

Empire Chapter – Soil and Water Conservation Society

Minutes - Council Conference Call

1:00 PM – 2:08 PM

August 22, 2012

1) Welcome

In attendance were Heath Eisele, Jessica Sargis, Brad Schwab, Lisa Miller, and Elaine Dalrymple.

Began with programmatic section of agenda, while waiting for more members to call in.

Programmatic

2) Summer Bus Tour Update

- Rec'd 2 more registrants with a total of 30 people so far (24 paying participants)
- [REDACTED] per person for lunches and are charging [REDACTED] per person for tour & lunch
- Iced tea is [REDACTED] per gallon – ordered 3 gallons and Elaine is going to drop it to 2 gallons for a total of [REDACTED]
- Elaine is also going to change lunch count to 32 from 35
- May go a little over budget for all incidentals.
- All speakers are confirmed
- Guests attending from a wide array of areas (National Grid, NYS Ag & Mkts., Economic Development, USDA/NRCS, Chapter members, etc.)
- Logistics for bus tour are all set.
- Heath bought cases of water and will bring a cooler for water and purchase ice
- Elaine will arrive around 8 am to help Heath with registration.

3) Discussion regarding reimbursement for National Meeting and Bus Tour and Heath will be checking with Ankeny for a travel voucher that we can modify as our own.

Administrative

4) Will put on agenda for next month - Review minutes from the July 18, 2012, Council Meeting

Jessica moved to accept the minutes and attached addendums.

Aaron seconded the motion.

It was approved by unanimous consent

5) Treasurer's Report (L. Miller, J. Sargis, H. Eisele, All)

Jessica led the discussion and stated not much difference in report from last month.

Lisa made a quick statement regarding the checks that were ordered and some trouble with the cost from the bank. On the last call with the bank, they decided to reimburse us the total cost of checks, stamp, envelopes, and deposit slips for [REDACTED] due to all the hassle that we experienced and we did receive all the items listed above.

Brad moved to accept the Treasurer's Report
Elaine seconded the motion
Final motion to approve will be made at the Summer Bus Tour Mtg.

6) Lisa's Invoice (All)

Brad moved to accept Lisa's invoice.
Jessica seconded the motion.
Final motion to approve will be made at the Summer Bus Tour Mtg.

Programmatic

7) Publication Update (L. Miller, All)

Lisa stated a lot of typing and inputting pictures was done over this past month to finalize the field notebook for further review. It is now being reviewed further by Ellen Hahn and I turned the document into a PDF file for further review from DEC and others. Once reviews have been complete, any changes will be made that Don feels necessary.

8) November Annual Meeting (All)

a) November 14th has been booked with the Auburn Holiday Inn to coincide with the ending of the AEM Training Session.)

Heath booked the Holiday Inn. Lunch will be in the courtyard at noon and meeting to follow in the ballroom. Room fee waived, but will need to pay a \$30.00 room set up fee for the turn around from the AEM meeting.

b) Theme ideas:

- Lisa agreed to discuss with Don Lake a 30 minute section of the meeting devoted to the promotion of the New Field Notebook. Would like him to discuss any of the changes that were made and be able to prepare everyone for the upcoming new book.
- Heath agreed to contact Pete Wright for a discussion regarding Rainfall issues and a Soil Scientist regarding Soil Change issues.

9) Heath will bring Treasurer's Report and Lisa's Invoice to the Summer Tour for final approval by Council.

10) Next Council Meeting: The next council meeting is set for September 19th, 2012 from 1 pm to 3 pm.