

## **PA GRAZING LANDS COALITION**

9 October 2019

Mountain View, 310 Elks Club Road

Boalsburg PA 16827

10:00 AM

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Tom Calvert, Chairman. Other board members present were John Courtney, Bill Patton, Ann Swinker, Duane Hertzler, and Cliff Hawbaker. Directors Jennifer Albright and Shelly Oswald were present via Phone link. Susan Parry NRCS State Grassland Conservationist/ PA GLC Coordinator was present. Technical advisors present were Kelly O'Neill-Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Jessica Williamson- PSU Extension forage Specialist, Kathy Soder- USDA-ARS Pasture Lab, Dave Hartman- PSU Dairy and Animal Science, and Chery Burns – Capital RC&D, Liaison. Guests; present was Tom Ulrich and Glen Cauffman was on a phone link.

### **TECHNICAL ADVISOR REPORTS**

Written reports distributed from Capital RC&D, Penn State Extension, USDA-ARS Pasture Lab, October 2019 NRCS Grazing Specialist report. Susan updated the group on soil health management issues and distributed information and commented on the revised “Guide to Pasture Condition Scoring” and “Pasture Condition Score Sheet.” New supply of grazing sticks are in the works. Kelly O'Neill provided copies of the 2020 grazing calendars for distribution. Capital RC&D and Chesapeake Bay Foundation have obtained two grants that will provide funding for GLC partnering in the work.

### **MINUTES**

On motion by Cliff Hawbaker and second by Duane Hertzler, the minutes of the 10 July 2019 meeting were approved.

### **TREASURES REPORT**

After distribution and review, the end of Fiscal year statement and report was approved on motion by John Courtney and second by Bill Patton. Handouts on PA-GLC NEW FUNDING SUMMARY (Capital RC&D and Chesapeake Bay Foundation), and NRCS Agreement #68-2D37-17-010 (FY 2020 – 2022 Statement of work) and proposed budget were reviewed by the group and on motion by Cliff Hawbaker and second by Ann Swinker, GLC to accept proposed budget, work plan and deliverables as presented. \$5-10 thousand potentially to be used for part time position or work to peruse budgeted activities.

On Motion by Bill Patton and second by Cliff Hawbaker, GLC committed to a sponsorship of \$500 to Kathy Voth in support of On Pasture E-newsletter.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

National GLC –all are encouraged to check out and promote the “OUR LAND” presentation on the National GLC website. NOBLE FOUNDATION is working closely with National GLC, check their website as well. National GLC summer grazing tour is being planned for June 2020 in Nebraska. State Technical Committee – meeting scheduled for 16 October. Susan Parry will present program on agreement with Penn State on how NRCS and Penn state will work more effectively with horse owners to promote and embrace conservation practices.

The four videos are done and will shortly be posted on website and released for other promotional activities.

PA Grassland Evaluation Contest.-- will be held 10 October.

Grants-- Grants report was reviewed.

## NEW BUSINESS

Officer Election—the nominating committee presented the the following slate;

Chair	Tom Calvert
V. Chair	Ann Swinker
Treasurer	Duane Hertzler
Secretary	John Courtney

On motion by Bill Patton and Second by Cliff Hawbaker, the slate was duly elected.

Board Positions--

Chairman Calvert nominated Brian Moyer, Towanda PA and Glen Cauffman, Millerstown PA for At Large Directors. SW Project Grass was proposed for General Membership. SW project Grass is submitting Tom Ulrich as their intended Director. On motion by Duane Hertzler and Second by Cliff Hawbaker the three voting memberships were approved.

Future meetings-- On a successful motion by John Courtney and second by Ann Swinker, future meetings will be held on the **third Tuesday of January, April, July, and October.**

On motion by Bill Patton and second by John Courtney, the 21 January 2020 meeting will be held at Mountain View, Boalsburg, PA.

On motion by Ann Swinker and second by Duane Hertzler the meeting adjourned at **2:02**

John Courtney  
Secretary