

Minutes
Minnesota Sunflower Council
Tuesday, January 11, 2022 6:00 pm
Holiday Inn, Fargo, ND
Club II

Members Present: John Swanson, Kevin Capistran, Tom Dowdle and Greg Hilgeman. Members Absent: Steven Schmidt

Others Present: Tina Mittelsteadt, John Sandbakken

The meeting was called to order by John Swanson at 6:00 pm.

The minutes of the September 14, 2021 were reviewed – **a motion to approve the minutes was made by Kevin Capistran and seconded by Greg Hilgeman. Motion passed.**

Tina Mittelsteadt provided the financial report for December 2021. The Council collected \$4,527.44 in check-off funds and \$3.59 in interest. We paid \$2,500.00 in expenses for the Prairie Grain Conference. The MSC has a cash fund balance of \$60,972.94 as of December 31, 2021.

Tom Dowdle made a motion to approve the financial report and it was seconded by Kevin Capistran. Motion passed.

Candidates Update:

Greg Hilgeman has agreed to run for re-elections. Candidate forms and bios have been submitted to the MN Department of Ag along with the grower list for Region 1. Greg's current term will expire June 30, 2022. The election process should be completed in April.

Crop Reports

Greg Hilgeman reported sunflower were good, test weights were as good as they have ever been. Yields were as high as 4,000 in some areas. Oils are around 46.

John Swanson stated they were extremely dry this year. They received some rains late and they ended up with some good con-oils. Yields were 1,600 – 1,700 pounds.

Kevin Capistran reported last year was a good year for him. He reported that he has received some calls recently from new sunflower growers interested in grower this coming year. Planting seed is tight this year. Kevin is optimistic that sunflower acres will increase.

Tom Dowdle stated they received 4-5 inches of rain after the crop was planted. Minor rains came through during the growing season. Their sunflowers averaged 2,500 pounds. They had some replants. They had high sap on the seeds which came from the back of the heads. Seed sales are up for 2022.

Prairie Grains

Kevin reported that John Sandbakken did a great job on his panel. Megan's presentation was too technical for this group. Prairie Grains had good attendance this year.

Other Business:

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 5th 8:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Motion to adjourn by Kevin Capistran and seconded by Tom Dowdle. Motion Carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Steven Schmidt
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