

Pennsylvania Grazing Lands Coalition (Pa GLC)
January 9, 2019
Farm Show Complex
2300 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Tom Calvert, Chairman. Other Directors present were Justin Geisinger, Duane Hertzler, John Courtney, Jenn Albright, Mike Kovach, Cliff Hawbaker, and by phone link, Ann Swinker and Shelley Oswald. Also present were Susan Parry-NRCS State Grassland Conservationist, and Aaron DeLong - PASA- Dairy Grazing Program Manager, as technical advisors. Leya Ramer-SW Project Grass and Douglas Beri-Indiana County Conservation District were also in attendance. All in attendance introduced themselves.

TECHNICAL ADVISORS

PASA and Penn State Extension reports were distributed and briefly summarized, other technical advisor reports have been or will be e-mailed.

MINUTES

On motion by Cliff Hawbaker and second by Duane Hertzler, the 10 October 2018 minutes were approved as submitted.

TREASURER REPORTS

The treasurer's quarterly P & L statement was discussed and on motion by Michael Kovach and second by Cliff Hawbaker was approved.

There was a brief review of the 2019 budget items and Plan of Work. On motion by Cliff Hawbaker and Second by John Courtney it was decided to create a savings account for retained earnings to better track those funds. Duane Hertzler, Cliff Hawbaker, Justin Geisinger, and Debbie from Capital RC&D were charged with researching the type of fund account to use.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

State Technical Committee will meet 16 January.

Education and Outreach. All videos being worked on are completed and will be officially rolled out soon. Look for the Pastured Poultry, Dairy Grazing, Grazing Network, and Equine videos on our website. Website is now tracking followers and has a newsletter that can be subscribed to. Pa GLC had a presence at the PA Preferred Farm Show Banquet.

Grants Committee. Mini Grants report was reviewed. Two potential grants for \$10,000 each are being worked on to benefit PA GLC activities and run through Capital RC&D.

On motion by Duane Hertzler and Second by Cliff Hawbaker, \$1,000 was given to support Allen Williams and to staff a booth at the PASA conference. Jenn Albright will take the lead in scheduling the booth time and will attend the event.

National Grazing Conference. Duane Hertzler reported that there were some 600 in attendance and that it was a successful event. He reported they are thinking of having some sort of a pasture walk or summer tour type of event at midpoint to next conference. PA GLC was able to send nine farm representatives from Pennsylvania thanks to the National GLC Conservation Innovation Grant project we are collaborating on. There will be a training during the conference for all project participants and PA GLC is also covering some of the travel costs through a stipend for each attendee.

The possibility of developing a Speaker Bureau was again discussed. Jennifer Albright will develop a procedure for matching speaker requests with potential speakers.

NEW BUSINESS

10 July 2019 meeting sites and field day possibilities were discussed. 10 April 2019 meeting is scheduled for Boalsburg.

Meeting adjourned at 12:06

Respectfully Submitted,

John Courtney
Secretary

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