



ALL OHIO CHAPTER

Winter Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2008

The Ohio Department of Agriculture

Call to OrderPresident Lloyd Owens

Lloyd called the meeting to order at 12:40 pm.

Secretary's ReportRich Gehring

Rich handed out the minutes from the August 23, 2007 Summer Meeting. Norm Fausey motioned to approve the minutes as written, Roger Wolf seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's ReportIrene Moore

Irene reported that the balance as of February 7, 2008 for all accounts was \$24,918.12. The checking account has a balance of \$6461.35. The Scholarship fund has a balance of \$13,026.63 and the Envirothon has \$5430.14. John Clark made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Dave Libben seconded and the motion passed.

Roger Wolf suggested that the number of attendees be listed in the minutes. The number who paid was 64.

Agency UpdatesTerry Cosby

David Hanselman gave his comments earlier in the program.

The Ohio NRCS budget is operating in a deficit. Terry has to develop a deficit reduction plan. The new farm bill is proposing to bundle all conservation programs into one to make it simple. EQUIP signup this fall resulted in \$12-\$13 million in contracts. A CSP signup in the Sandusky watershed will be coming soon. Grand Lake St. Mary's is the next project on the radar screen. There may not be a Farm Bill for some time because of the number of amendments.

Awards

Publication Awards for 2006 – Brent Sohngen announced that the Dan Kush Award for Excellence in an Educational Publication was being awarded to the West Creek Preservation Committee for a DVD titled *West Creek Urban Wetlands - From Trash to Treasure*. The All Ohio Chapter Award for Excellence in a Scientific or Technical Publication was awarded to Kevin King and Norm Fausey for a paper titled "Nitrate-nitrogen and dissolved reactive phosphorus in subsurface drainage from managed turfgrass" that was published in the *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation*. There was no award for general information or popular articles this year.

Outstanding Member Award - Art Brate announced that the 2007 Outstanding Member is Jon Gerken. Jon is a life member and has been a member since 1971.

Installation of OfficersJohn Clark

John Clark installed the officers for 2008.

President – Brent Sohngen

President Elect – Dave Libben

Treasurer – Bob Parkinson

Secretary – Sandy Chenal

Member-at-large – Allan Sundermeier and Mary Ann Core

Past President – Lloyd Owens

Lloyd passed the gavel to incoming president Brent Sohngen. Brent asked for a motion to honor Lloyd for his service and for stepping up as President to fill the empty slot. Mark Wilson made the motion, John Clark seconded, and the motion passed.

Adjourn!Brent Sohngen

Meeting adjourned at 1:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard M. Gehring