

IESWCS Ex. Bd. Meeting
Colfax Service Center
Sept. 5, 2008

Meeting called to order at 10:10 am, with Don McCool, Emily Pickron, Steve Sprecher, Steve Rolph, Vern McMaster, Georgie Leinweber, Dave Brown, Shelly Lassiter and Ann Swannack attending.

Induction of new officers:

Dave Brown- N Idaho Panhandle
Emily Pickron- Treasurer
Steve Rolph- Central WA
Steve Sprecher- SE WA
Photo of officers taken.

Minutes from the 8-11-08 meeting were reviewed and corrected. Georgie moved and Vern seconded to approve as corrected. Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

No report available. Emily has not received the chapter's treasury materials.
-Ann will send the Sponsorship form to all Ex. Bd. Members

Fall meeting:

Planned to be held in Ellensburg on Friday, October 17th. One day meeting. Anna Ell, Kittitas Conservation District might be a good contact. Petrified Forest, WA DOE 'Columbia River Water Management Plan'

-Source metering project, irrigation efficiency- Mark County Reclamation...

-Yakima: Soil moisture meters and irrigation on demand.

Site: Quincy, Vantage, George? Grant CD? Ephrata FO, Grant Co. PUD

Speakers:

Date: October 17th

Notification/Poster:

Steve Rolph and Ann Swannack will make inquiries and get the agenda set ASAP and report to the Ex. Bd. next week

Old Business

- Roger Veseth Scholarship: Committee will meet soon. Dennis Roe suggested targeting high school students and working with High School counselors in the region to publicize the scholarship. .

- Federal Campaign for United Way route for the donations to the chapter, Shelly offered to check on this with the NRCS Federal United Way contact. The group discussed setting aside some of this for the Veseth Scholarship Fund.

- Georgie will get a gift for presentation to Esther at the fall meeting when she is recognized as Treasurer Emeritus. She was approved by consensus for up to \$200.

- Professional development during our meetings. Can we improve the NRCS attitude towards Professional Society membership? Our chapter needs to provide technical

training during our meetings and our supervisors need to encourage professional development.

- Can CEU's for the fall meeting be obtained? Must be requested prior...how much notification time for each?
- Shelly volunteered to help Steve & Dave (NRCS training officer) to follow up on CEU's for our semi-annual meetings to increase attendance and membership. Also to be considered to assist other groups to get credits for their technical training. CEU committee of Dave Brown, Steve Sprecher, Shelly Lassiter and Dennis Roe.
- Recommend that member write their IDP to include "Professional Development"

New Business

Spring meeting/meeting topics:

- A follow-up to our fall meeting...Ice Age Flood Institute field tour? Steve Sprecher will ask Paul Dorning (member of the local chapter) on a local contact to make arrangements.
- AgriNet, NOAA, weather station, WSU IPM weather stations,
- Forestry emphasis in the new farm bill...
- History/cultural resources

Fall Ex. Bd. Meeting tentatively scheduled for Nov. 14, 10 am at Colfax.

Web site

By-laws are on the web site now. Discussion of the Ex. Bd. Director's notebooks...make copies for those who don't have one now.

National web site has been updated and now includes a member's only site, SWCS Network and blog site.

Newsletter

Steve Durgin has volunteered to do the fall newsletter. He'll need the fall meeting information ASAP.

Soil and Wetland Scientist certification program

-Steve Rolph presented a draft letter from IESWCS in support of a certification program for private (not government or academic) Soil & Wetland Scientist. The WA Dept. of Licensing does not currently have a way to verify credentials. Dave Brown moved and Georgie Leinweber seconded that IESWCS support sending this letter to Mr. Tim Riebe, President of the WA Society of Professional Soil Scientists.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Swannack, Vice-President
Secretary Pro-tem