

Minutes
Minnesota Sunflower Council
Tuesday, January 8, 2019 6:30 pm
Holiday Inn, Fargo, ND
Club III Room

Members Present: John Swanson, Kevin Capistran, Steven Schmidt and Tom Dowdle. Members Absent: Jerry Hasnedl.

Others Present: Tina Mittelsteadt, Clark Coleman, David Lyall and John Sandbakken

The meeting was called to order by John Swanson at 6:45 pm.

The minutes of September 11, 2011 were reviewed – **a motion to approve the minutes was made by Kevin Capistran and seconded by Steven Schmidt. Motion passed.**

Tina Mittelsteadt provided the financial report for December 2018. The Council collected \$4,018.61 in check-off funds, \$1,000.00 in sponsorship dollars and \$5.64 in interest. We had no expenses paid out in December. The MSC has a cash fund balance of \$44,433.13 as of December 31, 2018. Total amount of sponsorship dollars for the Prairie Grains conference is \$3,500. CHS pair their sponsorship directly to Prairie Grains and we are still waiting for Pioneer's check. Pioneer needed a W-9 to issue the payment and one was sent to them on December 18, 2018 so I am guessing we will see the check shortly.

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

Prairie Grains Conference Report

Kevin Capistran stated he was pleased with the turn out and Sam did a good job of presenting. Crowds were small after lunch. Comments received from attendees that they were pleased to see sunflower on the agenda.

John Swanson stated that there were questions asked by almost everyone in the room; participation was good. Good questions were asked of Sam.

Consensus was to participate again in 2019. We will discuss at the next meeting.

Candidates for Council Members

Jerry Hasnedl will not run for re-election. His term expires on June 30, 2019. I have contacted several people and companies for a replacement name. Cargill provided me with a name but when I contacted him he said he didn't want to commit the time. I explained how minimal it was and he still passed. If we have someone we need to get the information to Ruth by January 25, 2019.

Tom Dowdle has a couple younger growers that he is going to reach out to and see if one would be interested.

Crop Reports

Kevin reported that sunflowers were good in his area. Snow came early in his area, so they had to dry their sunflowers for the first time in a long time. His yield was about 3300 lbs/ac after dry-down. Phomopsis hit late so there was no yield loss. Kevin doesn't anticipate any new growers this year.

Tom Dowdle stated his sunflower crop was the best he's had. His sunflowers filled right to the middle and test weight was 31 – 32 lbs for oil. He sells his sunflower crop into the bird food market.

Steven Schmidt reported he raised wheat, corn, beans and sunflowers. Sunflowers will rotate after any of them. Their sunflowers had head-rot so they did not harvest them.

John Swanson stated they had a fantastic crop until phomopsis hit. They ended up with 2,500 lb yields. Soybeans are also showing phomopsis. John has an Agreeet meeting on Friday. His is optimistic that we can get some help with phomopsis since it is showing up in soybeans. John and Kevin will discuss talking points on Thursday before the NSA Research Committee meeting.

Other Business

David Lyall with Bee Innovative gave the group a brief update on his company's technology on how honeybees are working or not working. David will be the noon luncheon speaker at the NSA Research Forum.

Motion by Tom Dowdle for Kevin Capistran to remain the NSA Board Representative and seconded by Steven Schmidt. Motion Carries.

Next meeting Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 7:30 am.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

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