

PA GRAZING LANDS COALITION

PaGLC

10 April 2019

Mountain View Country Club

100 Elks Club Road

Boalsburg PA 16827

The Board meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Tom Calvert, Chairman. Tom gave a brief recollection of some of the history of grazing and grazing organizations in Pennsylvania. Other persons in attendance were introduced. Directors Cliff Hawbaker, Ann Swinker, Duane Hertzler, Bill Patton, and John Courtney were present and Mike Kovach was on a phone link. Susan Parry-NRCS State Grassland Conservationist, and Tim Elder-NRCS NW Grazing Specialist were in attendance. Technical Advisors Kathy Soder- USDA- ARS Pasture Lab, Jessica Williamson-PSU Extension forage Specialist, Kelly O'Neil-Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Aaron DeLong-PASA, and Susan Richards- Capital RC&D, and Jessica Matthews-PASA Dairy Grazing Apprentice were also in attendance.

TECHNICAL ADVISORS REPORTS

The April 2019 PA Grazing Specialist Report from Susan Parry, a Facilities update and a summary of current Grazing Research Projects at USDA- ARS from Kathy Soder-ARS, and a PaGLC New Funding Summary were distributed. These reports and those yet to be received will be posted on website. Highlights: Pasture lab pleased to have new funds for programs and facilities. New grazing sticks are on order, PASA now has 5 active Grazing apprentices and is looking to expand apprentice program, and Jessica Matthews-Dairy Grazing Apprentice related her experiences and how she came to be a part of the program. Jessica Williamson reported on the 4 recent Pasture workshops. Various agencies noted how they might coordinate on projects going forward.

MINUTES

Minutes were reviewed and on motion by Cliff Hawbaker and second by Ann Swinker, approved.

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurers report dated March 22 was distributed, discussed and on motion by Duane Hertzler and second by Cliff Hawbaker, approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

State technical Committee upcoming meetings topic is Water Quality. Anyone may attend in person or electronically.

Mini Grants: Report reviewed. \$2750.00 of budgeted \$8200.00 left this fiscal year.

Education Committee: Our four new videos will shortly be posted on our web site. We should all make our site a "go to" priority for grazing information and activities. Make sure we all see that events/activities are posted. Do not expect someone else has done it.

LUNCH BREAK

NEW BUSINESS

Duane Hertzler - The next National GLC Board meeting will be held in Oklahoma to familiarize the Board with the workings of the Noble Foundation. The Board is planning to sponsor a National grazing tour during the summer of 2020. Next National conference will likely be in S. Carolina.

Susan Richards reported that the PaGLC will receive National Fish and Wildlife Foundation funding support from grants to Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Capital RC&D that have components that will use our information and outreach capabilities.

CIG Grant: Susan Richards announced that the last component of our CIG Grant, A Wrap Up Session, will be held the Day of June 6, at Village Acres Farm, Mifflintown.

On motion by Ann Swinker and Second by Bill Patton, it was decided to have the next meeting on July 10. Meeting in AM and Field Day in PM at Cow-a-hen in Lewisburg.

Annual Meeting and Election of officers will be at the October 9 meeting

Chairman named Cliff Hawbaker and Duane Hertzler as nominating committee

Meeting adjourned at 1:30.

Submitted by: John Courtney, Secretary

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