

Audio visual meeting was called to order by Chair Will Brandau. He welcomed the members and asked for secretary, Judy Box to take roll. There were nine members out of thirteen participating. Judy Box, Will Brandau, Matt Glennon, Larry Hartpence, Rodney Leighow, Mike Palko, Wesley Ramsey, Leonard Reggie, Sarah Wurzbacher.

The minutes of the April 18, 2016 meeting were read.

Wesley Ramsey presented the treasurers report. He has received dues from four members so far. An online checking account has been set up.

Old business:

Application Form was viewed and dues discussed. Dues are due now at half price. Dues will be paid annually in January of each year and pro-rated quarterly for new members joining.

Mission statement was viewed and accepted unanimously.

By-Laws were adopted as our starting point, with additions being made in the future.

Website is up and running and it has a blog page. Anyone with pictures or articles, please forward to Will. It was brought to our attention that the website is not easy to find; Will has plans to improve our search ability.

Value Added Producer Grant: Will reported Ernest Seed to apply for the grant and the status is unknown at this time.

New Business:

501c3 nonprofit status was discussed and it was approved to proceed but don't rush it.

Promotional flyer was viewed and Sarah Wurzbacher discussed its availability for Ag Days. It was also suggested to have an informational flyer available discussing horses. Sarah is going to check about a fact brochure from Penn State to have available.

Branding: We need a logo, please submit your ideas to Will. Sarah will check with the graphics department to see if they can help out on a design.

Facebook needs a lead, anyone wishing to volunteer please contact Will.

Ag Progress Days are Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, August 16th, 17th, & 18th. Tuesday is covered and there is tentative coverage on Wednesday. Volunteers are needed for Thursday.

SARE Grant: Mike Palko discussed this grant with the conclusion being that he set up a committee to work out the details, suggested to be held within the next two weeks giving time to submit the grant. Mike also brought up some key words that should be in our mission statement, it was agreed and Will to make the additions.

Poultry Producer Workshop to be held October 27, 2016

Keystone Farm Show January 2017 need a lead

Other new business: Short Course Biomass Crop is being offered by Penn State Oct 26th & 27th. There could be some good contacts there. They are doing tours on the 26th.

A motion to adjourn was made by Larry Hartpence.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Box, Secretary