

Minutes of PGFLCC  
08 January 2014  
PA Farm Show Complex  
Susquehanna Room  
1:00 PM

Chairman Hawbaker called the meeting to order. Directors Susan Beal, Duane Hertzler, Helene McKernan, Dick McElhaney, David Williams, Donna Foulk, Glenn Seidel, Matt Bomgardner, and John Courtney were also present. Susan Parry-NRCS PA GLCI Coordinator and Theresa Heebner-NRCS PA Regional Grazing Advisor were present. Ann Swinker- PSU Equine, Dave Hartman- PSU Beef. Kathy Soder-ARS Pasture Lab, Dan Griffith, and Susan Richards- Capital RC& D, were present. Kim Stine-NRCS National GLC Coordinator and Dan Ludwig-NRCS PA Regional Grazing Advisor were present via phone link.

**TECHNICAL ADVISORS REPORT**

Ann Swinker-PSU Equine; distributed and highlighted a progress report that lists equine grazing articles published and available. She also introduced the Environmentally-Friendly Farm Program.

Kim Stine- National GLC Coordinator; updated the group on the National scene as much as could be done in the absence of a new farm bill. The National program is switching from GLCI to GLC, Grazing Lands Coalition, to better reflect the nature of the work being done. The next National Grazing Conference is being planned for December 13-14-15-16, 2015. A focus of the current efforts is to link grazing management to the soil health issues. She encouraged us to keep grazing on the table by continuing to work with our State Conservationist. Another focus on the National level is to make more coordinated and current the presence of grazing and GLC on the electronic media/web.

Susan Richards- Capital RC&D; reported on the progress, changes in, and nature of the CIG (Conservation Innovation Grant) that we are in partnership with. On motion by John Courtney and Second by Dick McElhaney, that partnership and the proposed work and new funding levels were approved.

**MINUTES**

On motion by Glenn Seidel and Second by Susan Beal, the minutes of 09 October 2013 were approved as e-mailed and presented.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed. On motion by Dick McElhaney and second by Donna Foulk, the report was approved as presented. Treasurer requests all to compile and submit their quarterly report forms.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Grant committee reported the following requests:

Headwaters RC&D	\$1,000.00
Penn's Corners (Grassland Contest)	\$1,000.00
PFGC (SE Grazing Conference)	\$1,000.00
SW Project Grass Bus Tour	\$ 500.00

On motion by Helene McKernan and second by Dick McElhaney, the grants were all funded at the \$500.00 dollar level.

Grant committee was asked to come to meetings with a snapshot of grant funding situation and recommendations for funding levels for new requests.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Anyone with information or recommendations for by-laws changes, please forward to the Executive Committee who will present proposals for change at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Hawbaker appointed a Youth Education Committee to come to the Board with recommendations of ways to involve youth in grazing. Appointed were Helene McKernan and Donna Foulk.

Meeting Schedule;	April 9	Conference Call
	July 9	Meeting and field Tour, Swinker Farm
	October 8	Meeting at KILE
	Jan 14	Conference Call

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 PM

John Courtney  
PGFLCC Secretary  
Pennsylvania's Grazing Lands Coalition

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