

Minutes
Minnesota Sunflower Council
Tuesday, September 13, 2016 9:00 am
Ramada Plaza Suites, Fargo, ND
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Members Present: John Swanson, Kevin Schmidt and Jerry Hasnedl. Members Absent: Kevin Capistran and Danny Payment.

Others Present: Tina Mittelsteadt

The meeting was called to order by John Swanson at 9:00 am.

The minutes of the June 28, 2016 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 August, 2016. The Council collected \$2,303.54 in check-off funds and \$1.99 in interest. We paid \$1,159.21 in expenses. The MSC has a cash fund balance of \$44,404.29 as of August 31, 2016. Mahlum Goodhart is almost finished with the 2015-16 audit. They have provided a draft of the audit and John Swanson and Tina have review and signed off on. The audit should be finalized soon. There will be one piece of the audit (MN Department of Ag Research & Promotion Council Audit Compliance Checklist) that cannot be completed until the NSA completes their audit. **Steven Schmidt made a motion to approve the financial report and it was seconded by Jerry Hasnedl. Motion passed.**

Crop Update

Jerry stated everything is maturing well in his area. There has been some water damage recently. Not much Phomopsis in his area.

Steven stated crops look to be in great condition. Wind could be an issue as stalks are weak and heads are heavy. Steven said he is about a week of way from harvest. Steven said the sunflowers planted on the corn ground is showing more Phomopsis than the sunflowers planted on sugar beet ground.

John stated sunflowers look good but he is seeing a lot of Phomopsis. He is thinking there may be a new strain so he has collected some samples and is taking it in to have it tested. John stated there is some Sclerotinia showing up east of Highway 2. There was rain in that area during small grain harvest.

Jerry stated his worst experience with Phomopsis was on a field that had never been in production. John stated the field he is running the Sclerotinia trial had no Sclerotinia but major Phomopsis problems.

Election of Officers:

Steven Schmidt moved to have the officers remain as they are currently and seconded by Jerry Hasnedl. Officers agreed to remain in their current positions. **Jerry Hasnedl moved to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of officers and seconded by Steven Schmidt. Motion Carries.**

Website:

Tina asked the board if there were any updates that need to be done for the website. Jerry stated the terms need to be updated and Jerry's address needs to be updated. Tina will check all the board information and make sure the data is correct.

AGREET Update:

John Swanson updated the Council on the AGREET – he received an email and forwarded it to the Council last night. They did get an agronomist position at Crookston but did not get the Pathologist. John stated they will have two meetings per year. There were 17 positions put in place this year and John indicated they should be able to put that many put in place next year. He feels the committee got about 80% of what they requested. John feels the pathology position has a good chance of being filled next year.

Other Business:

Next Meeting: January 10th 6:30 pm dinner meeting at the Ramada Plaza Suites (Basie's).

Motion to adjourn by Steven Schmidt and seconded by Jerry Hasnedl. Motion Carries.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am

Chairman: _____

Secretary: _____