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## Executive Council Minutes March 6, 2009

Dave called the meeting to Order at 1:04.

Dave Libben, Rick Wilson, Lloyd Owens, Michelle Lohstroh Sandy Chenal, Chris Coulon, Bob Parkinson, Brent Sohngen joined the meeting in progress.

### Secretary Report:

Sandy thanked Chris for taking minutes in January. *Chenal moved to approve the minutes as present, Wilson seconded. Motion carried.*

### Treasurers Report:

Bob reviewed his report. 69 people attended the winter meeting. Three no-shows and we refunded their registration fee. Two of these checks are still outstanding. Should be all accounted for by the Audit.

Books will be audited March 12, Jim Bennet and John Armentano. We may need another co-signer. Bob filed e postcard form 990 for IRS. Nothing has been filed with the State of Ohio.

*Lohstroh moved to approve Treasures Report as submitted, Chenal seconded motion carried.*

Student Chapter update. Brent gave an update at the winter meeting. No other update.

### Committee Reports:

Dave noted that Brent is asking for help on the publication award committee. Dan Ross was suggested. Any ideas let Dave know by April.

No membership report.

### Old Business

Winter meeting follow up. Several noted positive feedback. There was a short discussion on marketing program to non-members.

Rick asked about potential conflicts of interest as board members.



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Lloyd provided an update on the East North Central SWCS Leadership Workshop scheduled 3/19 & 20. He hopes there will be good attendance from Ohio. Registration is \$45, which helps pay for speakers. The president of the society is coming in. Each Chapter will be providing an update, and Michigan will update on the international meeting this summer. There will also be some technical training on cover crops, as well as the green features of the building at Malabar Farm. Dave thought about offering scholarships from the Ohio Chapter.

*Wilson moved to provide 3 scholarships to Ohio Members on a first come first serve basis, Libben seconded. Motion carried.*

Policy committee – Joe Steiger indicated interest after the last meeting.

## New Business

Summer meeting is the incoming president's responsibility. Michelle stated we committed to Malabar Farm. Ideas suggested: new Farm Bill, Organic opportunities, MWCD and lake sedimentation, watershed coordinators. Rick and Sandy volunteered to help plan. Summer turnout has been down, about 60. We discussed some other names to recruit new members.

Brent updated the group on the student chapter. Mary Ann helped them with the Friends of Alum Creek. They had 30 people (Sarah McCarthy Leader) attend. There was a bill for \$25.42 for refreshments.

*Chenal moved Wilson seconded to pay for the refreshments for the student chapter meeting. Motion carried.*

Brent mentioned the publications award timeline. Kevin King and Larry Antosh are current members. He hopes Larry will lead the committee.

Next meetings: First Friday of the month at 1:00. Next meeting April 3<sup>rd</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, June 5<sup>th</sup>, July fell on a holiday so will be July 10<sup>th</sup>. Some teleconference information.

*Sohngen moved to adjourn, Chenal seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:55.*