

SWCS Council Meeting

WI-Chapter

Holiday Inn – Stevens Point

February 7, 2011

Meeting Called to Order: February 7, 2011 4:00 by President Jerry Griswold

Present: Jerry Griswold, President; Andy Holschbach, President Elect; Gene Hausner, Treasurer; Adam Abel, 2nd Vice President; Barry Bubolz, Secretary; Paula Carow, Region 1 Rep; Jon Field Region 3 Rep; Gary Korb, Region 5 Rep; Chris Miller, Region 6 Rep, and Ryan Gerlich.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the October 12, 2010 meeting were approved. Motion made by Gene Hausner and seconded by Andy Holschbach.

Treasurer's Report: Report given by Gene Hausner of the finances as of December 31, 2010, the report did not include the cost/deposits from the Annual Meeting scheduled on February 8, 2011 and did not include funds that were received from the Contributor's Drive yet. Motion made by Barry Bubolz and seconded by Chris Miller, report approved by all members.

Annual Meeting: Andy Holschbach discussed some last minute details regarding the next day's meeting; it was estimated at 160 people attending. Gas cards were purchased to be included in the Thank You cards for the speakers.

Student Scholarship: Discussion regarding the scholarships, criteria for students eligible for scholarship, and how to increase student chapter activity. It was noted that we were not aware of active SWCS chapters at both UW-Madison and UW-River Falls. The discussion concluded with the idea of one scholarship in the amount of \$1000 to be awarded with the requirement that the student was a SWCS member the year before. Further discussion is planned at the next council meeting.

Forestry Awards Program: Barry Bubolz brought a request from Bill Horvath requesting our support in the creation of an award process/program that would be sponsored by Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association (WWOA) and Wild Turkey Federation. Discussion was generally in support of our organization supporting these two groups in this endeavor, due to the fact that typically good forest and wildlife management go "hand in hand" with sound soil and water protection.

Conservation Voters of Wisconsin Request: Reminder that as a group, SWCS, needs to maintain a neutral political stance, that however does not prevent SWCS members from supporting particular causes independent of SWCS.

2011 Annual Meeting in Washington DC: Discussion regarding who was planning to attend. Ryan Gerlich will be attending for SWCS for Leadership Development, Jerry Griswold, Andy Holschbach, and Adam Abel all expressed interest in also attending possibly.

Summer Tour 2011: Ideas were discussed and Chris Miller mentioned the idea of a tour centered on the Niagara Escarpment in Calumet County. The idea was well received and Chris Miller was going to make contact with folks in that area to start lining it up. More discussion planned for the next meeting.

Installation of New Officers: New Officers will be announced at the Annual Meeting tomorrow; the meeting was handed over to the 2011 President Andy Holschbach.

Other: Paula Carow will utilize the SWCS display at the up-coming WALCE meeting in March.

Meeting Adjournment: Motion made by Chris Miller and seconded by Ryan Gerlich to adjourn, the next council meeting was set for March 15th at the Schmeckle Reserve (dependent on the room being available).

Respectfully submitted by Barry Bubolz