

Nebraska Chapter of SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Annual State Meeting

June 23, 2017

Attendance: Doug Garrison, Craig Romary, Corey Brubaker, Anita Nein, Kris Reed, Robin Foulk, Wally Valasek and Darwin Hinrichs.

Doug opened our meeting by providing everyone with a copy of the minutes of our last state meeting in Norfolk. He asked for any additions or corrections and hearing none asked for a motion to approve. Craig and Kris made the motion and seconded it to approve. Motion passed.

Doug asked for the Treasurers Report. Corey handed out the report to everyone. Following discussion, Anita and Wally made the motion and seconded it to accept the report. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report. Darwin submitted our annual report to the national office in March. He appreciated all the help he received in getting it ready to send. He also submitted our chapter for the Outstanding Chapter Award.

Director's Report:

Panhandle – Ed Harms (See Attached)

At Large – Claudia Stevenson (See Attached)

Central – Darwin- No Report.

Southeast – Wally – He has been busy coordinating and getting this year's state meeting ready for us. Thank you Wally for a job well done.

Student Chapter Report: Craig informed us that they were represented at our Legislative Breakfast. Tom Franti is their advisor and Craig is our chapter representative.

Awards: Anita, Wally and Doug handed out the following awards:

Nebraska Chapter (Member) Commendation Award to Thomas Mountford

Honor Award (Nonmember) Awards to Paul Hay, Randy Pryor and Richard Schotte.

Staple Award to Jim Harder.

International Nominee for Commendation Award to Claudia Stevenson.

Anita also wanted to let us know that Kylie Knigge was here attending our meeting yesterday and she is the recipient of the Tina Carlson Scholarship.

Membership Report: Claudia indicated she has been working to get our own Facebook page. I think Craig has also been helping with it and maybe several others.

Newsletter Report: We had one newsletter come out and everyone agrees Sarah does great work putting it together.

Elections: Robin will be moving up to be the President. Everyone else will be keeping their same positions as follows:

- ***Vice President – Open,***
- ***Secretary – Darwin***
- ***Treasurer – Corey***
- ***Membership Chair - Claudia***

Old Business:

1. We had discussion on whether to keep the Sandhill Section as we have only one member residing there. It was suggested we could divide the area up between the Panhandle and the Central Section. A committee (Robin, Craig, Wally and Doug) was established to revisit the bylaws and work on an update.
2. The problem of membership was discussed and hopefully some of the new faces we saw attending our meeting yesterday may decide to join. We need to at least ask them.

New Business:

Corey has had limited time to really finalize a budget since he took over for Cam but indicated the budget will be similar to last years.

1. Anita and Wally made a motion and seconded it to reimburse the foundation for the advertising brochure at last fall's state meeting of NARD. It was paid out of the foundation which, at the time of transition with the chapter secretary position, was easier to do. Motion passed.
2. Robin and Kris made a motion and seconded it to have our advertising spot be in the brochure for the January conference of NARD and not for their fall meeting. The board would approve similar ads until a decision is made to stop the ad or the ad exceeds \$250. Motion passed.
3. Corey and Darwin made a motion and seconded it to have our chapter reimburse the foundation for the Dave Langemeier scholarship. Motion passed.
4. Corey and Doug made a motion and seconded it to have the 2018 Langemeier scholarship of \$1,000 to come out of the golf tournament funds. Motion passed.
5. Corey and Robin made a motion and seconded it to give a \$1,000 scholarship to a student in Soils, or if no applicant qualifies, then to a closely related field in memory of Cam Loerch. Motion passed.
6. UNL Foundation. Corey indicated there will be two \$1000 scholarships available for 2018. Corey and Kris made a motion and seconded it to give two \$1000 scholarships. The foundation currently has a value of \$40,000. Motion passed.
7. We will be giving out six \$1,000 scholarships for this coming year, Three (3) from the NSWC Foundation and three (3) from the UNL Foundation.
8. Robin and Doug moved and seconded it to provide up to \$400 for Claudia to attend the national SWCS meeting. Motion passed.
9. Silent Auction at this year's meeting raised \$220 to help with our scholarships.
10. This year's benefit golf tournament will be held on September 8th at the Highland Country Club. There will be more information coming.
11. Robin and Ross made a motion and seconded it to get a silent auction item from Nebraska for the national meeting if an announcement comes out asking states to do so. Darwin said he could get an item similar to last year's Sandhill Crane book from the Sandhill Crane site by Gibbon. Motion passed.

Doug and Corey moved to adjourn at 10:45a.m.