

**SWCS Board Meeting**  
**April 4, 2008**

In attendance:

Brent Sohngen, Lloyd Owens, Bob Parkinson, John Clark, Eugene Braig, Ted Napier, Dave Libben, Mary Ann Core, and Sandy Chenal.

Brent called the meeting to order at 12:40. He welcomed everyone and congratulated Ted Napier on winning the Hugh Hammon Bennet Award.

Ted discussed the chapter awards. He has served on the leadership committee the last few years, and has reviewed the nomination for the chapter awards. He stated that knowing what Ohio has done, we would have won an award every year. Part of the award requires an annual report. We would need to do this, it is relatively simple. He strongly recommended we form a committee to accomplish this. He would serve as a liaison for that. The information is on the website for the SWCS. They are due in February or March. Sandy volunteered to work with Chris Coulon to draft something, Ted agreed to review.

*Moved by Dave, seconded by Lloyd, to formally congratulate Dr. Ted Napier on behalf of the Ohio Chapter on winning his award.*

**Secretary Report:**

*Sandy moved to approve the Jan and Feb executive council meeting minutes as emailed, Lloyd seconded. Motion carried.*

**Treasurer's report:**

Bob discussed the audit. He sat in on it with Tim Gerber. He contacted Irene to change signatures. It will be at Chase bank. There are 2 CD's that mature tomorrow. He discussed the amount available for scholarships; it is outlined in Tim's letter for the audit.

There was a discussion on the scholarship fund. *Sandy moved to place the scholarship fund plus the 541.79 from the checking account into a 3 month CD, Dave seconded. Motion carried.*

*Dave moved to take \$200 from the interest from the envirothon CD and earmark it towards the 2008 envirothon, and take remaining interest and donations and place it into a three month CD, Mary Ann seconded. Motion carried.*

*Dave moved to accept the audit report, and thanked the committee Barry Allred and Tim Gerber for their report, Mary Ann seconded. Motion carried.*

Brent reported that Jim Bennet and John Armentano will serve on the audit committee next year.

Bob reviewed the cash accounts. Brent is going to follow up with OSU on the \$1,500 unpaid invoice. Budget – Bob will work with Brent.

Eugene was here to help us make the student chapter work. TerAQu is the name of the student group. They were headed up by a student leader, who recently graduated. They have been holding meetings with the Wildlife Society. There are some programs they have done in the

past, watershed like conservation projects for intercity kids, they do a fund raising program where they collect fish and do consultation on fish populations for the landowner. Dr. Veirginie, would like to see a broader interest for the group. Ideas were discussed: attending their meeting as a speaker, fund an on campus event, local watershed groups removing dams, reviewing the plans, doing projects on the Gwen Conservation area – funding transportation, tree planting with the SWCD, subcontract with the chapter to manage the website. A large activity in the spring can get them involved for the following year.

*Sandy moved we provide we provide \$10 / paid student membership by end of fall quarter to the student club to fund a project in collaboration with the Ohio Chapter SWCS. Sandy moved to call the question, Dave seconded. Motion carried.*

**Awards Committee:** Brent has not heard back from Art Brate yet.

Newsletter: Discussion of potential articles. Chris is working on the newsletter now.

Website: Sandy discussed what she found with some private companies. Discussion on costs.

To design, and to buy software will both cost money. General discussion was not to pay for redesign. Brent / Bob were going to do some follow up with NRCS webmaster and software info on current system.

**Summer meeting:**

Dave is looking for timeframe for date at Hocking College. He discussed sites: Wayne National Forest, trail horsemanship, Acid Mine Drainage, new program on renewable fuels. Decision included Mineland tour. Tentative date: Aug 13 -14.

**New Business:**

Brent passed out position descriptions developed by Sean Browning. Everyone needs to review in accordance with the by-laws. Be prepared to vote on at the next meeting. Sandy asked some questions, the Archive committee was discussed, it was recommended to have Rob Hamilton on the next teleconference to provide an overview on what is in it. Discussed the sheet “Archive Guide - how to use the archives”.

**Review of Strategic Plan:**

Brent passed out the existing plan. He discussed the public policy goal, Object 3. It was agreed to move forward with a committee description.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 PM

Submitted by:

Sandy Chenal, Secretary