



The Hampton Inn, 25 Lakers Lane, Cazenovia, NY
Tuesday, October 18, 2022
6:00 P.M.

Attendance:

Sam Casella, President Rob Carpenter, 1st V. Pres.
Bruce Dolph, Member @ Lg Scott Ryan, 2nd V. Pres.
Ernie Swift, Treas. Maureen Leupold, Div. II
Blanche Hurlbutt, Ex. Dr.

Absent:

Dan Farrand, Past Pres.
Frank Thomas, Div. V
Tom Ryan, Secretary
Jim Brick, Div. I

Guests/Partners:

Guests Present: Frank & Gretel Bachler, Delaware SWCD, Susan O'Dell-Pepe, Suffolk SWCD, Marilyn Peoples, Steuben Co., Elaine Swift, Steuben Co., Jeff Parker, Steuben Co. SWCD.

Partners Present: Dennis DeWeese, NRCS Ass't State Conservation, **Absent:** Dustin Lewis, NYSCDEA, Saratoga Co. Dist. Mgr. Brian Stienmuller, Ass't Dir Ag. & Mkts.

I. Call to Order: Sam Casella, Pres. Called the meeting to order 6:10 p.m.

II. Roll Call: Blanche Hurlbutt, Ex. Dr. gave roll called.

III. Secretary's Report/Approval of Minutes:

- A motion by Bruce Dolph second by Maureen Leupold to approve August minutes as written. Carried. **#10/18/2022 = A**

IV. Treasurer's Report:

- A motion by Bruce Dolph second by Rob Carpenter to approve the August Treasurer's report as provided. Carried. **#10/18/2022 = B**
- A motion by Bruce Dolph second by Maureen Leupold to approve the September Treasurer's Report as provided. Carried. **#10/18/2022 = C**
- A motion by Scott Ryan seconded by Rob Carpenter to approve the September Bills to be paid. Carried. **#10/18/2022 = D**

September bills were approved at the special meeting on October 5, 2022.

Ernie Swift went over the financial reports for September providing the Board with the availability of funds and expenses in the bank and money market. Ernie reviewed the Bills to be Paid for September.

V. Partners Reports:

NYACDEA' Report: Dustin Lewis, CDEA President was unable to attend. No report was provided.

NRCS Report: NRCS Report: Blake Glover, NRCS State Conservation was unable to attend due to attending a national NRCS meeting in Michigan this week, but sent Dennis DeWeese, NRCS Ass't State Conservation to provide a report on his behalf. Dennis referred us to the NRCS information provided in the annual NYACD booklet for review.

Dennis reported on the funding they are receiving for the different NRCS programs in the upcoming year. From EQIP programs to Partnership programs related to Climate Smart Practices. Dennis spoke on the next Farm Bill coming up and concerns related to this. Rob Carpenter discussed the concerns he has related to a need for cost adjustments depending on the economical areas within New York. Many farmers in Suffolk County are not elected to go with the programs due to the cost to complete a project and NRCS cost share not equitable.

Dennis reported on the new NRCS State Soils and Public Affairs staff and the transfer of Dave Mortensen, Ass't State Conservationist for Field Operations Southeast area to another federal agency.

State Committee Report: Brian Stienmuller, Ass't. Director NYS Ag & Mkts was unable to attend, and no report was provided.

Board Report:

President: Sam Casella reported he did not have anything to report. Sam stated he will be providing a full report at tomorrow's annual meeting.

Executive Director:

NYACD Division Reps: Blanche reported that there will be division meetings during lunch tomorrow. There is still a need for NYACD Representatives for Divisions III, IV, VI, VII, and VII to step-up be a representative. Blanche reported that she sent out emails to SWCD's and Directors to encourage them to find someone to represent them on the NYACD board but has not heard anyone interested in being a representative for the five vacant positions.

2022 Annual Meeting: Blanche reported that there is over ninety (90) expected attendees for the next two days event. That everything is all set and ready with the registration, rooms, silent auction/raffle, and training sessions as scheduled.

Monthly Director Letter: The September Director letter will be completed and mailed at the end of the month.

Legislative Bill: The Stream C bills has not arrived on the Governor's desk as of May 2022. Blanche reported she has been monitoring the Stream C bill. At this meeting, the Governor has not taken any action.

2024 NCF-Envirothon: The committee did not hold a meeting in September due to the Chair being sick. Our main concern is funding for this event and the committee is working hard to find potential funders. The NYACD Board requested that Blanche provide a report during the annual meeting on Wednesday.

Next year the 2023 NCF-Envirothon will be held in Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada on July 23-29, 2023, at Mount Allison University and the current issue will be on “Adapting to Changing Climate.”

Updating Flyer: Blanche reported that the updated NYACD flyer for hand-outs is in the registration packets.

