

The meeting was called to order by Will Brandau, there were 18 present. The minutes of last year's meeting were read and a motion was made by Dan Arnett and seconded by Len Reggie to approve the minutes. The minutes were read for the steering committee meeting from June 20, 2018 and approved by Will Brandau.

The treasurer's report was by Judy Box, the current balance in the checking account is \$2431.12.

#### Old Business:

The pipeline -Lenny Reggie stated that the project has been postponed until next year. It was questioned who will have the right of harvest -that is yet to be determined.

#### New Business:

Presentation for next years meeting: Bruce Trumbower would like a presentation on leasing ground for annuals crops vs. perennial crops.

After discussion a motion was made by Larry Hartpence to have the membership dues paid by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> and seconded by Len Reggie with a unanimous vote. Several reminder emails will go out to everyone late fall / early winter. We need a volunteer to set up the online voting.

After discussion on emails going to everyone, Mike Palko made a motion the we have a members only section on our website and was seconded by Larry Hartpence with a unanimous vote.

To generate funds, it was discussed to have business sponsors. Robert Davido will be the chair, Larry Hartpence will help.

Pheasants Forever would like to have a presentation at next year's meeting. A motion was made by Larry Hartpence and seconded by Rodney Lieghow that our annual meeting will be held the third Saturday in July. Bruce Trumbower volunteered his place for the meeting.

Fairs: Mike Palko has generated interest in our bedding for the cattle barn in addition to the poultry. If we don't have enough for them for the week, then they will be able to do a comparison.

Ag Progress Days: August 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday). The cost this year is \$350.00 for a 25 x 25 area. Will Brandau will be up there on Monday to set up. We have a 20 x 40 tent, several banners and handouts. Volunteers are needed for all three days, Wednesday is the longest day and Thursday is tear down. Dan Arnett made a motion that we would raffle off Switch grass seeds donated by Ernest Seeds an amount to be determined. Seconded by Larry Hartpence with a unanimous vote. Dan Arnett, Sarah Wurzbacher, Amy Barkley and Will Brandau are doing presentations.

Keystone Farm Show: January 2019 York fair grounds. Solicit help for the show. Mike Palko stated that there is funding for meals, mileage and lodging.

Tee Shirts: Rodney Lieghow presented the idea of getting tee shirts with our logo on them. After a discussion it was decided that they would be grey, with a pocket if possible, the logo on the front pocket and also on the back. Sizes xl and xxl will be ordered.

As a way to generate revenue Lenny Reggie & Will Brandau are putting components that they have on a trailer so it can be rented to farmers to process switchgrass poultry bedding.

Our educational minuet: Spotted Lantern Fly is in southeastern PA. and some areas are quarantined. It destroys grapes and hops. If you see it contact [badbug@pa.gov](mailto:badbug@pa.gov) or call 1-866-253-7189.

More membership meetings were suggested maybe 2 times a year. General consensus was to just have the annual meeting. There is already Penn State Producers meetings and Keystone Farm show during the winter.

Planting for Dummies: A handout on procedures for switchgrass planting was shared. A suggestion was made by Bruce Trumbower to add phone numbers or emails so there was a contact available. Contact Will with additional ideas on this handout.

A motion to adjourn by Larry Hartpence and seconded by Bruce Trumbower.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Box, secretary