



ALL OHIO CHAPTER

Executive Council Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 10, 2008 – 9:30 AM

Fairfield NRCS Office (Dave Libben will provide directions as required)

Present: Brent Sohngen, John Clark, Dave Libben, MaryAnn Core, Lloyd Owens, Bob Parkinson

Secretary's Report

Minutes from September phone conference. Lloyd Owens moved to accept the minutes as read. Dave Libben seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Parkinson gave the treasurer's report. Discussion on the scholarship fund management. The corpus should be constantly increasing. Discussion on possibly changing the bylaws requirements to fund the scholarship fund.

Dave Libben moved, Lloyd Owens seconded to approve report. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Publications – Chris Coulon

- Summer meeting highlights – Chris has this covered.
- International meeting highlights – Chris will contact attendees from Ohio (Ted Napier? - need e-mail or phone number) - Chris has photos of award winners.
 - Nominate outstanding members – Art Brate can provide information on this
 - Nominate AOC officers - Lloyd can provide information on this.
 - Nominate awards
 - Teaser article for winter meeting – Date
 - Nominating committee – call for petitions for officers

President's comments

Featured member – Lloyd Ownes.

- We should get some more of these filled out, maybe send the form out to all members and ask them to fill out and return to me.



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Nominating – Lloyd

Nominations back by Oct. 31. Use listserv to solicit nominations.

- President Elect
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Mary Ann Core will help Lloyd w/ nominations.

Brent will talk w/ Art Brate on Outstanding Member award.

Old Business

Survey results

Brent distributed copies. Good mix of responses around 35 total responses. Website was being used by over half of the respondents. Objectives were ranked in order of preference. Leadership and technical aspects were first. Apprising Ohio citizens of important natural resource issues was highly ranked as second most important.

Mary Ann Core moved to purchase a one year student membership for Jessica Turner as our scholarship winner and that this would establish a precedent for future winners. Motion was tabled for new business.

Winter meeting topics responses reviewed. Water quality ranked highest, followed closely by soil erosion and land use change. Manure management was included in these topics by default. CEUs were discussed for professionally certified individuals. Comprehensive nutrient program may be of interest given fertilizer and crop prices. Other sources of nutrients may be of interest including sludge and cover crops.

Brent will distribute the survey results via email and listserve.

2009 winter meeting

Need to pick date. Dave suggested the first week in February. Contacts will be made w/ ODA on available dates for their facility and to confirm no conflicts with winter agronomy meetings or the Ada No Till meeting.



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Public Policy committee

Ad hoc committee so EC can move forward with the proposal. Brent distributed a description of this committee and asked for comments by next week. Brent will then solicit comments from the chapter membership.

Lloyd Owens moves that Council endorses the proposal to establish an ad hoc committee on public policy and proceed in it's development. Dave Libben seconded the motion. Motion passed.

East North Central meeting in March 2009.

Lloyd Owens is working on this East North Central region meeting. Gary and Suzanne Mathes may be able to help hold the meeting at Malabar Farm.

Society Awards: A discussion developed on individual and chapter awards.

Awards:

- Conservation
- H H Bennett
- Merit
- Honor
- Others
- Individual

The Chapter should continue to pursue award recognition at the Society level.

New Business

Motion revisited. Dave Libben seconded. Brent discussed in changing the verbiage to become more generic and remove the name and that the scholarship winner will automatically get a one year free student membership. Motion passed.

Other Business

A general discussion arose on face to face meetings vs. teleconferences. There are advantages to both.

There being no further business, MaryAnn Core moved to adjourn and Lloyd Owens seconded. Motion passed.

November 14 will be the next Executive Council meeting @ 1:30 via teleconference.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Parkinson