

WCDEA

General Meeting

March 19, 2014

Present: Amy Doke, Lisa Ogden, Heidi Sturman, Jeri Trebelcock, Bobbie Frank, Lisa Shaw, Debra Hepp, Denise Lucero, Karri Ellis, SnoAnn Engler, Maria Burke, Dave Morneau, Briar Harris, Karen Pecheny, Kelly Brown, Justin Garrison, Kevin Quick, Blaise Allen, Martin Curry, Duane Loyd, Susan Carrell, Tori Dietz, Cathy Rosenthal, Steffen Cornell, Sarah Anderson, Jennifer Hinkhouse, Crystal Kellebrew, Janet Hallstead, Carla Thomas, Anita Bartlett, Joan McGraw, Diana Olson, Becky Davis, Michelle Huntington

President, Anita Bartlett, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Anita Bartlett presented the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Robb Sgroi. The current WCDEA bank account balance is \$15,117.30 and will change as receipts for Winter Training are submitted and paid. Martin Curry moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Jennifer Hinkhouse seconded, motion carried.

Lisa Ogden reported on behalf of the Scholarship Committee. Lisa reported that a scholarship was awarded to Sheridan County Conservation District for three employees to attend Winter Training in the amount of \$1,100.00. The Scholarship Committee would appreciate feedback from WCDEA on the current scholarship guidelines. Should scholarships be awarded on a first come, first served basis? Should there be limits set per person/per training/ per year? The Scholarship Committee would like to establish the guideline that applications are due to the Scholarship Committee a minimum of 3 weeks before training is scheduled to allow the committee time to make a recommendation, refer to EC for decision and notify the recipient of the decision. Lisa asked that any comments be emailed to her or another member of the Scholarship Committee.

Diana Olson introduced herself and the rest of the Training Committee. She explained that Winter Training sessions were established based on results of the Survey Monkey that went out the first of the year. Feedback for this year's Winter Training has been positive thus far.

Amy Doke presented a "skeleton" version of the WCDEA website. Joan McGraw stated that a domain has been purchased for the website. Discussion was held on appropriate content for the website so it doesn't conflict with the WACD site or individual districts. The Website Committee is very interested in further feedback and content ideas. Employees are asked to send comments for Anita Bartlett for dissemination to the Website Committee.

Discussion was held on changing WCDEA By-Laws to allow the Area Alternate to vote when one of the Area Representatives is not available. This will allow each area to always have two votes. The change will be brought to convention for further discussion and vote.

The question was raised asking if the WCDEA/WACD Employee Liaison had a term limit. As of now, there is no term limit established. The Employee Liaison is appointed by the WACD Board based on the WCDEA Executive Committee recommendation.

Anita Bartlett stated that there will be a short Executive Committee meeting immediately following and adjourned the Winter Training General Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Huntington
WCDEA Secretary