

Communications Focus Area Committee
Meeting Minutes
AISWCD Quarterly Board
Northfield Inn, Springfield, IL
February 26, 2014

Members/Advisors Present:

Sue Davis
Dan Doedtman
Dan Duval
Amy Ishmael
Ken Kesler
Steve Stierwalt, Chairperson
Kenny Vosholler
Jason Anderson
Melissa Cauble
Joe Rothermel

Members/Advisors Absent:

Tom Anderson
Angela Biggs, NRCS
Carlyn Light
Mark Roth
Sarah Seelbach, IEPA

Chairman Steve Stierwalt called the meeting to order. Sue Davis did the Roll Call for the Committee.

Approve the Agenda-A motion was made by Ken Kesler and seconded by Dan Doedtman to approve the Agenda as presented, motion carried.

Approval of the December 2013 Meeting Minutes-A motion was made by Ken Kesler and seconded by Dan Doedtman to approve the December 2013 meeting minutes as presented, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

LUC Meeting Role Update-Rich Nichols not in this meeting. Steve Stierwalt discussed the possibility of having different areas of Director Training at LUC meetings, possibly the FOIA training. He discussed that good modules have been developed but are not regularly being used in all areas. If the meetings advertised ahead of time that Director Training would be offered there might be more attend. There was discussion of hold LUC meetings by phone, as has been done before, particularly in LUC 9. A motion was made by Dan Doedtman and seconded by Dan Duval for the AISWCD to put together a "How To" for LUC meetings to hold them by teleconference and let the AISWCD know when and where all LUC meetings are held, motion carried. Also, this committee is asking all LUC to submit their minutes to the Communications Committee or the AISWCD each time a meeting is held.

Dot Point Highlights-Discussion was held on the Dot Point Highlights.

Farm Bureau Support and Resolution Update- It was thought that a Resolution in support of SWCD's would be presented at Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting last December but this did not happen. It was stated that one RC has been asked recently to talk to the SWAT team. Steve Stierwalt will look into this with the Farm Bureau. Dan Duval will keep Steve Stierwalt involved about the SWAT meeting.

Affiliate Membership Update-It was stated that \$546 has been collected with the memberships and pins have not been purchased yet.

NEW BUSINESS

Legislative Day Event-It was a great event yesterday with possibly 56 attending or more. The day started at IDOA with a planning session and lunch. Then the participants were divided into groups and then were assigned Legislators to visit with. The groups especially concentrated on the Ag and Appropriations Committee members. There was a 4 o'clock reception held across from the Capitol at Boone's Saloon. There were close to 20 Legislators attending along with their Aides. We were pleased that Director Flider attended the Reception. It was stated that for next year more color copies are needed to hand out to extra Legislators that are visited with throughout the day. It was stated that some legislators need to be contacted at their local, home offices.

A motion was made by Dan Doedtman and seconded by Dan Duval to adjourn, motion carried.

Submitted by: Sue M. Davis
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