

NEBRASKA CHAPTER OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY

ANNUAL STATE MEETING ON JUNE 23, 2018

Robin thanked everyone for being present this morning for our chapter business meeting.

ATTENDANCE: Robin Foulk, Kris Reed, Anita Nein, Doug Garrison, Steve Nein, Darwin Hinrichs, Corey Brubaker and Ed Harms.

Minutes from 2017 State Meeting -Copies of the previous state meeting were handed out to everyone present to look over. The only correction was pointed out we need to add Steve Nein's name to the attendance list. Doug made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Corey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Corey handed out copies of our account and did a very good job of explaining our questions during the discussion of the account. He also explained that he moved the account to the U.S. Federal Credit Union making it very close for him to do business with them. Doug moved to accept the treasurer's report. Ed seconded the motion. Motion passed.

DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Panhandle – Ed said they considered two sites for this meeting location, Gering and Alliance. The Legacy on The Plains Museum was selected and they were great to work with for any questions that we had. We were pleased with the location and help we received from them. Ed commented they had three conference calls to set this meeting up. During this past year Ed gave a conservation presentation at a school career night.

At – Large – Claudia has been very busy teaching classes at the NRCS Boot Camp. She also had a good crowd at the Colorado meeting which we helped sponsor.

Central – Darwin and his wife Marie volunteer at the Rowe Sanctuary near Gibbon for crane projects involving school kids. These projects involve conservation activities on the Platte River and many activities on Sandhill Cranes. I also give tours in March for Crane viewing.

Northeast – Patrick Cowsert has no report.

Southeast – Wally Valasek has no report.

Lincoln – Cory indicated they had the Legislative Breakfast with the attendance being down slightly. This could have been since they were required to have it in a different location.

AWARDS:

Anita explained the scholarship committee had some awards to give out to several recipients who were unable to attend our state meeting for receiving them. She has found some volunteers to deliver these for her.

The Nebraska Chapter Awards:

State Merit Award – Heritage Seed Company/Emory Fox, Monument Valley Iris Society and Modern Arboriculture/ Tom Wiens.

Commendation Award – Shirley Ferguson and Michael Murphy.

Honor Award- Jeremy Steger.

National Awards:

Outstanding Service Award – Kris Reed.

Merit Award – Green Seed Company/Keith and Brian Berns.

Harold and Kay Scholl National Excellence in Conservation Award – Paul Jasa.

Commendation Award – Scott Bohaty.

MEMBERSHIP:

Claudia has been working with our Web Page and Facebook.

NEWSLETTERS:

Sarah produced two very good newsletters for us during the past year.

NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS:

Paul Zillig and Wally Valasek worked on filling any upcoming openings. Doug moved to have a unanimous ballot since everyone is willing to keep their positions for another year. Ed seconded the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BYLAWS:

Our current bylaws require us to have two at large directors. The second director's position would become effective in 2019. During discussion on this item it was agreed to bring some possible names for this to our next state meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tom Montford will be our Delegate at this year's National Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Kris will be the alternate. Corey moved to accept this requirement for the National Meeting. Anita seconded the motion. Motion passed.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Corey moved to have the chapter give out three \$1,000 scholarships for 2018-2019. Following discussion on this motion it was seconded by Doug. Motion passed.

BUDGET:

Corey presented a budget for us to look over and have discussion on it. Following discussion on the UNL Foundation and the Nebraska SWCS Foundation, Doug made a motion to accept the proposed budget with Ed seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Corey suggested to have a better balance in the budget would be to have \$3,584.82 split with 70% going to the golf and 30% to the chapter. Kris moved to accept this proposal and Doug seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Corey indicated there is extra money in the golf fund (about \$10,000). He would like to move \$2,000 to the UNL Nebraska Foundation and \$2,000 to the Nebraska SWCS Foundation while leaving the rest in the golf fund. Following discussion on it, Corey moved to accept this request with Doug seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Corey moved to approve a bill from Craig Romary for his expenses. Doug seconded the motion. Motion passed.

This year's silent auction raised \$410, great job everyone including our guests who helped us out.

This year's scholarship golf tournament will be held at Holmes Lake in Lincoln September 7.

Robin asked for a motion to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. Anita so moved and Corey seconded the motion. Motion passed.