Director & Representatives –

- a. **Division I:** Jim Brick was unable to attend due to a prior comment.
- b. **Division II:** Maureen Leupold reported Monroe County SWCD has been busy with tree planning projects. Maureen reported that staff attended the Conservation Skills Workshop provided by the CDEA and it was a good training event. Maureen reported that effective December 31, 2022, she will be stepping down from her position on the NYACD Board. Maureen reported that Rollin Pickering, Monroe Co. SWCD Chair has been her alternate to the NYACD Board for Division II and he will be stepping into her position effective January 1, 2023. Maureen reminded folks that they should have an NYACD alternate in place.

Sam spoke on behalf of the NYACD Board thanking Maureen for her service to the NYACD Board and Division II. Sam expressed how she would be missed for all she has done and wished her well moving forward.

- c. **Division III:** No representative, no report.
- d. **Division IV:** No representative, no report.
- e. **Division V:** Frank Thomas was unable to attend, and no report provided.
- f. **Division VI:** No representative, no report.
- g. **Division VII:** No representative, no report.
- h. **Division VIII:** No representative, no report. Rob Carpenter who reports at times on Division VIII's behalf had nothing new to report.

Committee Reports:

Education & Envirothon: Ernie reported asked that Blanche report. Blanche reported that the next meeting will be October 26th. Blanche provided a report to NCF for their next upcoming meeting. The NYS Envirothon is on track to date for the upcoming 2023 event. The concerns for the 2024 NCF event are the cost and raising the funds. Sam stated that all of the districts and NYACD present need to help out and search for funding. Blanche reported that they received the MOU from NCF. JoAnn Kurtis and Blanche reviewed the MOU had questions and Jennifer Brooks, NCF provided answers, so we are now ready to sign the MOU and return to NCF. We have received funding from fourteen (14) districts presently. It is our hope that more districts will step-up and pay what we have requested to support this program. Blanche reported that the committee has three potential budgets for this event. It is our hope that we can raise over \$450,000, so we can do all that we would like to do, if not we will be doing less offsite events.

2023 NYS Envirothon Updates: The committee did not hold a meeting in September, but the committee is working on funding and each of their positions as expected at this time. The next meeting will be held in October with the date and location to be determined.

VI. Old Business: Nothing to discuss at this time.

VII. New Business:

2023 Budget: Ernie Swift and Velynda Parker reviewed the potential budget for 2023. Velynda provided copies for the board to review. The NYACD Board had not had time to review the budget before this meeting and Sam suggested that the board hold off on approving the board.

- A motion was made by Rob Carpenter seconded by Maureen Leupold to table the budget until the November NYACD meeting. Carried. **#10/18/2022 = E**

Legislative Days: Blanche reported that she has reach out to Farm Bureau to see if they will be hosting the "Taste of New York" the first week of March. Once she knows when they will be hosting this event, she will set the date for Legislative days. Legislative days are usually held the first Monday & Tuesday of March. More information to follow.

Travel Policy: Blanche provided the board in advance of this meeting a copy of the updated NYACD Travel Policy.

- A motion was made by Bruce Dolph seconded by Scott Ryan to approve the updated Travel Policy as written. Carried. **#10/18/2022 = F**

2023 NACD Fly-In: Sam reported that in March there will be the annual NACD Fly-In. This will be held back in Washington; DC and he is looking forward to attending.

2022 Resolutions: Blanche provided the board with the Onondaga County SWCD resolution. The board reviewed the resolution and supported it. Blanche advised that Hamilton County SWCD will be providing a resolution at the annual meeting. Hamilton SWCD will be bringing one hundred copies for those attending to review. This resolution is regarding the NOFA committee who are trying to open up District Law and make profound changes.

2023 NYACD Event: Blanche inquired about the 2024 NYACD event dates and location. Blanche reported that we have been at the Hampton Inn, Cazenovia for four years. Usually, we move every two and we usually host the event the fourth week of October, but this year the event date had to be moved up a week.

- A motion was made by Bruce Dolph seconded by Scott Ryan to move the event back to the fourth see in 2023, October 24-25-26, 2023. Carried. **#10/18/2022 = G**

The Board requested that Blanche look for another meeting location for next year's event. Blanche stated that she would work on RFPs to send to potential hotels.

VIII. Adjournment:

- A motion made by Tom Ryan and second by Ernie Swift to adjourn the meeting. Carried. **#10/18/2022 = H**

NO JULY MEETING. Next meeting date is **Wednesday, November 16, 2022, by Zoom at 7:00 p.m.**
Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Blanche L. Hurlbutt

NYACD Executive Director November 1, 2022

August Motions Meeting:

#10/18/2022 = A Approval August Minutes

#10/18/2022 = B Approval August Finances

#10/18/2022 = C Approval of September Finances

#10/18/2022 = D Approval of September Bills

#10/18/2022 = E 2023 NYACD Budget Postponed

#10/18/2022 = F Approval Updated Travel Policy

#8/9/2022 = G 2023 NYACD annual event change

#8/9/2022 = H Approval Adjourn