

Minutes of PGFLCC
DIRECTORS MEETING
9 July 2014, 1:00 PM
Windy Butte Farm, Spring Mills PA

Chairman Hawbaker called the meeting to order. Directors Susan Beal, Duane Hertzler, Helene McKernan, Dick McElhaney, Matt Bomgardner, Dave Williams, and John Courtney were present. Susan Parry-NRCS PA GLC Coordinator; Ann Swinker- PSU Equine; Dan Kniffen, Jasmine Dillon- PSU; Dave Hartman and Ben Williams-PSU Extension, Ann Nogan and Brandon Smale-CBE; Becky Berger-Beaver County Conservation District, Susan Richards-Capital RC&D; and Kathy Soder-NRCS-ARS were also present.

Our hosts were thanked for the AM tour and overview of the farm- operations, facilities, animals, and philosophy.

TECHNICAL ADVISORS REPORT

Ann Swinker-PSU equine, updated the group on upcoming training for nutritional management of horses.

Susan Parry summarized the NRCS report distributed regarding the work of the regional specialists across the state promoting grazing.

Kathy Soder, USDA- ARS Pasture Lab reported an increase in their budget and work will likely be facilitated with contract workers and Grad Students rather than new hires. New areas of interest include carbon, energy, and grass-fed livestock.

Technical Advisor reports were asked to be submitted in summary form so the complete reports could be e-mailed.

NATIONAL GLC

Good things are expected with the new cooperative agreement with the Nobel Foundation, an organization that is involved in Agriculture Worldwide.

MINUTES

On motion by Dick McElhaney and Second by Duane Hertzler, the minutes of 09 April 2014 were approved as presented.

TREASURES REPORT

Treasurers report was reviewed and discussed as e-mailed and presented. On motion by Dick McElhaney and second by Dave Williams, the report was approved as presented. Treasurer requests all to compile and submit their Quarterly reports. On motion by John Courtney and second by Susan Beal, it was decided to have the reimbursement rate for mileage float with the government rate.

