

Minutes for IESWCS Spring Business Meeting

April 15, 2011 Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Ann Swannack welcomed everyone and opened the business meeting. Ann talked about her two year term and apologized for missing the fall meeting. Ann invited everyone to introduce themselves. There were about 19 attendees.

Minutes: Were read by Tim Dring, from the fall 2010 meeting. One correction was needed concerning the election and the secretary's position needing to be voted on and not the treasurer's position. Dave Brown made a motion to approve the minutes and Mark Cottrell seconded.

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. Shelly moved to approve the treasurer's report and Steve Sprecher seconded, the motion carried.

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.

Vern McMaster will send a digital report to Steve Durgin.

Sally Bredeweg reported. We will ask her for a digital report.

Dave Kraft made a few comments about his upcoming role as NE Director.

Steve Sprecher spoke about the Southeast Washington area. He reported that he is very busy and he has updated his email list where all but one 89 year old refused to go email.

New Business: Dig It!

The Secrets of Soil, Smithsonian Exhibit. There will be a planning conference on the exhibit in July, 2011. Do we want to fund, in part, this exhibit? Dave suggested that we empower the executive committee to donate \$200.00 to the planning meeting and then \$1500.00 for the exhibit based on the needs of the project. Judd seconded that. Steve Sprecher added we need someone to take a lead and find Dave Brown volunteered to be our contact. There is also an opportunity to show off our Chapter according to Steve Durgin, we need to investigate how to make that happen. The motion carried.

National SWCS Conference Delegate, Washington D.C. July 17-20, 2011, Sally Bredeweg is going as our delegate. Steve Durgin mentioned that with the new by-laws will we send the VP only every other year? The matter is a bit undecided. The 2012 meeting will be in San Antonio, Texas.

Protecting Natural Resources with Conservation Buffers Workshop, Oregon & Inland Empire SWCS Sponsors. Shelly spoke about the Workshop and how the workshop will be under attended due to the federal budget. So we may end up paying close to \$1000.00 because we did not fill the rooms at the hotel. Ann stated that many Conservation District employees will be attending. Bill Elliot stated he was going and providing two talks. He will report upon his return.

Ann thanked Steve Durgin for his work on the Newsletter. She visited Ester who is doing OK and Ann has the material that Ester had so she is now the keeper.

Old Business:

Ann announced Don McCool's retirement party set for May 17th, 2011 at the Quality Inn, Pullman, WA.

Ann said that we will be going the WSU and the U of I, to discuss how to offer a \$2000.00 Roger Veseth scholarship to a sophomore. We want to get this money out and do something with the cash we have. So instead of an endowment, which we still want, we are going to try to select a student and award the funds. Bruce Fraser voiced concern about adequately offering this to the U of I. Ann mentioned that the Natural Resources department is what will be targeted.

Installation of Officers

President- Shelly Lassiter
Vice-President – Sally Bredeweg
Secretary – Steve Durgin
NE Director- Dave Kraft
South Idaho – Vern McMaster
Central Washington – Troy Peters

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

Respectfully submitted
Tim Dring Secretary