

Minnesota Sunflower Council
Minutes of Board Meeting
Deadwood Lodge – Roosevelt Room
3:00 PM (MDT) - June 24, 2014

Members Present: John Swanson (by speaker phone); Kevin Capistran; Jerry Hasnedl and Danny Payment

Absent: Steven Schmidt

Others: Lerrene Kroh and John Sandbakken, NSA

Chairman John Swanson called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm (MDT). The minutes from the April 9, 2014 conference call were reviewed. **Jerry Hasnedl made a motion to approve the minutes as read and Kevin Capistran seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

Lerrene Kroh gave the financial report for May, 2014 – a total of \$653.34 in check-off and interest was collected. Expenses for May were \$1,116.34 which consisted of a payment to the MN Ag Dept in the amount of \$1,115 for the 4th payment on the contract and \$1.34 to Presort Plus for postage. At the end of May, we had a balance of \$24,831.68.

Capistran moved and Hasnedl seconded that the financial report be approved. Motion passed.

The next agenda item was an update on the MN grower list. Lerrene mentioned that she had requested growers names from the MN check-off elevators and four of them responded with their lists. We checked the names with our current magazine list and requalified those already on the list and added 89 new names. Lerrene mentioned that she was going through the MN grower list and checking for addresses, ages, and deceased people. In Region 2, out of 725 names on the list, we had 139 deletes. In Region 1, we had 89 deletes from the 517 names searched. There are 859 currently on that list. That list should be completed in July.

The next topic of discussion was the MN Sunflower Council website options. John Swanson said he contacted Yvonne Halvorson, a teacher in Fertile, MN that is teaching an advanced web class to students. The cost to create a website using the Fertile advanced web class would be \$50. To update once during the school year after a web page is established would be \$25-\$40. One student would be assigned to our website for \$50/year. It would be hosted on “Go Daddy” website for approximately \$150/year. John mentioned that we need to give them direction on what we would like on the website. We can then review and make changes at the Board Meeting in

September. **Jerry Hasnedl made a motion for John to contract with Ms. Halvorson and Kevin Capistran seconded the motion and it passed.**

The next topic of discussion was the Electronic Signatures on Contracts. Since we only do two contracts, this would not become an issue.

Crop Update: Consensus was that we have more sunflower acres than we have had in several years; could not get more bags of seeds – sold out of confection seed; and that it was too wet in some areas.

The next agenda item was Election Results. Region 1 – Danny Payment was elected to his first term with 48 votes and 6 invalid ballots and in Region 2 – Steven Schmidt was reelected with 21 votes with 11 invalid ballots. Both were elected to a three-year term. Lerrene will contact Ruth White to find out what constitutes an “invalid ballot”.

The 2015 Budget for the MN Sunflower Council was presented by Lerrene Kroh. Projecting income of \$34,000 for 2015. The contract for the NSA has been increased from \$16,200 to \$20,400. **Kevin Capistran made a motion to approve the budget and Hasnedl seconded the motion. Motion Passed.**

Under Other Business: The next meeting will be a conference call on September 18, 2014. **Danny Payment made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kevin Capistran seconded the motion.** Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Chairman: _____

Secretary: _____