

Draft Executive Board Meeting minutes

February 1, 2017 3:00 p.m.

Tan-Tar-A Room 70

Attendees:

Ryan Diener (President)

Tony Elliott (Past-President)

Charles Anderson (Board Member)

Mary Crowell (Secretary)

Brad Jump (President Elect)

Jeff Powelson (Farmer Conservationist Award Chair)

Tom Kulowiec (Resolutions Committee)

Margie Mitchell (Historian)

Luke Miller (Chambers Memorial Scholarship Chair)

Shane Kampeter (MNRC steering)

Ryan called to order 3:06 pm. Allison will be attending tomorrow's annual meeting.

Copies of the October minutes were reviewed. Charles moved to approve minutes with two minor corrections, seconded by Brad.

Brad presented the treasurer's report. The year-end balance for 2106 was \$5,836.66. Brad updated the board on treasurer situation. He received all the books on Friday from past treasurer and worked over the weekend to get a report together. The board will need to talk about Chambers fundraising and gun raffle to clarify some credits and debits. We may need to address the annual business meeting about what looks like doubling the scholarship. Since the scholarship was to pay out of principal, the board made the decision to pay the last two scholarships out of our account. Brad will reprint the report for the annual business meeting. Three travel grants are shown, one was from 2015 fall. Margie suggested make corrections to the report and attached the corrected one to the minutes. Ryan and Brad will work together to straighten out the confusion of from the Chambers fundraising items. Kevin and Rhonda worked on the audit. Margie requested to break down costs for each student workshop for the record. If there are questions about the confusion of records at the annual business meeting, the treasurer seat was vacated and doesn't need further explanation. Brad will reprint before tomorrow's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Chambers: Between the sporting clays event and the gun raffle drawn at the professional development workshop, we made enough to cover this year's \$500 scholarship and deposited \$370+ to the account. This year's sporting clay event is scheduled for April 8th at River Hills. This year's gun will be a Remington 700. We will sell tickets here at MNRC and new board members will sell them up until the drawing at the clay shoot event. This should alleviate MOTWS from paying the scholarship or taking it out of the principal. The Chambers savings accounts have a low interest rate. Dan Zekor may bring Glen tomorrow for award presentation if he is feeling well.

MNRC workshop planning: This year each society is trying directed workshops. Ryan found two speakers, one is not coming due to illness but may be able to do a webinar of sorts. We will jack the phone into the AV system and forward through slides. Both speakers are from out of state, Alison Tipton and Kristine Niemick. The theme for the workshop must tie back to conference theme: soil nutrients, native seedings developments, and soil microbes. MNRC committee decided to have each society do one of these workshops and provided us up to \$1500 for travel

so MOTWS is not out any money. With one speaker not traveling, we are well under our allowance for the workshop.

Executive Board Appointments: The exec board originally missed the clause in the bylaws and have appointed and voted in Allison Leisenring for a 1 year term as treasurer. The cycle of voting for board member is off according to the bylaws. It will be easier to have this year's board member be on a 1 year term to get back on schedule instead of changing bylaws. Jessi Tapp would be appointed a one year and then she can run again to be elected for 2 year term at 2018 MNRC. We will have to explain the election schedule got off in 2006 and this will correct the issue. Hopefully more candidates will run against Allison and Jessi in 2018. Brad will call for nominations at this year's annual meeting during new business. Our other option is hold the election 30 days after getting full slate of candidates out to the membership to vote on. Voting by national office online takes 70 days to add members that didn't pay through national. We will need to add to that information about timing to the ops manual. Voting online after MNRC would delay the spring student workshop because the exec board wouldn't be the same slate of folks. The parent society gave us exemption for not having a full slate of candidates as outlined in the bylaws, the exec board voted to move forward. If needed, we will ask for approval from the membership at the annual meeting.

Award Recipients: plaques picked up and have write ups prepared. Names have been double checked. Jeff asked if the farmer-conservationist award that is given away at the business meeting could be moved to the awards ceremony. Societies used to be limited to two awards at the ceremony. Shane will see if it's an option for moving to awards ceremony. Not much fun for landowner to go business meeting verses going to dessert bar. Shane thinks it won't be an issue to move but will check. Margie reminded exec board to keep the perpetual plaques up to date. Ryan noted the gaps have been updated and will be adding 2016/17 winner's soon.

NEW BUSINESS

MNRC committee: Shane will bring up moving the farmer-conservationist award. We have 33 people presenting that haven't paid for registration. Some are moderators, maybe didn't realize presenters should register. The MRNC planning committee is giving each society \$1500 for directed workshops. Money can be used for materials, presenters, whatever we need for MNRC. Next year we could possibly do new things, such as a continuing education workshop for students. This was a first this year of directed workshops. They have comp rooms for students. Forestry and Soils didn't take a room so they have some to give away to students. He could also give comp room to award winners, especially if staying Thursday night. Student comp rooms are from different pot, can be used Wednesday or Thursday. All he needs is advisor and student name. Soon he will start begging for volunteers for MRNC steering committee. Charles, Tom K, and Margie volunteered to help Shane. Social and arrangements are covered. Make a list of all the committees that need to be filled and motws can send out to make a plea.

MU Student fellowship scholarship: with turmoil among MOTWS and Josh Millspaugh leaving MU, we didn't have a committee chair, Mitch Weegman has agreed to take over. There's not enough time to have winner announced at MNRC this year. We are still going to award one later in the next couple of months. We will need to send Mitch the ops manual section. Ryan will explain the situation at the annual business meeting.

Diana Hallett donated \$2500 for her challenge match. Most of that came in through their big ask of old recipients from direct mailing. Email asks and website had minimal contributions.

Chuck: will check mailbox tomorrow morning

Lincoln University will be able to present student report, but not becoming a chapter due to limited student involvement.

Next board meeting: March 8 via conference call 9 a.m.

Tony motioned to adjourn , Charles seconded.