Chair Matt Bomgardner called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Other directors present were Mike Harper, Dick McElhaney, Duane Hertzler, Mike Badger, Justin Geisinger, Mike Kovach, Cliff Hawbaker, and Donna Foulk. Technical Advisors: Dave Hartman- PSU Dairy & Animal Science Dept., Laura Kenny- PSU, Cheryl Burns-Capital RC&D, Susan Parry- NRCS/PAGLC Coordinator, Dan Ludwig-NRCS, Kelly O’Neill- Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Aaron de Long-PASA, Franklin Egan-PASA, Susan Richards-Capital RC&D

MINUTES
Motion made by Cliff Hawbaker to approve October 12, 2016 minutes as submitted, Dick McElhaney seconded; Motion approved.

TREASURER REPORTS
Justin Geisinger, PA GLC Treasurer reported. He pointed out in-kind match of $15,000 for the first quarter of FY2017. Also discussed was the organization’s 2017 budget which includes funds for the production of four videos. Geisinger also stated that the organization’s 2017 spending is in line with expectations for the first quarter. Susan Parry brought up the goal of diversifying funding sources. A motion was made by Dick McElhaney to reimburse Duane Hertzler for his travel to Washington for a meeting of the National GLC and seconded by Mike Harper. The motion was approved.

TECHNICAL ADVISOR REPORTS
Susan Parry reported: PSU Extension submitted a report that was distributed, reports from NRCS have not been received. Ms. Parry will email those reports. Highlights of the PSU reports were presented.

NRCS updates were received from Dan Ludwig who summarized his work. Susan Parry reported that she is on a national team reviewing and potentially updating the NRCS pasture condition scoring protocols. This action was proposed at the National GLC Conference and subsequent NRCS Grazing Lands Team meeting, and the intent is to revise and make more appropriate for the eastern US. The pasture indicators will be updated in the near future then she will seek input from GLC.

National GLC REPORT
Duane Hertzler and Dick McElhaney reported: Mr. McElhaney stated that the National GLC annual meeting will be in Washington DC on February 27. The Natl GLC National Conference is scheduled for Dec 2-5, 2018 in Reno, NV. He suggested that the group might consider budgeting for scholarships. A capacity building opportunity may be available from NGLC. Cliff Hawbaker made a motion to inform NGLC of PA’s interest in the capacity building training. Mike Harper seconded, motion approved. Susan Parry or Richards were asked to contact Monti Golla.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Executive Committee
   A. Mr. Bomgardner reported that he’ll be planning a standing Executive Committee conference call a month before the scheduled PA GLC meetings.
Education/Outreach Committee:
   A. Capital RC&D – GLC Video Case Study Project; the Committee met before the meeting with Cheryl Burns of Capital RC&D, Mr. Geisinger reports that the $10,000 is budgeted for four videos. They include:
      a. Poultry - focus on pastured poultry, housing and predator control.
      b. Equine – problem of too many horses; how to address pasture management (small acreage) and forage issues for equine operations.
      c. Dairy – PASA will have a role, the focus will be on transition to grazing dairy.
      d. Grazing networking – Local, regional, state and national grazing network; the value and importance of pasture walks, conferences, peer-to-peer exchange, etc.
   **Mike Badger, Donna Foulk, Matt Bomgardner, Justin Geisinger will provide technical oversight for the videos.

   B. Aaron de Long reported: The PASA Dairy Apprenticeship program was discussed, it currently has six masters and three apprentices. Masters are in PA and NJ locations. They are looking for additional participants and Aaron requested help with outreach to those who may be interested in participating in the program. Eight events per year are planned. Center for Dairy Excellence is a new partner.

   C. Susan Parry reminded the group that the State Technical Committee will meet on January 19 and asked people to consider attending. There is always a conference call option.

Grants Committee (Report handout)
   A. Duane Hertzler reported: A handout with the present status of the mini-grant program, including grants complete/awarded was distributed. New awards include Lebanon and Franklin County winter conferences. Also awarded was a grant to support the PASA conference grazing track. Susan Parry encouraged members to consider attending (Mike Harper may attend). Cliff Hawbaker requested that the report include the amount of funds remaining from the grants. Susan Parry offered to email that out to the group. Currently, the remaining funds are $5,700

   B. Kelly O’Neil reported: A few grazing calendars are still available. She also said that a similar PA calendar may be developed again next year and asked the group to send her nice photos of animals in winter and more non-dairy photos. It was suggested that it would have been great to have the calendars sooner in fall and possibly more calendars printed. It was suggested that the PA GLC might provide funds, this could be discussed during April meeting.

   B. 2017 Grant Budget Projection – Distributed

OLD BUSINESS
Projects/Activities for 2017
   A. Project Status/Updates: Nat GLC grant Project – Susan Richards stated that planning is beginning for Grazing Schools (2 East, 2 West), funded by a Nat GLC mini-grant to Capital RC&D. Additional funds for the eastern school will come from a Chesapeake Bay Foundation project.
   B. Topics for 2017 pasture walks and partner collaboration were discussed.
   C. Review GLC 2017 Work Plan – Activities discussed above.
NEW BUSINESS
   A. Action Items
      • Producer videos – committee member follow-up
      • Grazing School planning conference call 1/25/17 at 1 PM
      • Contact Natl GLC about board training
      • Send wintertime livestock photos to Kelly O’Neil

   B. 2017 Meeting Schedule (Sites TBD): April 12; July 12; October 11, 2017 (2nd Wednesday of every quarter).
   C. Room on board for more producers, Jana Malot suggested? At-large producer in Adams County.

ADJOURN/NEXT MEETING DATE
   Wednesday, April 12th, 2017 (Location?)

Motion to close the meeting made by Mike Badger, Dick McElhaney seconded, motion carried.