

Minutes
Minnesota Sunflower Council
Conference Call – 7:30 AM – September 18, 2014

Members Present: John Swanson, Kevin Capistran, Steven Schmidt, Jerry Hasnedl and Danny Payment

Others Present: Lerrene Kroh and John Sandbakken

The meeting was called to order by John Swanson at 7:35 AM.

The minutes of the June 24, 2014, meeting were reviewed – **a motion to approve the minutes (re change from Lerrene) was made by Jerry Hasnedl and seconded by Steven Schmidt. Motion passed.**

Lerrene Kroh gave the financial report for August, 2014. The Council collected \$676.00 in check-off funds and \$1.11 in interest . Expenses totaled \$1,162.00, consisting of \$1,115.00 for MN Ag Dept Contract and USPS (postage) . The MSC has a cash fund balance of \$27,404.87 as of August, 2014. **Jerry Hasnedl made a motion to approve the financial report and it was seconded by Kevin Capistran. Motion passed.**

The next agenda item was election of officers. Jerry Hasnedl **made a motion that all officers be reelected to their current positions if they are willing to serve: John Swanson as Chairman; Kevin Capistran as Vice Chairman and Steven Schmidt as Secretary/Treasurer. Danny Payment seconded the motion and it passed.**

The Minnesota Sunflower Council website was the next topic for discussion. John Swanson mentioned that he met with the teacher and student that will be working on our website and is very pleased with both. Swanson gave the Fertile School the documents that are required for the website, plus some links to the NSA site for yield data, prices, research, etc. Swanson mentioned that the website should be ready to preview in about 3 weeks – we will get a link to look at the site and make changes. The website will be listed under “GoDaddy”. After we have had a chance to review the site, we will set up another conference call to discuss and makes changes or approve and go live.

The next agenda item was discussion on a Mission Statement for the MN Sunflower Council. Lerrene gave the board two different mission statements from MN Canola Council and the NSA. John Sandbakken mentioned that he and Lerrene would put something together and send it out to the board for consideration.

Under “Other Business”, Lerrene mentioned that the audit for the MN Sunflower Council is in progress and should be completed shortly.

Danny Payment mentioned that we should have a “quick guide” on how to produce sunflowers – a quick step by step method. Dan will scan the document he is referring to and email it to the board.

The Council discussed their next meeting. Members were in agreement that the Council should try to meet during the NSA Research Forum – Wednesday January 7, 2015 in Fargo. **Kevin Capistran made a motion to approve the date of the next meeting and Steven Schmidt seconded the motion and it passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 am

Chairman: _____

Secretary: _____