SWCS NCC June 27 2014

Updated Call in information: 1-800-582-3014

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Agenda items:

- July tour logistics (Michelle)

- Housekeeping (website)

- Chapter plan

- Annual meeting

- Anything else?

Role Call: Erika, Michelle, Chris, Doug Lawrence, Noel

Agenda items:

* July tour: Bob, Ed, and Leslie will lead the NCC on a fantastic tour of the bees, the green roofs and the composting facility at USDA on July 22. Michelle will send a note to the NCC members on Monday, June 30.
* Housekeeping (website): Lara will check in with Andy next month to see what needs to be updated and talk about the annual plan. Yahoo email account has been linked to Andy’s email address.
* Meeting minutes: Erika will put meeting minutes up the month after each call. Please email Erika if you have any changes/edits to the meeting minutes. We will approve the minutes at the start of each call.
* Chapter plan: The plan was last updated in 2009. Lara encourages the board to review and provide comments. Let Lara and Andy know if there is something specific that the group should be working on annually.
* Annual meeting: Lara, Michelle, and Noel will be attending and presenting at the SWCS annual meeting. Andy is arranging a get-together with the NCC. Michelle suggested that Lara, Noel, and Michelle offer these presentations via webinar to the NCC and have one presentation each month, starting in August. Lara can lead this and will work with Michelle and Noel to get these presentations organized.

Other topics:

* Doug updated the group on the “World Congress on Conservation Agriculture: Conservation Agriculture Needs You.” Doug attended this international meeting in Canada this week. A few highlights:
  + The Farm Foundation released their strategic plan on the Soil Health Renaissance (<https://www.farmfoundation.org/webcontent/The-Soil-Renaissance-Knowledge-to-Sustain-Earths-Most-Valuable-Asset-1873.aspx>)
  + The 4R’s was a common theme.
  + There was an interesting watershed tour similar to the CEAP monitoring efforts.
* Michelle and Erika updated the group on the Reactive N EPA/USGS/USDA conference in Rosslyn this week.
* Treasury Report: $12, 173 total; $1,173 checking; $11,000 savings. Michelle inquired about getting an analysis of the last 5-10 years of the treasury report and will reach out to Larry to get this information.
* Next call: Lara and Erika will not be available for the next call July 25. Michelle and Doug will be available. We will need to check in later in the month to see if we should reschedule the call.