

November 9, 2009

Western RC&D Teleconference

5:00 pm Mountain Standard Time
1-866-732-9373 / 669817

Present:

Robert Perry President
Clyde Hanson, 2nd VP
Susie Klein, Treasure

Absent:

Bruce Krutch, 1st VP
Nellie Zion, Secretary

Joe Leightnam, Awards Committee
Sue Sutherland, Montana
Bruce Vincent, Montana
Jack Pugsley, Wyoming
Scott Kudrna, Nebraska
Jim Schmidt,
Gurn Brown, Utah

Perry opened the meeting with role call and participants location. Thanking each for their attendance. Joe L. was credited with contacting State Presidents regarding Awards and encouraging telcom. attendance.

A report was give by Sue Sutherland regarding the teleconference meeting for the 2010 Western Conference in Missoula Montana. Dates are January 31 thru February 3, 2010. The teleconference was successful and covered proposed agenda including potential speakers (Bruce Vincent as Inspirational Speaker) and presented concern regarding presentation of Success Stories. Conf. Committee will request two success stories from each council and photographs of success stories for a photo back ground power-point to be run through out the conference. Details need refinement and suggestions are welcome. Perry (unable to attend the teleconference on Friday the 6th.) voiced concern regarding time allotment for the Western Business meeting which will include election of three board positions; President, 2nd VP and Secretary.

An excellent report was received by the participants.

Clyde Hanson, Idaho indicated a kick off teleconference will be held on Nov. 13(?) for the 2011 Western Conf in Idaho.

Treasurer's report was given by Susie Klein:

Finance statement of funds was given by Susie with information regarding operating fund deposits of \$3,253.75 reflecting the Western Association share of the Spearfish South Dakota Western Conference and \$600 dues payments for 2009. Most councils have paid the dues for 2009 though there are still some councils outstanding. There was a request to post the budget on the Web site and Scott Kudrna requested an email copy for his efforts to work with Nebraska councils. Susie indicated a board request to increase

dues by \$50.00 for the upcoming fiscal year, making annual dues \$250.00. Clyde Hanson read bylaws regarding Dues be established at the annual business meeting in conjunction with the budget presentation. Brenda Smythe, bylaws committee will be notified to determine the notification requirements prior to the upcoming annual business meeting.

Joe Leightnam provide information regarding the Awards Committee, as noted earlier, Joe has been in touch with most State Presidents regarding submission of Awards nominations. The due date for submission has been extended to December 1, 2009. Perry informed Joe that the National RC&D office was requesting award nomination from the regions and they are due to the National Office by December 1, 2009. Joe reminded the board that our award nomination run 1 year behind, last years Western awards will be put forward for this Dec. 1, deadline. Joe and his committee are moving forward with the process of collecting nominations.

Susie Klein requested information regarding school address for the Scholarship award so the Fall semester check could be mailed. Joe will up date that information ASAP.

Susie Klein left the Conference call at approximately 5:40 pm MST.

General information was requested from the participating group and passed along.

Items of interest included;

South Dakota workshops, Updates to the website regarding meeting minutes and committee chairs,

Concerns were noted by Jim Schmidt regarding the NRCS determination for defining “meritorius councils” as applied to NRCS/RC&D funding. Susie Klein offered information from the National Board meeting indicating Andy Gordon, National Office will be sitting on the committee as well as keeping council with Ex. Director John Hoagen. The RC&D councils are being supported by the National Office in this respect. Perry told of the potential of initiating Nation RC&D Conferences on a two year cycle (even numbered years) beginning next year (2010). The National office staff is looking forward to working on these conferences and site an increased interest from potential national corporate sponsors. Perry also reported a profit share check delivered to the New Mexico State Association of 19 thousand plus dollars from the 2009 Nat’l Conf. held in Albuquerque and stressed if possible it’s good to host a conference.

Various other information was passed along.

At 5:55 pm MST Perry indicated there was a need for a motion to accept the finance report and a motion for ajornment. Both were made and seconded and passed unanimously. Perry thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting ended. At 5:58 pm MST.

Robert Perry, Meeting Scribe