

# 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**