

PA GRAZING LANDS COALITION

18 January 2022

QUARTERLY MEETING

Remote meeting (Zoom)

10:00 AM

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Tom Calvert, Chairman. Other directors present were Ann Swinker, Duane Hertzler, John Courtney, Michael Kovach, Tom Ulrich, Cliff Hawbaker, Shelley Oswald, and Brian Moyer. Susan Parry-PA NRCS State Grassland Conservationist/GLC Coordinator was present. Technical advisors present were Dave Hartman- PSU Dairy and Animal Science, Franklin Eagan- PASA, and Kelly O'Neill- Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Lisa Blazure-PA Soil Health Coalition, Susan Richards- Capitol RC&D, Aaron DeLong- PASA, Leanna Duppsstadt- Penn State Extension, Donna Foulk- Grazing advisor and Dr Kathy Soder- USDA ARS Pasture Lab. Director Glen Cauffman was absent due to hospitalization; Susan Parry gave an update on both Glen and Grazing Advisor Titus Martin, based on inquiries of both who are currently ill.

TECHNICAL ADVISORS REPORTS

Reports to be furnished electronically and posted on the PAGLC website. Aaron DeLong reported on the progress on establishing the Mentor Network. Attention drawn to the Forage and Grassland Council meeting Feb 9 at the Lancaster Host, and all encouraged to participate in that organization.

MINUTES

On motion by Cliff Hawbaker and second by Michael Kovach, the minutes of the 19 October 2021 meeting were approved as presented.

TREASURES REPORT

Quarterly Budget to Actual statement and balance were presented and reviewed. On motion by Michael Kovach and second by Shelley Oswald, the reports were accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

National- All who attended the National Grazing lands Conference reported favorably on the conference and the posturing of the organization for the future. Important issues that were mentioned; carbon sequestration, long range study being done by NatGLC and Noble Foundation was discussed and is beginning regarding the importance of combining (they belong together) animal and plant agriculture. Convention highlights and presentations will be available online.

Education and Outreach- Grazing Calendar- Chesapeake Bay has no additional funding for this project. Several ideas were offered as possible ways to continue the benefits of this program without the expensive printing costs- web site presence, and print on demand etc.

Media- Followings continue to grow. Someone asked if links to National conference presentations and videos could be provided, when available. Podcasts and Video links are posted, including new interviews featuring the Thistle Creek Farms (George and Christy Lake)

operation.

Grants- Mini-grants Continuing. Available funding was discussed since minimal budget was used during the Pandemic.

Project reports- Susan Richards discussed and will provide a full report on projects we are involved in with Capital RC&D at next meeting (or electronically).

NEW BUSINESS

Mentor Program applications, committee will meet shortly.

2022 tentative meetings; 19 April (Zoom?), 19 July (pasture walk), 18 Oct (annual meeting).

Tentative meeting schedule was approved on motion by Cliff Hawbaker and Second by Ann Swinker.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Cliff Hawbaker and second by Michael Kovach, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

John Courtney
Secretary

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