



Southwest Project Grass
6024 Glades Pike, Suite 103
Somerset, PA 15501

PROJECT GRASS MEETING AGENDA

May 17, 2019

Brady's Restaurant

3242 St. Rt. 31, Acme, Pa 15601

9:00 AM

Meeting called to order at 9:10 am by Dan Komarinski

In attendance: Danielle Rihel, Don Williams, Dan Komarinski, Tom Ulrich, Laurel Rush, Dan Griffith, Richard Voytko, Mike Martin, Jessica Schaub, Leya Ramer

Conservation Districts represented: Armstrong, Butler, Beaver, Fayette, Indiana, Somerset, Washington, Westmoreland

Agencies represented: No agency reports given.

Treasurer's Report: No treasurer's report was reviewed.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- **Motion to approve the previous February meeting minutes. First Pierce, second Don. Motion passed.**

Reports: Reports were not given by the Counties present.

Committee Reports & Quarterly Updates

- Grassland Evaluation Contest– October 10, 2019
 - The venue is reserved and PSU insurance will be taken care of
 - Leya will check clearances
 - Outreach to schools to get new teams is still needed
 - Leya and Dan will be updating the brochure and get it sent out
- Website/Social media:
 - Facebook: We have been posting intermittently, usually once a week. More popular things are PAGLC and rabies alert in Mercer County. We also have access to post on the Appalachian Grazing Conference Facebook page as well.
 - Website: The website has been re registered and invoice has been sent.
- Executive Committee: No report given.
- GLC meeting - Technical advisor
 - July 10 meeting. Once brochure for field day comes out it will be sent to the group for volunteers to attend representing SWPG.
- Grants – Upcoming / Suggestions
 - We were awarded the Nonpoint Source grant for the fall field day \$2000
 - National GLC - We will be hosting two field days in 2020. We want to run the entire grant through Washington county. Washington County will put in 80 hours

as match. Washington County will host on field day and the second field day will be held at a location to be decided. We will be looking at bigger name speakers and cover costs with the grant. Will be held as an advanced grazing school style format.

- **Motion to submit proposed National GLC application and support letters. First Pierce, second Don. Motion passed.**
- Western PA Grazing Conference Committee: Conference went well. over 130 attended each day. Evening session went very well. Financials worked out. Committee is looking for grazing dairy speaker or small ruminant speaker. Committee is looking at holding another conference next year.

Old Business

- Motions from February meeting:
- **Motion to void check to Penns Corner for \$200 scholarship and use money to pay food bill for Grassland Evaluation Contest in the 2018 budget. In the Grassland evaluation contest, move \$200 from sponsorships line item into the food line item for a new total of \$400 in the 2019 budget. First Rich, second Don.**
- **Motion to accept the previous November meeting minutes. First Pierce, second DanK.**
- **Motion to reappoint Leya, Don, and Rich to the board. First Pierce, second Tom.**
- **Motion to appoint Jason, Dan, and Leya to chair, Vice-chair, and secretary, respectively, First Tom, second Danielle.**
- **Motion to reappoint Leya, Don, and Rich to the board. First Pierce, second Tom.**
- Grazing sticks – Update Sticks are done. Individual county sticks are here for distribution. We have sticks for today.
- **Motion that JB hold all sticks and counties make a request to SWPG for sticks to distribute at SWPG events and small quantities for personal district use. First Leya, second Dan G.**
- **All motions from february meeting passed.**

New Business

- Appalachian Grazing Conference Update
 - 2020 is the 10th anniversary and they may be looking to bring in past speakers. They are looking for ideas for speakers.
 - Farmer attendees Mike and Daryll. Mike stated that he very much enjoyed the conference. The only issue is that he wanted to attend all of the sessions and he could not attend them all. Always something to learn. Daryll stated he wanted to see multiple topics but you can only pick one. He was recommended to go to the Clarion grazing conference and buy Fred's books
- Did not apply for the DEP environmental education grant
- 2019 Fall Field Day
 - Washington will be hosting the fall field day using the Nonpoint Source pollution grant funds.
 - looking at September 19 at the Barn at Ike's.
- Date for Next Meeting
 - July TBD

- **Motion to adjourn the meeting. First Pierce, second Tom. Motion passed.**

Field day and Pasture walk to follow at
Whoa Nellie Dairy, Brown Family, 139 Bear Rocks Rd, Acme, Pa 15610

Upcoming Events & Dates to Remember

2019

- July 10 – GLC meeting Field Day
- July 28 - July 31 - Soil and Water Conservation Society 2019 Annual Conference, Pittsburgh
- October 9- GLC meeting, Boalsburg
- October 10 - Grassland Evaluation Contest

Southwest Project Grass Committee Members

Executive Committee

- Chair: Jason McGinnis ⁽²⁰¹⁸⁾, Vice Chair: Dan Komarinski ⁽²⁰¹⁸⁾, Secretary/Treasurer: Leya Ramer ⁽²⁰¹⁹⁾, Financial Secretary: Sue Moon, Advisors: JB Harrold, Laurel Rush
- Don Williams ⁽²⁰¹⁹⁾, Jim Cowell ⁽²⁰¹⁸⁾, Tom Ulrich ⁽²⁰¹⁸⁾, Rich Huether ⁽²⁰¹⁹⁾

Website/Social Media:

Laurel Rush, Tom Ulrich, Leya Ramer

Grassland Evaluation Contest Committee

Dan Griffith, Jason McGinnis, Lou Kopczyk, Carl Rohr

SWPG 2019 Conference Committee

TBD