

Wisconsin Chapter of the Soil & Water Conservation Society
Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 31, 2007
Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, WI

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by President, Steve Prissel. Others present were Mike Lieurance, Jon Field, Peggie James, Gene Hausner, Jerry Griswold, Wally Sedlar, Ty Larson, Barry Bubolz, Deanna Stirmel, Matt Otto, Pat Murphy

Mike Lieurance indicated that he was going to step down as the Program Development Chair. Steve Prissel volunteered to be the new Chair. Others on the Committee will be Mike Lieurance, Ty Larson, Jim Hebbe, Jerry Griswold and Gene Hausner.

Jerry Griswold introduced himself and indicated he wanted to get more active with the WI Chapter and Council.

Wally Sedlar, representing the Natural Resources Program from Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC), introduced himself and indicated that he wanted to start a student chapter at FVTC to get more involved with the WI Chapter and Council.

Minutes from the last Council Meeting (9-18-06, Stevens Point) were read by Ty Larson and unanimously approved by the council.

Treasurer's Report: Gene Hausner explained the different accounts for the Chapter. Within the next few years we'll need to be looking at funding avenues as the funds are starting to dwindle. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Mike Lieurance, seconded by Barry Bubolz. Motion Carried.

Area Representative Reports: Barry Bubolz, Region 3 Rep., reported of the past year's activities and tours held. No other Regional Representatives were present. A discussion occurred over how was the new reps for Regions 2, 4, and 6. Ty Larson will contract Barb Thompson to confirm election results.

Plan of Work 2007: It was decided that we would meet in the Dining Hall in front of the fireplace to work on the Plan of Work for 2007 after our tour of the Green Lake Conference Center.

Newsletters: A short discussion occurred in regards to newsletters. Michael Stinebrink is the new Newsletter Coordinator. Matt Otto reminded the Council that the Newsletter Coordinator is a member of the Council. Ty Larson will remind Michael that he is a member of the Council.

Gene Hausner brought up that NRCS has covered conference calls in the past for the Chapter/Council. He wasn't sure if that would continue due to budgets and his retirement. SWCS can schedule their own calls and it would probably run around \$40/call.

Website: Matt Otto talked about the website. Not much work has been done on it yet, but many possibilities are present. Jim Hebbe mentioned that Derek Kavanaugh from his staff is really good with web applications and has volunteered his assistance in the coming year.

Nominations: Barb Thompson was not present to give a report on nominations and elections of officers. Gene Hausner made a motion to accept the nominations as collected by Barb, seconded by Matt Otto. Motion Carried.

West North Central Report: Peggie James reported on the activities of the West North Central Chapter – SWCS. She will be organizing a Leadership Workshop again this spring. Location will most likely be Platteville and the dates will be Mid-April. There will also be a conference on the impacts of increased biofuel production on conservation in Dubuque, Iowa, October 16th – 18th. Peggie was going to try and get Steve Bertjens from Southwest Badger RC&D to help with the conference.

Motion to adjourn made by Jim Hebbe, seconded by Ty Larson. Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.