

Minutes
Minnesota Sunflower Council
Board Meeting – Ramada Plaza Suites Sonata I
January 7, 2015 – 10 am.

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

Others: Lerrene Kroh, Tina Mittelsteadt

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Swanson at approximately 10:05 am on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at the Ramada Plaza Suites and Conference Center in Fargo, ND.

The first item on the agenda was the Minutes of the conference call on December 2, 2014. The minutes were reviewed and a motion to approve the minutes was made by Jerry Hasnedl and seconded by Kevin Capistran and it passed.

Lerrene Kroh gave the Financial Report for November, 2014. The Council collected \$7,047.68 in check-off funds and \$1.10 in interest. There were no expenses. Balance at the end of November was \$32,816.86. Steven Schmidt made a motion to approve the financial report and it was seconded by Jerry Hasnedl and it passed.

It was announced that Lerrene will be retiring on July 1, 2015. Tina Mittelsteadt will be training with Lerrene and will assume her duties for the MN Sunflower Council. Lerrene should start the process of adding Tina to all the Minnesota Sunflower Council's accounts (bank, website, etc.).

The next item on the Agenda was discussion of a mission statement for the MN Sunflower Council. Lerrene had four different statements for the board to consider. After discussion, Kevin made a motion to accept #4 and Jerry Hasnedl seconded the motion and it passed. **Mission Statement #4 reads: The Minnesota Sunflower Council is committed to undertake projects to benefit sunflower farmers in the production and sale of sunflower by providing relevant information, expanding markets and participating in research programs.**

Lerrene noted that the term for John Swanson and Kevin Capistran will expire June 30, 2015. Both have decided to run for another term.

The next item on the Agenda was Review of the MN Council website. The next step is to register the name (mnsunflower.org). Jerry Hasnedl moved that we go ahead with getting the name registered and Kevin Capistran seconded the motion and it passed. In reviewing the website, "contact names" need to be added to the list of MN Elevators and Lerrene will get those to Cynthia.

Regarding changes for the website:

The word "Research" should be changed to "Production". Under Production, we need to have the link for NDSU: www.ag.ndsu.edu/crops/sunflower - Call this "NDSU Sunflower Production Home Page" Information about seed treatment, herbicide, insecticides, fungicides, and bird abatement options courtesy of the North Dakota State University Extension Service. Bulletin 25 - should be on the website for " New Growers".
<http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/publications/landing-pages/crops/sunflower-production-a-1331>
Call this link "Production Guide"

Fertilizer " tab should be linked to this: :
<http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/pubs/plantsci/soilfert/sf882.pdf>

NDSU Pest Management Guide App is on the "Production" tab with both Adroid
<http://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.myriadmobile.ndsupests>
and Iphone . <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/ndsu-pest-management/id859312458?mt=8>

Add: NSA - "Sunflower Growth Stages" link: <http://www.sunflowernsa.com/growers/growth-stages/>

Add: Put a tab for "Approved Chemicals" -
link: <http://www.sunflowernsa.com/growers/approved-chemicals/>

The next meeting is scheduled for June 23 during the annual Summer Seminar at Madden's Resort in Brainerd, MN.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45 am.

Chairman: 

Secretary: 