

**Minutes**  
**Minnesota Sunflower Council**  
**Conference Call – 7:15 AM – May 18, 2016**

Members Present: John Swanson; Kevin Capistran; Steven Schmidt and Jerry Hasnedl Payment

Others Present: Tina Mittelsteadt and John Sandbakken

The meeting was called to order by John Swanson at 7:15 AM.

The minutes of the January 13, 2016, meeting were reviewed – **a motion to approve the minutes was made by Jerry Hasnedl and seconded by Steven Schmidt. Motion passed.**

Tina Mittelsteadt provided the financial report for April, 2016. The Council collected \$5,171.63 in check-off funds and \$1.40 in interest. We paid \$1,115.00 in expenses. The MSC has a cash fund balance of \$36,482.13 as of April 30, 2016. **Jerry Hasnedl made a motion to approve the financial report and it was seconded by Kevin Capistran. Motion passed.**

John Swanson provided the Council an update on the AGREET meetings that have been taking place this winter and spring. John stated there is a reasonable chance to get a pathologist research position at the U of Crookston. There will be 9 positions filled in 2016, none in 2017 and an additional 9 positions in 2018. If we don't get the pathologist filled in 2016 we would get it filled in 2018.

Kevin Capistran informed the Council of some Sclerotinia field work that is vectored by bumble bees. If the bees get the flowers pollinated prior to Sclerotinia infection the sunflowers should be protected. John stated he asked them to try it with honey bees too as this would be more economical. John Swanson will be testing it on three fields this summer.

John Sandbakken provided the details for the 2016 NSA Summer Seminar. The topics are finalized but the speakers are still tentative. He hopes that this will be confirmed this week. Sustainability will be one of the morning panels. Glen Kroh will be speaking on biologics. Trending oil markets will be another topic and someone from Status Foods will be presenting. Our keynote speaker for lunch will be Carl Casale. The afternoon sessions will have a couple breakout sessions. Sam Markell and Febina Mathew will present on Phomopsis work being done. Two of the NSA's international marketing program agencies will be presenting in a breakout session and Qing-Ming Gao will present on ultra-high oleics.

#### **Crop Update**

John Swanson said he is almost done planting. Steven said they are half done with their confections and will be done today or tomorrow. Kevin finished planting on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Jerry stated Thief River Falls is complete but east of there has some catch up work to be done. The frost didn't damage the sunflowers but some wheat and corn had a little.

**Other Business**

None

Next meeting date: **Kevin Capistran motioned to approve the date of Wednesday, June 28, 2016 at 3:00 pm at the Ramada Bismarck for the next MN Council meeting and Jerry Hasnedl seconded. Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 am

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_