



I. The Rhode Island Association of Conservation Districts

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Meeting
May 9, 2011
USDA/NRCS
60 Quaker Lane
Warwick, RI 02886
4:30 PM

Present: Dick Went, Paul Dolan, Norm Hammond, Rudi Hempe, Harriet Powell, Keith Rogers, Emerson Wildes, Clark Collins and Ramona LeBlanc.

President Dick Went called the meeting to order at 4:31.

I. Minutes

- A motion was made to accept the minutes of the 2/14 meeting minutes as presented: Harriet/Paul, unanimous.

II. Treasurer's Report

- There is currently \$7953.97 in account. A motion was made to acknowledge receipt of the report: Paul/ Harriet, unanimous.

III. District Board Training:

- NACD is encouraging Board certification. Dick noted that the enabling legislation requires the SCC to provide training for new Board members. Currently there is a Directors Handbook. Dick requested that a member of the SCC proposal training module based on MA model be developed and posted on website.

IV. NACD:

- Certification of Board Training discussed previously.

V. NE NACD Conference:

- To be held August 5-9 in Plymouth, MA.

VI. Districts:

- A. SRICD: Working to obtain liability insurance. Doug is working on Geese Project. He also hosted a table at East Farm and made a presentation on NRCS programs.
- B. ERICD: Jessie has been coordinating volunteers for egg oiling as part of Geese Project. ERICD is aware of issue of oyster farms within District and will research the viability of a farm at _____.
- C. NRICD: Seedling Sale was held and featured a workshop on Edible Landscapes. An Open House will be held on 5/28. Water Festival was held at Camp Aldersgate. Liz will be leaving District in July and her position has been posted.

VII. President's Report:

Dick has attended two State Technical Meetings, NELM in Portsmouth, the Land & Water Summit, RIRLA's Annual Meeting, Hoop House Workshop at URI. He has participated in egg oiling training, the Small Farm Dream Course. He has met with Rep. Cicilline and organized a tour for Sen. Whitehouse's staff that concluded with Sen. Whitehouse's visit to a farm.

VIII. New Business:

- Dick proposed that meeting schedule be amended so that RIACD meets two times per year. A motion was made for RIACD to meet in May and November. Harriet/Rudi, unanimous.
- A motion was made to donate \$100 to RI Envirothon. Paul/Harriet, unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35.