

Ohio Chapter Soil and Water Society
Board Minutes
March 14, 2008

Brent called the meeting to order at 2:05. He welcomed the new board members.

In attendance: Bob Parkinson, Lloyd Owens, Dave Libben, Alan Sundermeier, Sandy Chenal, John Clark, Brent Sohngen, Mary Ann Core, Rich Gehring, Chris Coulon, and Robert McCall.

Secretary's report: The last meeting minutes were not sent out, they will be held for the next meeting. Brent thanked Lloyd & Rich for putting together the annual report that goes to Ankeny. It is due at end of the year (due Feb 15th). It is hard to do since it is so close to the annual meeting. Ted Napier (on the committee nationally) urged us to submit for the outstanding Chapter Award. We did not send in for it this year, but did in 2007 for 2006.

Treasurer's report. It was emailed today. There was a question on the period of the report. Due to the question, it was decided to wait to get the final report for the year, which should be completed in the next few weeks, once the transfer of the books takes place.

Brent talked about Tim Gerber and Barry Allred, wanting to step down from doing the audit. We need someone to do it next year. Suggest names: Jim Bennett, Ed Everman and John Armentano.

Scheduling of next meeting. The first Friday of the Month from 12:30 -2:30 pm. Teleconferences will be held on the first Friday of the month.

Dave Libben said Hocking College is willing to host our summer meeting. He is thinking Thursday mid-month. He provided a brief overview of the programs of Hocking College. Potential program: Morning classroom presentation, lunch on site, with afternoon tour (Lake Snoden, etc). After discussion, Dave asked for emails and suggestions.

Committee reports:

Awards:

Lloyd reported on several Chapter and Society award nominations: 3 individual awards, Ted Napier for the Hugh Hammond Bennentt award (submitted by Sean Browning), Andy Ward for a Commendation award (submitted by Robert McCall, and Norm Fausey for Conservation Research award (submitted by Lloyd Owens). Brent thanked Lloyd for doing this!

Publications:

This committee was turned over to Larry Antosch. The announcements for awards have gone out. They are given out during the summer meeting.

Membership: (vacant) Dave Libben reported that Kara Tucker is willing to chair this committee. John Clark recommended membership needs to be everyone's job! Brent challenged everyone to bring on two new members this year. Lloyd recommended that the list serve be cross checked with the list from Ankeny.

Newsletter: Chris Coulon discussed the number of issues. She tried to coordinate it with events to make it timely. Suggested times: April, Summer, and Fall. She did get an article about John Gerken as outstanding member from Art Brate. Craig Cox has agreed to write something for us. Norm Fausey and Kevin King have agreed to take a technical article and convert it more in field terms. Chris has a few member profiles she can use. John suggested meeting dates be included, and a meeting summary from the annual meeting. It was suggested everyone come up with a few upcoming events to submit for the newsletter from May – end of summer.

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Scholarship – Angel emailed, stating she would like to continue to lead this. There will be a June 1st deadline. He thanked her for her efforts!

Student Chapter – Brent had conversations with Eugene Braig and Virginie Bouchard about the student chapter. It has been dormant. They have some students who are interested. She would like to see the chapter pick up a particular project they can work on as a group. (like a streambank project) He will put an email out on the list serve to see if anyone has any potential projects. Brent asked if the board might be willing to support the chapter with a small amount of funds for a project. Mary Ann may have some suggestions and will meet with Brent and Virginia.

Website: Robert McCall – he used the software Contribute 3. His version wasn't updated quickly enough, and it obtained a virus. The University does not support this software now. The University is using something different now. Nathan Watermeier got us our own domain name, it is on the university server. Options include: getting someone from the University to do this, or get someone to do it with a private vendor which may charge \$120/year. Brent would like to have someone do it for 3 years. Sandy volunteered to get an estimate for the website. www.ohiochapterswcs.org.

Old business

Winter meeting Brent asked Alan for final summary. No report. Brent thanked Alan for his efforts. We broke even, and maybe made a few dollars.

2008 Summer Meeting in Arizona Brent asked if anyone was attending. If anyone knows anyone who is going let Brent know. Last year's official representative was Ted Napier.

New Business

None.

Next meeting April 4th, 12:30 pm @ OSU. The first Friday of the month will be the regular meeting date for teleconference. Next face to face meeting will be in October.

Mary Ann Moved to adjourn, Bob Parkinson Seconded, motion carried. Meeting Adjourned 3:15pm.

Submitted by:
Sandra Chenal
Secretary