



AZ Chapter of Soil and Water Conservation Society
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2009
Wildlife World Zoo & Aquarium, Glendale, Arizona

Meeting called to order - by Cathy McGuire at 1:10 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions – Members present were Kris Graham Chavez, Cathy McGuire, Mohammed Zerkoune, Mary Nichols, Kris Johnson, and Gary Wendt. Guest present was Claire Wendt

Treasurer's Report – Regular checking Account - \$18,191.35; check written to Envirothon \$1,000.00, has not cleared. Scholarship Account - \$19.81. Savings Account - \$1,271.07. Acacia Scholarship Fund - \$29,193.15.

Minutes from February 27, 2009 – Mary motioned to accept the minutes as presented, Cathy seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Ben Avery Scholarship -

- ❖ Brochure – Kris Graham Chavez will email Mary Nichols an electronic version of the application for posting on the website.
- ❖ Packets – All Arizona colleges and universities received a packet in the mail. Email reminders were sent out last week. To date, we have received 1 application. All applications must be postmarked by April 30, 2009.

Natural Resources Conservation Workshop for Arizona Youth (NRCWAY)

Mary is going to check with workshop leaders to see what they may need and get back to the board with her findings.

2009 International Meeting - July 11-15 ♦ Dearborn, Michigan

- ❖ Attendance
 - House Delegate to Michigan – Kris Graham Chavez
 - Other attendees:
 - Cathy McGuire will be attending to accept the Chapter Achievement Award.
 - Chapter member Mark Nearing, Research Leader at South Western Research Center will receive the SWCS 2009 Best Paper Research Award for Impact and Quality of a Paper.

Website -

- ❖ Mary Nichols requested reimbursement for web hosting service fee of

\$35.78/2 years. Cathy motioned to reimburse Mary for her expenses, Gary seconded, motion passed unanimously. Mary volunteered to provide her time to update and maintain the website. Kris Graham Chavez wrote a check for reimbursement.

Fall Workshop -

- ❖ Erosion Control – Mary Nichols will help plan a fall workshop in Prescott area. Dave Moore has a rehabilitation project which would make a great field trip. Potential date Sept. 15 – Oct. 15.

Election of Officers -

Discussion proceeded to the election of officers from the recently elected board members.

Two board members are interested in the position of President they are Dave Moore and Mohammed Zerkoune. A vote was taken; results are Dave Moore – 5, Mohammed Zerkoune – 0, abstention – 1. Chapter President will be Dave Moore, Secretary will be Kris Johnson, and Treasurer will be Kris Graham Chavez.

Chapter Newsletter –

Board members would like to bring the newsletter back to life and have one ready by the third week of May. Items to include are: Board members and officers, Chapter Achievement Award, Mark Neering's Award, Michigan Conference, Proposed Fall Meeting, Scholarship Recipients, and Proposed Plans of Work (Short term '09-'10, and Long term '11, '12,'13).

Cathy will draft a Proposed Plan of Work and send to Kris J., she will send to board members for their review. Kris will then summarize and re-send out to officers. Plan of Work will be posted in the newsletter, with comments to be requested from the membership.

Next meeting –

Will be held either June 12 or 26 in Flagstaff at the Willow Bend Education Center.

Adjournment –

Gary motioned to adjourn the meeting, Cathy seconded, motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kris Johnson
Secretary