Committee needs three more members. Dan is Chair of the Committee and Marilyn Shy is representing Region 1. *Kelly will find someone for Region 3. Dan will try to find someone for Region 4.*

Website: Kelly questioned how long ANR presentation pdfs should be left up on the website. She thought that the 2008 pdfs should be removed, and maybe the 2009. She thought the "News" page was getting too long. She suggested that if we wanted to keep these available, maybe there should be an Archive page, or maybe they could be put on box.net, a free storage website. Dan said that there is one extra page available for the



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website, but that he has been using that for an event registration page. *Kelly will try setting up a location on box.net and send it to Dan for trial. Dan will also check to see if there is any way of archiving on the website.*

Member Comments: John discussed a contact with MSU Extension regarding Urban Agriculture and Aquaculture. He is looking into the possibility of a future tour in Region 4 focused on those features. *He suggested that Council members check out GrowingPower.org on the internet.*

Next Teleconference: 9:00 a.m., Monday, August 29, 2011.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary