



SWCS–NCC Meeting Notes
August 20, 2009
Teleconference

Participants: Ross Braun, Marvin Brown, Terrell Erickson, Tom Fedewa, Tom Hebert, Larry Holmes, Jan Surface

Website Update (Jan): Jan is working with Jacqueline Pohl in Ankeny to get the new website up and running. Once the website is up, Bill Boyer will have the old site taken off-line. It was suggested that maybe we can add a calendar of events that lists other activities (i.e. SAF, AWWRA, WAS) happening in the Greater D.C. area to give “value add” to visiting our website. Jan will look into the possibility of adding a local calendar feature to the website. Tom Hebert suggested that we may want to ask if any other NCC members would like to learn how to make website updates. Perhaps someone at NRCS public affairs would be interested. At a future date, we could host a LiveMeeting giving NCC members a tour of the new website.

Dewayne Johnson discusses NCC Responsibilities for 2011 International SWCS

Conference: Dewayne said the Frequently Asked Questions document he provided is the best place to get most of our questions answered on what the host city’s responsibilities are. The 2011 Conference will take place at the Omni Shoreham near the Adams Morgan red line Metro stop. SWCS Ankeny does not have any criticisms or concerns about chapters who have hosted the conference. He did suggest that tasks be delegate so that no one person is overburdened. “Don’t let anybody take on too much.” It would be a great idea to have NCC group leaders help out and shadow St. Louis group leaders at the 2010 conference to get experience. They could help moderate sessions and shadow group leaders.

The following is a list of tasks (not comprehensive) that will need to be completed:

- Prepare a List of tentative tours (8-10)
 - Historic Tours (2 max)
 - Conservation Tours
 - No spouse/kids special events/tours required
- Contact Convention/Visitors Bureau for Washington D.C. tourist information to distribute in St. Louis and at the 2011 Conference
- Lead Roles—identify people
- ~November 2010—get together in D.C. for pre-conference planning with Dewayne. Keep in touch and schedule when Dewayne is in town negotiating details with Omni Shoreham. Copy Dewayne on seminar/tour announcements and he may be able to come to Washington D.C. to attend.
- Plan to set up exhibit table at 2010 SWCS Conference in St. Louis. The NCC will not be charged for the exhibit space.

Actions: Tom Herbert will contact USDA Administrator to see if they are willing to provide leaders and help organize the conference. Ross will make a list of teams and primary responsibilities. Ross volunteered to coordinate our exhibit booth promoting the 2011 conference at the 2010 St. Louis conference.

Treasurer's Report: Larry Holmes provided the following report:

	Checking	Savings	Total
Beginning Balance	\$570.40	\$14,423.91	\$14,994.31
Receipts	+720.36	+\$7.16	\$727.52
Outlay	- 308.18	---	\$308.18
Balance on 8/20/09	\$982.58	\$14,431.07	\$15,413.65

Sally Collins' Luncheon Seminar (Brown Bag) Planning: None of the proposed dates work for Sally. We still need to schedule.

Action: Ross Braun will put in a request to Sally for more possible dates.

Smithsonian Dig-it Family Festival (Ross): The Smithsonian is hosting a Dig-it Family Festival October 31, and November 7. NCC can participate by providing extra volunteers and funding for refreshments. A motion was made and passed to spend up to \$200 for refreshments. Jan will make a display "Refreshments provided by the Soil and Water Conservation Society National Capital Chapter"

Action: Jan will make a display "Refreshments provided by the Soil and Water Conservation Society National Capital Chapter"

Ross will purchase the refreshments and deliver to the Smithsonian.

Other Business:

It was suggested that NCC may want to have a booth at the USDA Farmer's Market on Fridays at the Whitten Building Parking Lot.

Action: Larry will find out how NCC could get a booth and the cost

Next Meeting September 24, 2009, noon to 1:00 pm.

Tentative Agenda Items for September:

- WAS Report (Terrell)
- Farmers Market Information (Larry)
- Slate of Officers for 2010 (all)
- 2009 Awards Committee (all)
- Treasurer's Report (Larry)
- Website Update (Jan)
- Dig-it Family Festival update (Ross)
- Firm up plans for 2011 Conference Leasers/Tasks discussion with USDA Leaders (Tom Hebert)

Meeting Dates through the End of the Year:

- October 22
- November 19
- December 17

Tentative Agenda Items for October Meeting:

- Identify Team Leaders for 2011 SWCS Conference

Monthly Meeting Call-in Information:

Toll Free: 866-919-4799

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