

Minutes

South Carolina Chapter Soil & Water Conservation Society

**January 14, 2009 – 7:30 am
Myrtle Beach**

Lori Bataller called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She went over the agenda and Debbie Mann moved that it be approved as written, Amy Maxwell seconded and all agreed.

Financial Report

Hugh Caldwell then passed out the financial report. The Balance as of 12-13-08 was \$5,060.74. He then discussed the proposed Budget for 2009. The total income expected to be generated is \$7923. Total expenses are to be \$8223.86. Louis Jackson moved that the budget be approved and Amy Maxwell seconded, all agreed.

President's Report

Lori Bataller then discussed events that have occurred during this last year while she has been president. She thanked Debbie Mann for such a great job done with the Symposium of *Simple Ways to Save Money on the Farm* that took place the previous day. She highlighted the Family Summer event that was held at Saluda Shoals Park. She mentioned that Debbie Mann went to the International Conference that was held in Tucson, AZ where she accepted two awards on behalf of our chapter. One award was the Outstanding Chapter of the Southeast and the other award was the Sustainable Chapter Award. She thanked Angel Sams, Debbie Mann, and Amy Maxwell for their help with getting together and sending out a newsletter. She also mentioned that our own SC SWCS email account was set up this year. She also thanked Wayne Cowell Area IV representative for his putting together a tour of the Honda ATV plant in Florence.

Lori then discussed how as a society we have an obligation to conserve our natural resources and to educate the public about this also. Discussed holding more workshops around the state and to use the wealth of knowledge the SWCS has to educate others. She also asked that all members be active this year and when called upon to help remember to say yes. She has enjoyed presiding over the society this past year and would like to thank everyone for all their help this past year.

Hugh Caldwell wanted to mention a letter he received by the FFA student whom the society is sponsoring to send to China. The student, Will Amick, sent a note of thanks for our sponsorship and said that when he returned he would be glad to come to a meeting and tell us about his trip. Doug Deaderick mentioned that he knew this young man and his family and he is an outstanding person and so is his family so this was a great person

to sponsor. It was then discussed how we need to get more student members and it was suggested to give Will Amick a student membership.

Awards Committee Report

Wayne Cowell discussed that the Awards Committee did meet and pick this years awards recipients but didn't want to disclose who they were since the awards will not be given out till January 15th. He did say that the awards nomination form was revised to make it easier for those who were filling out the nominations.

Membership Report

Angel Sams then gave the Membership report and stated that the SC Chapter now has 108 members; this is up from 92 the previous year. She stated that when a new member joins they will receive a membership packet that includes a T-shirt and information about the society, list of who are members, who is on the executive board, and a committee list.

Nominations Committee Report

Amy Maxwell then got up to discuss nominations.

Those nominated were:

Debbie Mann- President

Lori Bataller- Past President

Hugh Smith- President elect

Tibor Horvarth -Vice President

Angel Sams- Secretary

Hugh Caldwell- Treasurer

Frank Love- Area I Board Member

Kellee Melton- Area II Board Member

Harry Doswell- Area III Board Member

Wayne Cowell- Area IV Board Member

Louis Jackson then moved that the nominations be accepted it was seconded by Doug Deaderick and all agreed.

She then asked those nominated to come up front for the swearing in of officers.

2009 President Remarks

Debbie Mann the 2009 President then thanked Lori for all of her hard work this past year and presented her with plaque. She then stated how she looked forward to being the society president for 2009.

Meeting Adjourned