

Minutes
Minnesota Sunflower Council
Tuesday, June 19, 2018 7:30 am
Conference Call

Members Present: John Swanson, Kevin Capistran, Tom Dowdle, Steven Schmidt and Jerry Hasnedl.
Members Absent: None

Others Present: Tina Mittelsteadt and John Sandbakken

The meeting was called to order by John Swanson at 7:30 am.

The minutes of March 28, 2018 were reviewed – **a motion to approve the minutes was made by Kevin Capistran and seconded by Tom Dowdle. Motion passed.**

Tina Mittelsteadt provided the financial report for May 2018. The Council collected \$1,798.92 in check-off funds and \$2.94 in interest. We had \$1,115.00 in expenses paid out in May, which was the final installment for the MN Department of Agriculture service agreement. The MSC has a cash fund balance of \$34,467.53 as of May 31, 2018.

Jerry Hasnedl made a motion to approve the May financial report and it was seconded by Steven Schmidt. Motion passed.

Election Results

The March 2018 elections results showed a total of 689 ballots were mailed out and 53 ballots were cast. There were two invalid ballots. The election results were John Swanson with 42 votes and Kevin Capistran with 42 votes. Both were re-elected for an additional 3 years.

Prairie Grains Sponsorship - Update

Jerry Hasnedl visited with Neil Biever from CHS regarding sponsorship of the MN Sunflower Council at the Prairie Grains Conference and Neil indicated there is a spot to check on the company booth registration form for supporting other organizations such as the MN Sunflower Council. Tina will contact Prairie Grain to verify this information and let the council members know prior to them contacting their assigned businesses.

Crop Reports

Kevin reported that sunflowers are a little wet and could use some sunshine. Overall no new sunflower growers in his area this year but existing growers are steady. Crop is looking good.

Jerry reported no sunflower acres in his area. There has been a reduction of sunflower acres in the St. Hilaire area.

John Swanson reported acres are down in his area as well. He stated emergence was a little slow; but things are looking good now.

Steven Schmidt reported acres are down but the acres that were planted are looking good.

Tom Dowdle stated they could have had more acres in his area but had some seed production issues. Tom said they have about 6,000 acres of sunflowers in his area. Sunflowers in his area are way ahead in the growing season. They have had plenty rain and the sunflower crop looks excellent.

NSA Meeting Reimbursement (NSA Research Forum and Summer Seminar)

Tina led the discussion to approve MN Sunflower Council members attending NSA annual events and have the council cover their expenses. NSA will comp the registrations for all committee members wanting to attend. Committee members would be reimbursed for lodging, mileage and meals that are not included with NSA events.

John Swanson and Jerry Hasnedl both stated attending these meeting helps them keep up with changes in the sunflower industry.

Motion by Jerry Hasnedl for MN Sunflower Council Members to attend future NSA Events and be reimbursed for lodging, mileage and meals that are not included with NSA events and seconded by Tom Dowdle. Motion Carries.

NSA 2018-19 Contract

John Sandbakken explained to the council how the NSA contract amount is determined. The NSA uses the USDA March planting intentions and a 5-year yield average to determine an amount. The 2018-19 NSA contract amount will be \$18,300.

2019 FY Budget

Tina presented the 2018-19 proposed budget. Proposed assessment income will be \$30,500 based off the USDA March Planting Intentions. The assessment refund will remain at \$200 and interest is estimated to be around \$20. Total revenue is expected to be \$30,320. Expenses will have the NSA contract at \$18,300, MN Dept. of Ag administrative fee will be reduced from \$4,460 to \$3,400, the remaining expenses are estimated to be \$7,250 and include audit fees, insurance/bond, council member expenses, council expenses and miscellaneous expenses.

Motion by Kevin Capistran to approve the 2018-19 budget and seconded by Jerry Hasnedl. Motion Carries.

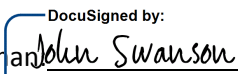
Other Business


None

Next meeting Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 8:30 am at the Expressway Inn and Suites in Fargo.

Motion to adjourn by Steven Schmidt and seconded by Tom Dowdle. Motion Carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 am

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