

Minutes for IESWCS Fall Business Meeting November 05, 2010 Spokane, Washington

Don Mc Cool welcomed everyone and opened the business meeting. Ann Swannack is with her husband who is recuperating from surgery. Don invited everyone to introduce themselves. About 24 attendees.

Minutes: Were read by Tim Dring, there no minutes due to no quorum.

Treasurer's report: Emily Pickron gave us a report and will be attached as part of the minutes. Some of the funds in our checking have been moved to CD's and are laddered. Our money came from the national meeting held several years ago. Patrice asked if now is the time to apply for the Veseth Scholarship funds. Don stated that he will report on the Veseth fund in a little bit.

Directors Reports: All are in the newsletter. Dave Brown commented that in North Idaho the biggest deal is the EPA clean up of the CDL basin. Most big work is wrapping up and the entire basin is being targeted for treatment. It will be a major effort over the next fifty years; and the spring meeting may well include a tour of a wetland restoration that occurred in the basin.

Old Business: Don went through the proposed changes in the bylaws, the biggest change was to increase the terms of the VP and Pres. Leonard Johnson and Steve Durgin made a motion to approve the changes, Steve Durgin spoke in support of the changes. Don held a vote and it was approved overwhelmingly. Don was the only one to vote against.

Election nominations, Shelly the nominations open for this round will be the VP, Treasurer, Southern Idaho, and Northeast WA. Steve Durgin nominated Emily to continue has treasurer. The deadline for nominations is 12/01/2010.

On Roger Veseth fund for scholarship, Don handed out a proposal and explained how it may be used for Natural Resource degree students. Leonard asked if any of the professors at the area colleges are aware of the funds existence. Don said no not yet. Don said the details of how to administer the funds are being worked out. Dave Brown asked how much is being awarded to students; \$2000.00 per year is the answer. There is no application deadline. Dave Brown spoke about the need for sideboards. Shelley suggested that we refer to the guidelines used by the national scholarships. She spoke about the three national scholarships, and Dave stated that we need to get out the message so we can attract the best applicants, Dave suggested we target sophomores and it may help us to better target the money especially sophomores may better know what their major education goals are. Bruce Frazer said that with no deadline, it makes it difficult for the review board to meet. There are also far less Natural Resources students out there, further complicating spending the money. It was also stated that this money is not just for soils majors, but any Natural Resources major. The biggest problem is that there are just too few students. Steve Durgin suggested that background guidance still needs to be determined. Also the mechanics of who with the IESWCS will decide who evaluates. Shelley Lassiter explained how national decides who gets the money. Shelley then briefly explained the process. Bruce stated that we need to have a committee to do this. Shelley stated that it is hard to get a hold of the students who are awarded the scholarship. Bruce stated that we might as a society decide to spend some of the money on the scholarship that we put in a CD from checking.

Bruce spoke about the Verle Kaiser grant, Bruce is trying to spend out information through the schools of soils, etc. and Conservation Districts, see Brochure. Bruce is trying to replace some committee members. A standing committee member is needed. Steve Durgin asked if the Kaiser Grant is new money, how does it work? Bruce explained the money is part of an endowment. When the committee accepts a proposal, the sustainable ag. group reimburses the group after the event has happened, so you have to have money to make money.

Shelly made the motion to adjourn, and Steve Rolph seconded. Business meeting ended at 10:00.

Respectfully submitted

Tim Dring Secretary