



Montana Association of Conservation Districts

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MACD BOARD CONFERENCE CALL NOVEMBER 16, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Suta at 8:09 am and roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Suta (PRES)	William Bernard (1)	Bob Petermann (2)	Shirley Parrot (4)	Mike Hansen (6)
Jim Simpson (VP)	Dean Rogge (1)	Steve Hertel	Don Youngbauer (4)	Rick VanDyken (6)
Gary Giem (TREAS)	Tony Barone (2)	Steve Hedstrom (3)	Pete Woll (5)	
Jeff Wivholm (1)	Roddy Rost (2)	Judi Knapp (4)	Bill Naegeli (5)	

PARTNER MEMBERS PRESENT: NONE

November 13, 2018 MINUTES:

- Motion: Jim Simpson motioned to approve as submitted.
- Seconded: Gary
- Discussion:
- VOTE: Motion carried

FINANCIALS: APPROVED AT NOVEMBER 13, 2018 MEETING.

Convention Discussion:

- Don liked all the interaction.
- Tony thought the cold shower crap – game killer.
- Bill – overall went well; a lot of interaction between everyone. We need to work on business meeting; he got the impression that we pushed the budget; we really didn't go thru it. Could we shorten this by a day
- Gary didn't hear anything negative, except for cold shower. Heard more good than bad.
- Steve – name tags – need bigger print for districts. Need audio equipment for speakers in those rooms. Board members used to do introduction. Introductions were not consistent. Pleased to see a few people here from rogue district. Need more ideas for auction – bigger items. Idea for a draw down. Good Convention
- Jeff thought it went well, but running over time at sessions and not going over budget; needed to be bigger. Shorter would be better. Mark the more we understand that budget, the better we can explain.
- Mike said everything was positive; business meeting wasn't enough seating for non-voting folks. Good feedback on how structured for voting. Need more room.

- Roddy lots of positive feedback; couple of people worried about name tags. Like to see a few more auction items. Need some more bigger auction items. Good feedback on the tours; bigger room for business meeting.
- Bob thought it was well run. Business meeting room needed to be bigger. Couldn't hear anything in the session.
- Steve thought comradery talking with Bob Breipohl was great.
- Judi – topics for sessions were really good; needed two of her to go to them. Topics during meal time were good. Used to get updates during breakfast on Envirothon, range days, and other updates etc to motivate youth.
- Jim – nothing new to ad. As we head toward the next convention, Area Five would like to brainstorm new ways to raise money.
- Dean – Area 1 administrators were doing a good job of talking to their administrators and supervisors to see what topics they wanted to see; really good process. All the districts from the area need to be involved. A lot of programs out there that we did not cover enough; like Stacey and Rachel. Program date updates. Does not think we did our job getting sponsorships; his two jumped on board in a minute. Torgeson's, CHS and etc. Convention – first time in four years he got to go on a tour; first time he hasn't had a district that wanted to talk because they were pissed off. Didn't hear any negatives or bitches. Actually compliments that we are getting more structured and organized and they like that. We need to thank Lewis and Clark for strategic planning. Couple of districts we got invited to with regard to dues; we need not drop the ball. Financials was mentioned. If we have nothing to hide, let's throw the financial out there.
- Steve talked to several areas; financials are going to have to be explained to Steve very well so they can explain it and will force them to visit districts
- Mark wants all of us to have an electronic tablet that has all the financials on it, the supervisors will have every piece of information.
- Bob has a problem explaining everything that is on there.
- We could be telling people that they are not so smart if we don't give it to them. Do not want to spend time trying to explain the budget.
- Gary hates not to be giving out the financial documents because we took a lot of heat; if they don't understand it they need to learn; think we should give it to them. Maybe thinks the board should be seeing the checks and purchases so the board can review. Dan indicated that we need a finance committee. Gary could maybe summarize easier the budget.
- Jeff's survey indicated that a lot of them were not worried about the financials.
- Dean thinks that yesterday went really smooth. Taylor's Browns speech is appropriate about leadership and we are doing better. Tony – you look around and we are right in Billings and not a person from Yellowstone was present.
- Mark – if you run across anyone who was part of this, please say thank you – it is amazing what it will do. Taylor Brown gave his 50/50 money back to MACD. Mark thinks discussion is a good thing and we covered a lot of ground.

Next Convention

Jim indicated that it will be in Columbia Falls.

NACD Scholarships are available for someone so please let Mark know if anyone is interested.

NACD Report

- Steve explained how the system works with a pencil drawing. Dan and I just had a meeting with DNRC about Forest 2.0 which came from a meeting weeks prior. Conservation districts are moving into forestry and we need to get into it; a lot of forestry collaboration going on already and we need to be part of the conversation. Sunni out of Madison is the new NACD Northern Plains coordinator; Laura is the new Director of Development. Need to get - funding-information out to districts. Talked about what it takes to get job done; gone between 18-20 days; willing to spend out of his own pocket. Not sure how long he wants to stay with it and he may pursue stepping up to executive board or a larger NACD committee.
 - Jeff – what do we need to do. Forest and focus also works into good neighbor plan. Steve and Dan need to be connected. Dan is in conversation with Kerry Davant with our participation. Bob said we needed to be tied because forestry is part of the grazing picture.
 - Jeff indicated we need to keep budget good for Steve to attend NACD. Dan should participate, but he declined for this year to focus on everything on his plate. Jeff plans on going down on his own dime.
 - Dean indicated it is important even as an alternate; we need to be there every year so we can collaborate and continue with partnership connections.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. San Antonio – NOT DISCUSSED
 - Motion to Approve:
 - Seconded:
 - Discussion: There is always a scholarship that pays for somebody who has not gone. Let us know who may want to go – let us know right away
 - VOTE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ad hoc committee request for District Health Insurance issue- NOT DISCUSSED.
 - Motion to Approve:
 - Seconded:
 - Discussion:
 - VOTE

2. Give each A team member a \$250 Amazon gift card.
 - Motion to Approve: Jim Simpson
 - Seconded: Steve Hedstrom
 - Discussion:
 - VOTE: Motion carries

PARTNER COMMENTS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 10, 2018 - 7:30AM

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING: Jim Simpson

SECONDED: Dean Rogge

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 11:15am – Board went into a closed Executive Session