



# Soil & Water Conservation Society

## Michigan Chapter

### Executive Council Teleconference

June 22, 2009

### MINUTES

*("Action Required" Items are in red italics)*

**Call to Order:** 2:36 p.m. by Aaron Lauster – Chapter President

**Council Members Attend:**

Aaron Lauster	President
Rebekah Dewind	President-Elect
Kelly Goward	Immediate Past President
Jay Blair	Treasurer
Dan Kesselring	Secretary
Kathy Ryan	Region 2 Director
Jean Gagliardo	Region 3 Director

**Absent:** Perry Smeltzer Vice President

**Excused:** Carrie Vollmer-Sanders Region 4 Director  
Vacant Region 1 Director

(7 of 10 present – quorum achieved)

**Others Attending:** Sarah VanDelfzijl, Michigan Chapter Coordinator, SWCS International Conference

**Agenda Changes:** None. Agenda accepted as presented.

**Minutes of 11/3/2006:** Moved by Jean, supported by Rebekah, to approve May 29, 2009 teleconference minutes as presented. Motion passed.

**Treasures Report:** Not available.

#### Old Business:

**2009 Annual Conference:** Sarah, Rebekah and Kelly reported on progress with preparations for the International Conference.

**Volunteers:** Rebekah said that, including the Executive Council, we have 52 volunteers signed up which is almost more than needed. Preliminary assignments have been made, and those volunteers who would like to change their time slots are now responsible for negotiating with others for trades.

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**Tours:** Kelly said the tours are pretty well set, with a couple already full. She said one of the things that will be needed is coolers for transporting drinks and lunches. *She asked that everyone bring any coolers they have available.*

**Conference set-up/organization day:** Kelly also asked for helpers to arrive around noon Friday, July 10. They will need people to stuff packets, organize AV equipment, etc. Volunteers also need to check out rooms they will be assigned to. *Aaron, Dan, Jean, Jay, Kelly, Rebekah and Sarah all said they would be there Friday.*

**Gifts for tour hosts:** Kelly asked about gifts for tour hosts. She said that one of the tour hosts was a Native American Indian Health agency, and that it is traditional for visitors to have gifts for their hosts. After discussion, it was decided that a culturally significant gift would be found for the Native American Indian hosts, but other hosts would be thanked through a follow-up thank you note or letter. *Kelly was going to check into the possibility of getting seed for sweet grass or some other culturally significant plant from the NRCS Plant Materials Center.*

### **New Business:**

**Post conference meeting:** Kelly suggested that we have a post conference meeting on Tuesday evening and invite the Missouri – Show Me Chapter to meet with us. This would be to evaluate the conference and share ideas to help the next conference.

**Next Teleconference:** The scheduled date and time is 9:00 AM. Friday, August 28, 2009. However, Aaron has a conflict. He asked about changing to a different Friday, or a different day of the week. *After discussion, it was decided to delay picking a date until after the International Conference, as an August meeting may not be needed.*

Meeting Adjourned by Lauster at 3:10 p.m.

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary

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