

Minutes
Minnesota Sunflower Council
Board Meeting – Madden’s Resort
June 23, 2015

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

Others Present: Tina Mittelsteadt, John Sandbakken and Amanda Beck UDSA Risk Management St. Paul, MN

The meeting was called to order by John Swanson at 3:15 pm.

The minutes of the April 9, 2015 meeting were reviewed – **a motion to approve the minutes was made by Steven Schmidt and seconded by Jerry Hasnedl. Motion passed.**

Tina Mittelsteadt gave the financial report for May, 2015. The Council collected \$1,457.30.00 in check-off funds and \$1.03 in interest. Expenses totaled \$1,631.10, consisting of \$1,115.00 for MN Ag Dept Contract, Council member expense and USPS (postage). The MSC has a cash fund balance of \$25,600.49 as of May, 2015. **Jerry Hasnedl made a motion to approve the financial report and it was seconded by Kevin Capistran. Motion passed.**

Crop Update:

Kevin Capistran stated they had low moisture. He stated they had some emergence issues. Kevin planted sunflowers before soybean the first of May. Kevin stated they had frost but his sunflowers are looking good. Sunflower acres in Minnesota will be up for 2015.

John Swanson stated they have received a lot of rain and Highway 2 was under water for a few hours and some fields were under water for up to 3 days. Sunflowers looking good, stands are really good. John stated the Spartan Charge worked great. John commented there is one MN producer who planted around 5,000 acres.

Steven Schmidt planted his sunflowers on June 7 and they are looking great. They were planted in wet ground. He has mainly confection sunflowers. Spartan is working great.

Jerry Hasnedl had some poor emergence. He planted about 1 ½” deep and thinks that may have been too deep. He stated he has a neighbor who planted 500 acres and they look good. Jerry has high oleic oils planted this year.

Amanda Beck stated they will review the T yields this year. No additional counties will be added this year for crop insurance coverage.

Tina reported on the election results for Region 1. Both Kevin Capistran and John Swanson were re-elected. There were a total of 680 ballots mailed and 52 were cast. Two ballots were invalid. John Swanson received 46 votes and Kevin Capistran received 45 votes.

Tina presented the budget for the 2016 fiscal year. The revenue was calculated based on the March 2015 planting intentions report. This number may need to be adjusted. **Motion to approve the budget as presented by Kevin Capistran and seconded by Jerry Hasnedl. Motion Carries.**

Motion to approve the NSA promotion contract at \$25,200 motioned by Jerry Hasnedl and seconded by Steven Schmidt. Motion Carries.

John Swanson stated that we need Sclerotinia research in Minnesota. John Sandbakken stated that the board members should attend the land issue session at Summer Seminar that USDA and NDSU are experiencing. The Fargo Airport will no longer allow UDSA and NDSU to plant sunflower near the airport land. Sandbakken stated that the Crookston location might be a good option.

We received a letter from Yvonne Halvorson thanking us for allow her students to create the MN Sunflower Council website. They will continue to maintain our website for \$50 per year. If anyone has updates please send to Tina.

Next meeting will be via conference call at 7:30 am Tuesday, October 20th.

Kevin reported that most of the vacant positions at USDA have been filled. Two will be starting on July 12, 2015.

Motion to adjourn by Kevin Capistran and seconded by Steven Schmidt. Motion Carries.

Meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm

Chairman: _____

Secretary: _____