

Audio visual meeting was called to order by Chair Will Brandau. He welcomed the members and took roll. There were 12 out of 18 participating.

Treasures' Report was given by Judy Box, current balance in the checking account \$3,084.99.

Old Business:

SARE Grant 1: Will spoke of the couple of requirements we have to accomplish to complete the grant and they are scheduled.

SARE Grant 2: Mike Palko led the discussion on evaluation of the stands and an inventory. He is working with Wes Ramsey, Penn Soil RC&D. Mike has submitted a proposal to the PASA to present at the conference a 60 or 90-minute presentation.

We need another fair to be involved with for bedding, anyone with suggestions or connections share with Will or Mike.

Other Old business:

We need material for the fairs. We will schedule a work day to process bedding.

Joe James discussed his projects with Sorghum in Maryland and some of the new things they are looking at.

New Business

Ag Progress Days: August 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>. We have a 10x20 tent. We have banners, handouts, animal bedding and silt socks for display.

Matt Glennon is experimenting with growing Switchgrass in six-inch tubes for display. Help is needed to man the stand, please let Will know what day(s) you can help out.

MailChimp: We have changed our email server. We have 150+ on our email list. With this server others will be able to access the list. Info on how to will follow.

Annual Meeting July 21<sup>st</sup> Andy Bater's Farm: About a dozen have responded so far that they intend to attend. Please let Will know if you are interested in attending. We will be working on "Planting warm season grass for Dummies". Directions will be sent out soon.

Membership Drive Businesses: We are looking for someone to volunteer to chair or co-chair the membership drive. We are looking for more businesses to join our group. A suggestion was to send an email to businesses listed in the Lancaster Farming. If you want to volunteer for this project or you have other ideas please let Will know.

Non-dues-paying-producers: AWSGP needs to have contracts with buyers to use members product first, then go to non-member Switch grass producers.

Grass Census: Please register your grass acreage – the form is on line.

Silt Sock Market: The market was very strong this year. Diamond Sock Company wants round bales with mesh. Joe Greco wants square bales with twine.

Omission of WSG from Legislation and "Biomass": Larry and Don Hartpence & Judy Box went to the bio mass conference in Atlanta, Georgia this past April. There was very little about warm season grasses. We can submit

articles to the BioMass magazine for publication. That might generate some interest in our association as well as make them aware of our contributions. Articles can be submitted to Will.

#### Other New Business

Len Reggie developed a machine to remove the dust from processed switch grass. This makes the product better to use at the fairs. A motion was made by Joe James and seconded by Larry Hartpence, followed by a unanimous vote to reimburse him for parts and supplies. Lenny's time and engineering expertise are donated to the association.

Generate revenue:

A suggestion was made of purchasing equipment and renting it out.

Joe mentioned about getting a commission from Harvester for new customers.

Motion made to adjourn by Larry Hartpence, seconded by Len Reggie.