



Soil & Water Conservation Society

Michigan Chapter

Executive Council Teleconference

September 30, 2011

MINUTES

(“Action Required” Items are in red italics)

Call to Order: 9: 04 a.m. by Jean Gagliardo, Chapter President

E. C. Members Attending:

Jean Gagliardo	President
Kent Dankenbring	President-Elect
Jason Kimbrough	Vice President
Aaron Lauster	Past President
Dan Kesselring	Secretary
Jay Blair	Treasurer
Michael LaPointe	Region 1 Director
Scott Hughey	Region 2 Director
Kelly Goward	Region 3 Director
John Freeland	Region 4 Director

Excused: None

Absent: None

(10 present – quorum achieved)

Others Attending: None

Agenda: Dan moved, Jason supported, approving the agenda accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Minutes of 7/29/11: Moved by Kelly, supported by Kent, to accept minutes as presented. Motion carried. (Note: there was not a quorum for the scheduled August 29, 2011, teleconference, so no minutes were taken.)

Treasures Report: Jay presented reports for July and August. Moved by Dan, supported by John, to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion carried.



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Old Business:

Summer Tour: Dan reported that 7 members, 7 non-members and 3 guests attended the full tour, however, the morning portion that was co-sponsored with MSU Extension had at least 75 in attendance. The Chapter netted \$313.70 primarily because we decided to use three mini-vans for transportation rather than renting a bus.

Dan said that he had not provided feedback sheets and asked if he should request feedback by email. *It was decided to send out one email requesting feedback on the Tour.*

Fall Tour: Aaron reported that he had suspended planning some time back because of an email discussion between Council Members, and also because of the low attendance for the Summer Tour.

By consensus, the Council decided to eliminate the Fall Tour and to go back to one tour per year, the Summer Tour, and to rotate this tour through the Regions. Since the 2011 Summer Tour was held in Region 3, *the 2012 Summer Tour should be in Region 4.*

Annual Meeting: Kent reported that two speakers had been lined up for the Technical Session which will focus on Energy. He said that it had been decided to schedule the Annual Meeting between the speakers, so that the Annual Meeting would occur during the normal break. In addition, the Annual Meeting would be restricted to 40 minutes to accommodate this schedule. *(Kent needs to elaborate on this.)*

New Business:

Bumper Sticker: John had suggested an idea to develop a bumper sticker with the slogan "Stop Treating Our Soil Like Dirt." This idea has been discussed by email and the consensus was to continue researching any possible registration conflicts, and continue getting cost estimates. *It was also suggested that window clings might be preferable, so both bumper sticker and window cling options will continue to be researched.*

Nominations: Dan reported that the Nominations Committee has been making contacts, and that Nominees for Region 1 and Region 3 Directors had been found, but not for Vice President and President-Elect. *Dan requested Council Members assistance on finding Nominees.* According to the Bylaws, Nominations are due to the President by October 8.

Usage of Funds from Summer Tour: Dan had suggested using the profits from the Summer Tour to supplement a Scholarship. John suggested using the funds to promote membership. Jason said he hasn't been able to find records of College contacts and application procedure for the Scholarship, so we really aren't ready to accept Scholarship applications this year. *Consensus was to continue discussion on the use of these funds by email.*



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Council Member Comments:

Kelly commented on the Grand Valley State University Student Chapter. She said their regular meetings are at noon on Thursdays, and that she is on their email list. However, their meeting notices are put out on such short notice she has not been able to attend.

Kelly suggested that we need to try to arrange a joint meeting with them sometime in order to introduce the Michigan Chapter to them, learn about them and show our interest. Kelly is our liaison with them.

Kelly also suggested that *Jason should try contacting Sarah VanDelfzijl or Wendy Ogilvie concerning records on the Scholarship Program.*

Next Teleconference: 9:00 a.m., Friday, October 28, 2011

Meeting Adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary

ACTION ITEMS

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