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MASWCD MINUTES Conference Call Meeting April 11, 2022

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<u>Present</u>

Ron Willis, President Ryan Britt, Past President Jim Carlson, Area I Steve Radcliff Area II Beverly Dometrorch, Area IV Gary Bonacker, Area V Harold Lampe, Area VI David Hutsell, Area VII Kenny Spooler, Area VIII Sandy Burd, Executive Director

Not Present

Scot Shively, Area III Henry Heinze,Treasurer

President Ron Willis welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. with a quorum established by roll call. After review of the agenda, Harold Lampe made the motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Gary Bonacker. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote (7-0).

The 2022 Area Meetings are currently being planned for the first week of August with elections for Areas 2, 4, 6 and 8 to be done. The rules for the election can be found in the Bylaws Article 6, Sections B, C, D and E. There will need to be training done in order for the employees to attend. Possible locations and meal options were discussed.

An email will be sent out announcing the MASWCD state awards contests and the deadline of July 1st. The poster contest deadline is November 1st. Information for the contests can be found on the MASWCD website. Sandy Burd said that she visited with Ethan Miller after the last meeting and he is willing to look at updating the website. It was noted that most of the areas that are to have elections have already made contacts to start the process for getting nominations. An email will be sent out with the duties of the Area Directors to the areas having election.

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The 2023 to 2025 Training Conferences was discussed. Sandy Burd said that she did not receive any contact back from the Branson Landing. Margaritaville did reduce the room rates for the conferences to \$99 for 2023, \$104 for 2024 and \$109 for 2025. Steve Radcliff made the motion to approve the contract with Margaritaville for the 2023 to 2025 Training Conference. It was seconded by Beverly Dometrorch. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote (7-0).

Ron Willis said that he and other board members met with Jim Boschert to discuss the Executive Director position last Wednesday and he expressed interest in accepting the job. He said that he would consider taking the job full time in the future but not at this time. The S.T.A.R. program could be a source of funding to help pay for this position to become full time. Beverly Dometrorch questioned the board's approval of the program and Ryan Britt commented that the board did approve it in 2019. He reviewed the outline of the program and stated that a Memorandum of Understanding was signed with Illinois. There have been no out of pocket funds spent on this program from Missouri thus far. Further discussion was held on the S.T.A.R. program and the benefits it can have for not only the association but Missouri landowners as well.

If approved by the board, the contract for the Executive Director could begin May 1 but keep Sandy Burd on contract until July 1. There are no set hours in the contract and Jim Boschert would be available Mondays and Fridays. If needed, he said that he could switch his days with his other parttime job to attend meetings on the other days. The offer for employment would be the same as was made to Sandy Burd with salary, rent, computer, printer, etc. She said that she could use Peggy Lemon's old computer to assist with the Training Conference planning. It was stated that planning for the Training Conference for this year needs to be started soon and can be done by WebEx so everyone would not need to be in person. There will need to be decisions made on how much the association wants Sandy Burd to be involved with the conference, who is handling the checkbook, registrations, hotel accommodations, etc.

Steve Radcliff made the motion to hire Jim Boschert part-time starting May 1st to be renewed in one year. David Hutsell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote (7-0).

Sandy Burd advised the board that she was not able to access the conference call service that Peggy Lemons had used in the past. Using WebEx was an alternate option but it does have a monthly cost of around \$26. It can be cancelled at any time. Harold Lampe made the motion to continue with the WebEx option but prefers the in person option. It was seconded by Beverly Dometrorch. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote (7-0).

The check presentation for the Peggy Lemons Memorial Scholarship for the top winning Envirothon team was discussed. It was decided to ask Kenny Lovelace if he will make the presentation on behalf of MASWCD. This will be on May 4th. A certificate will be presented and then the checks to the winners will be mailed.

Sandy Burd requested to download the McAfee virus protection software and Adobe software. The both have a cost. McAfee is needed to safeguard the computer and the Adobe program will allow pdf files to be edited. David Hutsell made the motion to purchase both software programs. It was seconded by Gary Bonacker. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote (7-0).

Sandy Burd advised the board that Peggy Lemons was bonded and a call was received from Naught and Naught Insurance. They advised that the company that had the bond were no longer offering it. They had a new company to do bonds and a new application would need to be done. With a new Executive Director being hired, she did not pursue the application. It is unknown what the cost would be. The discussion that followed detailed that anyone that had check writing authority needs to be bonded. Jim Boschert will need to look into getting the bond. Harold Lampe referenced back to the presentation that the Employees Association had at the March meeting regarding the survey and report. He felt that the association needed to encourage and support the findings of that report. Harold Lampe made the motion to support the findings of report and survey. It was seconded by Steve Radcliff. Motion carried by a roll call vote (6-1).

The Post Office box was discussed. Sandy Burd noted that the box rent is paid for a year. She said the only thing that comes there now is the bank statements. It was decided to leave it at the current address for the time being unless it can be transferred to another city post office.

The next meeting was set for June 13th at 10:00 a.m. with a location at the Soybean Association. Pizza will be ordered for lunch.

There being no more business, a motion for adjournment was made by Beverly Dometrorch. It was seconded by Gary Bonacker. Motion carried unanimously (7-0). The meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Burd, Executive Director

Ron Willis, President