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Michigan Chapter Soil and Water Conservation Society

2004 Annual Meeting

December 8, 2004 – Holiday Inn South, Lansing, Michigan

The meeting was called to order by President Wendy Ogilvie.

There were 12 Chapter Members and 4 guests present, including Kelly Goward, Jean Gagliardo, Lester Langland and the Manistee CD Administrator.

President Ogilvie introduced the other members of the Executive Board: President-Elect Tom Fedewa, USDA-NRCS; Vice-President and Acting Secretary Dan Kesselring, Retired; Treasurer Jay Blair, USDA-NRCS; and Region 4 Director Larry Foote, Retired.

Treasurer Jay Blair presented the Treasurer's report. Because of income from SWCS sponsored training sessions, the Chapter was able to catch up on scholarship fund contributions for the past three years.

Committee Reports - President Ogilvie gave the Scholarship Committee report. Notices of scholarship availability have been sent to several colleges and several inquiries were received. The 2004 Michigan Chapter SWCS Scholarship was presented to Jamie Fluegge, a student at Grand Valley State University.

President Ogilvie gave the Membership Committee report for Membership Chair GayLynn Kinter who was unable to be present. The Chapter has added four new members, but has also lost members so the membership is about the same.

President Ogilvie also presented a report on the Smithsonian Soils Exhibit which the Chapter has donated to.

Old Business – Tom Fedewa reported on progress toward establishing Student Chapters at Michigan State University and Central Michigan University. Tom Fedewa, Andy Raymond and Wendy Ogilvie met with MSU faculty and staff and the project has been assigned to the Ag. Engineering Department. We are waiting for further developments. Larry Foote has been working to establish a contact at CMU.

New Business – Election of New Board Members. 12 ballots were cast. Jerri Munn was elected President-Elect. Joni Franklin was elected Vice-President. Larry Foote was re-elected Region 4 Advisor. Dan Hovland was elected Region 2 Representative. Tom Fedewa will be the new President, as provided in the By-Laws. Jay Blair will remain Treasurer. Dan Kesselring was appointed Secretary.

Tom Fedewa facilitated a round table discussion of what the Chapter's goals should be in 2004. The suggestions were:

- Get highly qualified speakers to make presentations on innovative ideas and technology in the conservation field.
- Continue and/or promote professional development training opportunities for members and others in the conservation community.
- Hold a summer meeting.
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- Work to develop more pride in the conservation profession and get more member involvement.
- Sponsor the MSU Extension Watershed Short Course in partnership with others. Also, get more member involvement.
- The Michigan Chapter should have a presence at Student Chapter meetings.
- Professional Development. Also finding what training is needed.
- Volunteer hands-on projects.
- Professional development and student contacts.
- Professional development. Sharing between younger and older.
- Student Chapter involvement.

New President Tom Fedewa thanked now Past-President Wendy Ogilvie for her leadership during 2004. Wendy will continue to serve on the Board as Past-President through 2005.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Daniel F. Kesselring, Acting Secretary