Soil and Water Conservation Society – Empire State Chapter
Council Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2017
1:00 – 3:00 PM
The Natural Resource Center
7413 County House Road
Auburn, NY 13021

1) Welcome
   a. Peter Wright called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.
   b. Ray Mueller and Lisa Miller were in attendance.
   c. Don Kuhn, Peter Wright, Heath Eisele, and Jessica Sargis attended via teleconference.

2) Review Minutes from the June 15, 2017 meeting
   a. The minutes were reviewed. Peter Wright moved to accept the minutes as submitted, and there was no opposition to the motion.

3) Review Treasurer Report
   a. Finances
      i. Total Income - $X,XXX.XX
      ii. Total Expenses - $X,XXX.XX
      iii. Total Net Income - $X,XXX.XX
      iv. Checking Account Balance - $X,XXX.XX
      v. PayPal Account Balance is $X
      vi. Vanguard Endowment: $XX,XXX.XX
      vii. Vanguard Fletcher Endowment: $XX,XXX.XX accounts up approximately $X,XXX
   b. Publication sales amounted to $XXX.XX
   c. Heath Eisele made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Don Kuhn seconded the motion, and all Council members present were in favor.

4) Membership Survey
   a. Ray Mueller reported on the membership survey and that the results were in.
   b. Ray Mueller went through all the results of each question.
   c. Ray also stated that he would type up a written report with the results and get it out to the Council for further review and consideration.
   d. What to do from here: run survey again next year, run a hard copy to hand out at annual meeting, and do some advertising with flyers, etc.

5) Regional Meetings
   a. Sorry, but they didn't happen this year.

6) Scholarship Criteria
   a. Still looking into this further for future meetings.

7) Officers for Pat and President Elect
   a. Send an email to member list requesting interest in officer positions. Ray will send list to Jessica, who will draft a letter to council members.
8) Publication Status
   a. We ordered and received the chapter update inserts and Jess printed covers for the 2015 Design Manuals - still to be put together.
   b. Currently only sell the updated 2015 Design Manuals and the Field Notebooks.

9) Soil Scientist Group
   a. No one has received a check or heard back from them. Heath Eisele will follow up with them to show our interest.

10) National Meeting Attendance
    a. No one attended from our Council.

11) Annual Meeting
    a. Decided on a date of January 18th at the Natural Resource Center in Auburn, NY.
    b. Proposed topic- Global Conservation
    c. Proposed Agenda
       • Business Meeting
       • Dave Pimentel World Wide Soil Erosion
       • Todd Walter Nutrient Flows
       • Karl Czymmek - AGREN
       • Peter Wright - China’s Soil Conservation
       • Q. Ketterings or H. Van Es Dutch Soil Conservation
       • Vermont Cool Farm Alliance Farm Sustainability
    d. Peter Wright is going to try and contact presenters and confirm details for annual meeting and type up agenda for sending out.

12) Other Topics
    a. Ray Mueller brought up the topic of Wegmans organic farming and research facility for a regional mtg. or summer field trip.

13) Adjourn
    a. Ray Mueller moved to adjourn at 2:10pm. Heath Eisele seconded.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 16th at Natural Resource Center in Auburn, NY from 1 pm to 3 pm