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Society of Soil Scientists of Northern New England
Winter Business Meeting
Conservation Center – Concord, New Hampshire
February 26, 2010

In attendance were: Thomas Carr, Karen Dudley, Raymond Lobdell, Adam Doiron, Joseph Noel, Joseph Homer, Timothy Ferwerda, Eric Fontaine, Marc Jacobs, Gary Flaherty, Scott Myers, John Hayes, Jerry Rosenberg, Jonathan Sisson III, Nancy Rendall, Walter Polchlopek, Serita Frey, Luke Powell, Terry Ramborger, Michael Cuomo, and James McMahon III.

The business meeting was called to order by President Adam Doiron at 2:15 pm.

The minutes from the September 9, 2009 Business Meeting at Reid State Park in Georgetown, Maine were approved by the membership (printed in the February 2010 Newsletter).

Luke Powell, Treasurer/Membership Coordinator passed out a 2009 end of year Treasurer's Report detailing income and expenses. The checkbook balance as of December 31, 2009 was \$2,411.59. This amount with the CD balance (12/31/09) of \$4,356.14 yields a grand total of \$6,767.73.

The membership summary and trends were also detailed by Luke.

2009 Membership Summary
(2007 and 2008 included to show trends)

Membership Category	2007	2008	2009
Honorary	0	1	2
Active	56	39	44
Associate	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Total	60	45	51

NH Soil Judging

Joe Homer gave an update on NH high school judging competition held Thursday October 8, 2009, at the UNH Kingman Farm in Madbury, New Hampshire. Seventy-one students participated and it was very successful day. Joe thanked all those that helped as pit monitors (Tom Carr, Adam Doiron, Marc Jacobs, Lenny Lord, Jamie Long, Karen Dudley and others). Joe Homer also mentioned that volunteers would again be needed for the NH high school soil judging competition for the 2010 program.

Adam Doiron stated that the SSSNNE organization makes available \$250.00 annually to each of the three states to support their Envirothon/Soil Judging events. Marc Jacobs motioned, 2nd by Mike Cuomo to continue allocation of funds to support each state. It was noted that each state must formally request the funds on official letterhead.

KSAT

Ray Lobdell presented a revised introduction draft of the Saturated Hydraulic Conductivity (K_{sat}) for New Hampshire Soils (SSSNNE Special Publication No. 5) written by Karen Dudley. Some SSSNNE members felt this was needed to better clarify the source of the data presented in the publication. The goal is to make the document as functional as possible for the users (typically engineers and DES personnel). A motion was made to accept the revision and incorporate it into a version 2 of this document. Motion passed.

Upcoming Workshops

Adam Dorion made the membership aware of an upcoming workshop organized by Dave Rocque in Maine. The 2010 MAPSS/MAWS/MASE/MFS/SSSNNE Cool Climate Soil, Hydrology and Site Evaluator Soil Pit Classification Workshop will be held at the Saddleback Ski Lodge property in Dallas and Sandy River Plantations on September 1, 2010 from 9:00 am until 3:30 pm. Check-in will be in the base lodge from 8:30 am to 9:00 am. The format will be similar to last year's workshop at Reid State Park. Dave has been collecting water table data at a variety of problem soil areas. Staff from both state and federal regulators will be present.

Additional Field Day Options

Joe Homer stated that Ms. Amy Clark (DES Alteration of Terrain) has requested a field day for her staff (approximately 5 to 7 personnel) regarding Site Specific Mapping Standards, if possible, held in late May or early June. This would be to assist Amy Clark's staff in understanding the process behind making a soil map. Joe Homer felt it would be appropriate for SSSNNE to take the lead in addressing this request. Karen Dudley is looking into a site in Lee that consists primarily of disturbed soils. Joe Homer thought a disturbed site is where the regulatory interest is and the Lee site might be well suited.

Adam Dorion commented that SSSNNE could use such a site on a separate day for a membership-wide workshop. Marc Jacobs was quick to volunteer to contact Amy Clark to start dialog between SSSNNE and the NHDES on a soil map field day.

2010 Nominations

The next order of business was the nominations for the 2010 SSSNNE BOD. There are to be 5 individuals on the board with at least one per state represented. Adam is ending a lengthy time of dedicated service on the board. He served multiple terms as Newsletter editor in addition to secretary and this past year as our president. Mary Ellen Cannon is ending her term on the board as Newsletter editor.

The Nominating Committee named Karen Dudley (NH) and Jessica Philippe (VT) to the 2010 BOD. Those remaining on the board are Luke Powell (NH), John Hayes (NH), and Joe Noel (ME). Nancy Rendall made a motion seconded by Jerry Rosenberg to approve the slate of officers. The motion passed. No further business.

Adam called for an adjournment of the meeting at 2:40 pm

Submitted March 18, 2010 by Joe Noel, Secretary.