

PENNSYLVANIA GRAZING LANDS COALITION
DIRECTORS MEETING
8 April 2015
HOSS's Steak and Sea House
1450 N Atherton St, State College PA
10:00 AM

Chairman Hawbaker called the meeting to order. Directors Duane Hertzler, Dick McElhaney, Dave Williams, Mike Harper, Glenn Seidel, Susan Beal, Justin Geisinger, and John Courtney were present. Denise Coleman, NRCS State Conservationist; Susan Parry, NRCS State Grassland Conservationist; Ann Swinker - PSU Equine Extension Team; Dave Hartman - PSU Animal Science Extension, Kathy Soder – USDA/ARS, and Jasmine Dillon - PSU Student Member were also present.

TECHNICAL ADVISORS REPORT

Technical advisor reports were e-mailed and distributed. Kathy Soder reported on recent NE Pasture Consortium (NEPC), events. A nearly completed work of NEPC, Pasture Plants of Northeastern US, was discussed and Susan Beal is to explore cost of producing copies of the document and report to the ex-committee. Certain emerging opportunities to develop interstate and intrastate coalitions to coordinate grazing efforts were brought to the group's attention. We hope to further explore this topic at the July Meeting. Visit www.grazingguide.net, the website for NEPC, to see grazing info and the Pasture Plants of Northeast document.

NATIONAL GLC

National Board focusing on the upcoming National Conference, 13-16 Dec 2015 in Dallas TX. Board under leadership of the new Chairman Chad Ellis is working to build coalitions to further promote grazing and capture monies and support, public and private. A general discussion followed on possible ways to encourage and possibly subsidize producers and directors attending the conference. One way to accomplish that is to have presenters go. Chairman Hawbaker appointed David Williams, and the Education and Outreach Committee and the Tech Advisors to beat the bushes to generate topics and subjects to be able to submit abstracts and help get PA members/partners to the conference. Group to meet following meeting.

MINUTES

On motion by Dave Williams and Second by Dick McElhaney, the minutes of 14 January 2015 were approved as presented. Permission was granted to purchase a recording device on a successful motion by Dick McElhaney and second by Dave Williams.

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurers report was reviewed and discussed as e-mailed and presented. On motion by Dave Williams and second by Susan Beal, the report was approved as presented. Treasurer requests all to compile and submit their quarterly reports.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dick McElhaney and Duane Hertzler reported on their sponsored trips to the Pasture Consortium and/or the Appalachian Grazing Conference. Report from Mike Harper for the Appalachian Conference and Justin Geisinger for the Pasture Consortium were also received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dave Williams reported for the Education/Outreach committees focus on Agricultural Education. Strengths and liabilities of some possible funding sources were discussed. Many ways to present the videos and sound /video bites via conventional and electronic media are being explored. Committee was asked to bring a concept or plan to the next meeting. Again, other likeminded groups have similar goals and cooperating with others may be beneficial to all.

The grant committee report summary provided with meeting material was reviewed and discussed. Publicity for a new round of mini grant applications will be going out shortly.

Topics of concern for the 15 April Technical committee were solicited. Topics of concern; feral hogs, riparian grazing, and Waters of the U.S. regulations.

OLD BUSINESS

On motion by Dick McElhaney and second Susan Beal, it was decided to proceed to change our name in the various state and national documents and any required fees were authorized to be paid.

NEW BUSINESS

It was announced that NFU has appointed Mike Kovach as their representative to the Board.

A new brochure was distributed by Susan Parry and all were encouraged to become familiar with our website www.paglc.org.

Volunteer workers are needed at Ag Progress Days. Mark your calendars.

On motion by Susan Beal and second by Dick McElhaney it was decided to work to get Steve Reichert as a representative of the Cattleman's Association.

Denise Coleman, NRCS State Conservationist, presented the Pennsylvania Grazing Lands Coalition with a plaque as appreciation of the work done and products completed by PA GLC to further the mission of promoting healthy pastures and healthy soils in Pennsylvania.

8 July 2015 meeting is scheduled to take place along with a pasture walk at the farm of Matt Bomgardner, Annville PA.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00.

*Submitted by: John Courtney, Secretary
Pennsylvania Grazing Lands Coalition*