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President's Message



Show-Me Chapter Receives Professional Development Award

by Bob Miller, Show Me Chapter, SWCS

The latest great news is the successful SWCS annual conference at Spokane, Washington. Our Show-Me Chapter had good representation with nine members attending giving three formal presentations. Our Chapter also received the Chapter Professional Development Award. Other award recipients include Renee Cook, Outstanding Service and Bob Ball, Commendation Award. The conference was another one compelling attendees to attend all sessions to avoid missing anything. Presentations were of top quality and the techniques other states are using are very transferable to our situations. I found myself wishing several other folks could be gaining the information giving us broader trained teams.

Craig Cox, Executive Director, addressed budget conditions at the House of Delegates meeting. SWCS is operating at break even, an improvement, but is becoming largely dependent upon grants. Dependency may not be a good thing if it prevents us from having the freedom to set direction. The Board will continue to address this issue. Craig also expresses the need for Board makeup to represent membership as most chapters are diversifying their membership. We are very fortunate to have Ross Braun representing the Show-Me Chapter on the Board.

Membership decline was another topic discussed. Professional development and experienced members sharing with new and potential members were identified as the most successful membership recruitment and retention. Our forums, workshops, and other member interactions are the key. Reach out to someone, our Society and our Chapter will be as strong as our membership.

This was a great opportunity to attend this conference, represent our Chapter, and learn from other chapters. I thank you for the opportunity and hope many of you will consider attending future conferences.



MISSOURI SHOW-ME CHAPTER ANNUAL FALL FORUM *Sand & Gravel Mining In Missouri*

October 7, 2003 • 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Ike Skelton Training Center
2302 Militia Drive • Jefferson City, MO

Forum Prelude

Removing sand and gravel from stream channels is an extensive practice in Missouri. These products can be removed safely and represent an economical and valuable use of a vast resource. Improper removal can result in serious damage to Missouri's streams and riparian resources.

Missouri is presently developing a process that will permit the commercial use of sand and gravel without unnecessary degradation of streams.

This forum offers an open opportunity for stakeholders and the public to learn more about these activities.

Presenters

Bill Turner

Missouri Department of Conservation

Suzanne Femmer

U.S. Geologic Survey

Richard O'Dell

MDNR Land Reclamation Program

Paul Calvert

Missouri Stream Team Coordinator

Panelists

Ted Heisel, Mo. Coalition for the Environment

Leslie Holloway, Mo. Farm Bureau

Carla Klein, Sierra Club

Randy Scherr, Mining Industry Council

New Members: Member News



By Jennifer Petty, Membership Chair

Well, the membership report for this newsletter is a little more positive than the last newsletter, but we still have a way to go. We did only have five terminated members from March to August, which puts us at 19 for the year. On the positive side we do finally have some new membership! I would encourage you to welcome **Timothy Baker** and **Shane McNaughton** as new members to the society.

Once again, please encourage any non-members to join, and keep your membership current. I know we are all busy this time of year, but don't ignore that renewal notice on your desk!

SWCS Dues Allocations

Your SWCS dues supported the following activities in fiscal year 2003 (April 2002 - March 2003).

Membership & Chapter Relations	\$139,914	42%
Journal & Conservogram	\$65,404	20%
DC & Canadian Representation	\$21,525	6%
Governance	\$92,725	28%
Other	\$11,591	4%
TOTAL	\$331,159	

The Power of Asking (or Suggesting) . . .

By Tom Buman, WNC Region Membership Chair

Have you ever considered why you became a member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society, or for that matter, a member of any organization? I'm guessing the reason you joined is that someone you respected encouraged you to join. That person probably even gave you an application for just in case you decided to join.

Good organizations grow because they have members who actively support the organization's mission and have members who are committed to increasing the organization's membership.

As a member of SWCS, I am asking for your help. Within

*SWCS Mission . . .
The Soil and Water Conservation Society fosters the science and the art of soil, water, and related natural resource management to achieve sustainability. We promote and practice an ethic recognizing the interdependence of people and the environment.*

the next two weeks, I am requesting that each SWCS member make a sincere effort to ask or nudge two people to become new SWCS members. That's it. I am simply asking you to encourage two people to join or rejoin the SWCS.

SWCS is a great organization with a great mission. Through dedicated members such as you, SWCS supports soil and water conservation programs and funding.

Please support soil and water conservation by asking two people to join. Membership forms are available at www.swcs.org. Just click on "Join" at the bottom of the homepage.

