

New Jersey Conservation District Employees Association
March 2, 2012
Meeting Minutes
Cracker Barrel, Hamilton Twp.

Bill Brash, President, called the NJCDEA meeting to order at 11:13 am.

Attendance:

Bill Brash, Paul Evans (Vice President), Karen Rowe (Secretary), Courtney Davidson (Treasurer), Bob Dobbs, Mike Hill, Andrea Farparan, Donna Cramer, Michael Kent, Tim Thomas, Ben Shotland, Joe Dunn, Holly Reynolds and Frank Minch

Minutes:

Minutes of the December 1, 2011 meeting were reviewed.

Motion: Bob Dobbs made the motion, seconded by Mike Kent, and passed to approve the minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

Courtney Davidson reported that 47 members (42 renewed and 5 new) joined for 2012. Bill Brash & Courtney will go to TD Bank to update account signatures.

Beginning Balance from 12/01/2011 meeting:	\$4,456.52
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Income:

Deposits (December 2011 – to date)

Membership Dues (31people)	\$ 310.00
Defensive Driving Training (15 people)	\$ 600.00

Total Deposits	\$910.00
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Expenses:

Mercer SCD Reimbursed for Risoldis'	\$ 45.00
2012 NCDEA Dues	\$ 200.00
NJ Division of Revenue Annual Report	\$ 25.00

Total Expenses	\$ 270.00
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Ending Balance March 2, 2012:	\$5,096.52
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Motion: Mike Hill made the motion, seconded by Bob Dobbs, and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report with one correction: Replace "*Food*" with "*Membership*" for 12/6/11 Deposit description.

President's Report:

Bill Brash asked Tim Thomas to report on the State Training Committee:

- Defensive Driving is scheduled for March 22nd at the Freehold SCD offices. 24 people are registered to date.
- Soil Health Conference at Ocean County Community College May 30th. Tim involved in planning/tours.

- Training Survey results are being analyzed. Bob Dobbs suggested marketing training.
- Tim is looking for new people to serve on the Training Committee.
- Legal/Ethics Training is delayed until late spring due to Cliff Lundin's hip replacement (he will facilitate). Paul Evans will find out if it can take place at Burlington SCD offices.
- Administrative staff should look into training opportunities offered by HRDI in Trenton. The limited number of administrative staff able to attend trainings makes HRDI resources more feasible.
- Tim is now President of the Northeast Employees Association due to Ed Hoxie's resignation. The Leadership Conference is on hold.
- Tim sits on the committee for the joint NRCS/District Training. He would like someone to serve as an alternate on this committee.

Bill discussed the NJCDEA donation to the 2012 Envirothon.

Motion: Bob Dobbs made the motion, seconded by Mike Kent, and passed to approve a donation of \$500 to the NJ Envirothon.

Bill will be at each State Committee meeting. If he is unable, Paul Evans will attend.

Correspondence:

Karen Rowe contacted the Northeast and National Employee Associations with the new Executive Board member updates.

Unfinished Business:

Bill Brash will* contact the Bergen District about membership and the defensive driving class. He will also ask if Angelo Caruso plans to continue as the Northeast rep.

[*After Meeting Note: Angelo can only participate as NE rep by conference calls. If anyone who wants to step up to be the Northeast rep, please contact Bill.]

Tim Thomas will check the NACD website to confirm that NJ's information is up-to-date.

Mike Kent may be able to serve on the State Training Committee and the NRCS/District training committee. He will let Tim know.

New Business:

Mike Kent reported that Nick Cassetta will be retiring this year. Nick is a long time member of the NJCDEA.

Frank Minch presented his synopsis of the White Paper: *Restructuring of the NJ Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Program*.

- White Paper written in July 2011 at the request of the Governor
- All State agencies required to submit similar reports
- Intended as an "internal document" but was circulated to NJDEP and others

Discussion followed:

- Membership wants to improve the program
- NJCDEA wants to be involved in the process

Other:

Karen Rowe will send out one more notice for Defensive Driving class. Spouses and children of staff welcome to attend.

Bob Dobbs will reach out to Gloucester SCD about membership.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, June 14th, 11am at Mastori's in Bordentown

Motion to Adjourn: Bob Dobbs made the motion, seconded by Paul Evans, and approved to adjourn at 12:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Karen Rowe, Secretary