

**Soil and Water Conservation Society
Empire State Chapter**

Council Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2006

Present: Dan Dostie; Sarah Kron; Josh Hornesky; William Keating; Mike Dennis; Don Kuhn; Brian Boerman; Jim Hotaling; Tibor Horvath

The council meeting started at 10:00 am via teleconference. Dan made a motion to accept the minutes from the February council meeting, Sarah seconded.

Tibor presented the financial report. Total Checking/Savings \$31,403.52, accounts receivable \$3,876.00.

The council discussed the requests submitted for travel reimbursement to the SWCS Annual Conference in Colorado. Applicants: Peter Wright, Gary Sick, Jim Hotaling, Dan Dostie, Sarah Kron, Henry Kelsey, Tibor Horvath, Dana Chapman and Brian Boerman. Jim Hotaling asked for \$250.00 only. Bill Keating raised the concern of using up all funds for this event that we never did before in this volume. Dan Dostie and Sarah Kron withdrew their applications. Dan recommended reimbursing only Peter Wright and Tibor Horvath 100% of their travel costs and 50% to other members who applied. Peter is receiving a Fellowship Award and Tibor is the President for the Chapter. Sarah made a motion to set the maximum reimbursable amount \$1,500 for Pete and Tibor and \$750 for all other applicants. Dan seconded, carried.

The Colorado Chapter sent a letter asking support from us for their Silent Auction. Tibor will send out an email to chapter members asking them to send items to him as donations for the Colorado silent auction. Colorado did help us last year in the Rochester event.

2006 Annual Meeting: Brian Boerman reported that he would like to have topics in reduced tillage and CAFO updates on our annual meeting. He would like to invite Ray Rawson from Illinois who is a well known speaker nationwide.

The council discussed the date and location of our 2006 annual meeting and came to a decision to keep it in Auburn Holiday Inn on November 9, 2006.

2007 Canon Envirothon: Jim Hotaling volunteered to send out an email to all Northeast chapters asking them for donations for the 2007 Canon Envirothon that will be held in NY.

2006 Conservation Skills Workshop: Jim Lieberum submitted a written request to the chapter for a \$750 donation for the 2006 Conservation Skills Workshop. The chapter supported this event every year in the past. Brian made a motion to pay the donation, Dan seconded.

Bub Barra request for support his Manitoba trip: Bub Barra chapter member who is representing the chapter in the Canon Envirothon will travel to Manitoba for the National Envirothon. Dan made the motion to pay \$400 for Bub to help in his costs traveling to Manitoba, Canada. Sarah seconded.

Sarah asked the council to give her permission for purchasing folders and envelopes. Brian made the motion to let Sarah purchase the supplies and Dan seconded.

Bill Keating asked the council to support the Adirondack Water Festival with a \$100 donation. Brian made a motion to approve the request and Mike seconded.

The council meeting adjourned at 11:08. Minutes by Tibor Horvath