Missouri Show-Me Chapter Fall Forum (from page 1)

MISSOURI-SHOW-ME CHAPTER ANNUAL FALL FORM REGISTRATION FORM

Name : _____

Address: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____

Participants should register in advance. For security purposes, attendees will be required to show ID upon entering this facility.

Registration Fee: \$15.00 payable to SWCS Show-Me Chapter

Send to: Rose Marie Hopkins
Missouri DNR - SWCP
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Registration forms are also available at <http://swcs.missouri.edu/>
If your registration will not be received before October 6, contact Colleen Meredith at 573-526-7687 to have your name added to the access register.

Directions - Travel on Highway 50 approximately 9 miles East of Highway 54 until you reach the Militia Drive exit (this will be past the Highway Patrol Office) Turn Left onto Militia Drive. (Taos Exit is too far East). Follow signs to National Guard Facility.

FALL FORUM AGENDA

- 9:30-10:00 Registration and refreshments
- 10:00-Noon **Presentations**
Bob Miller, SWCS Chapter President, Moderator
Understanding Streams
Bill Turner, Program Coordinator, MDC
Sand & Gravel Resources of Missouri
Suzanne Femmer, Hydrologist, US Geologic Survey
Permitting Sand & Gravel Mining
Richard O'Dell, Land Reclamation Program, MoDNR
Stream Teams - Volunteers in Action
Paul Calvert, Stream Team Coordinator
- Noon-1:00 Lunch in the Cafeteria
- 1:00-3:00 **Panel Discussion w/ Q&A**
Dave Owen, SWCS Moderator
Ted Heisel, Missouri Coalition for the Environment
Leslie Holloway, Missouri Farm Bureau
Carla Klein, Sierra Club
Randy, Scherr, Mining Industry Council
- 3:00 Wrap-up and Adjourn

Betty Broemmelsiek Memorial Scholarships

The Betty Broemmelsiek Memorial Scholarships honor this long-standing chapter member for her dedication to soil and water conservation. In addition to chairing the state Soils & Parks Tax initiative, Betty chaired the Missouri Soil & Water Districts Commission. She also served as the first woman on the NACD board of directors, regularly conducted conservation tours on the family farm with husband, Jack, served on the St. Charles SWCD board, and worked on the 1985 SWCS national conference in St. Louis.

Objective: The Betty Broemmelsiek Memorial Scholarships provide financial assistance to students wishing to pursue studies with a natural resource conservation orientation at properly accredited colleges or universities.

Amount: One \$1,000 First Place scholarship and one \$500 Second Place scholarship will be awarded. Scholarship recipients also receive a complimentary one-year membership in SWCS and the local chapter.

Eligibility: This scholarship is for students who attended high school in Missouri. The student need not be an SWCS member. Applicants must be in their senior year of high school, or in a full-time undergraduate academic study. They must major in a conservation or natural resource-related field such as soil science, land use planning, forestry, wildlife management, fisheries, agricultural engineering, hydrology, rural sociology, agronomy, water management, agricultural economics, agricultural education, or related environmental protection or resource management curricula. Applicants must attend, or plan to attend, a college or university that is properly accredited by national or regional accrediting bodies, or their equivalence. Financial need will not be a factor in selection.

Applications: Applications for 2003-2004 must be post-marked by November 28, 2003. The scholarship application form is available on the Missouri Show-Me Chapter SWCS web site home page (<http://swcs.missouri.edu>) or by contacting Beverly Maltsberger, Buchanan County Extension Center 4125 Mitchell Ave., PO Box 7077, St. Joseph, MO 64507-7077, phone (816) 279-1691 email: maltsbergerb@missouri.edu. From the web site, Click to view the 2003-2004 application form online, or to download an MS Word document containing the application. (Right-click on the link and save the document, then view in Word.)

Each application must include:

- 1) An essay as described in this announcement
- 2) Two letters of recommendation (school advisor, teacher, employer, community leader, etc.)
- 3) List of positions of leadership and conservation activities, including dates and related organizations.
- 4) Most recently available high school and/or college transcript (copy)

Essay: The theme of the 2004 Betty Broemmelsiek Memorial Scholarship is "The Missouri River Watershed 1804 - 2004, Corps of Discovery Observations Then and Now." Scholarship

applications must include a 3 to 5-page essay answering the following question, "What changes in the MO River Watershed would Lewis & Clark observe today compared to what they saw in the 1804 Corps of Discovery trip?" Essays should address all appropriate natural resource information such as land cover, land use, river dynamics, river uses, wildlife species and habitat, and more.

Essay Background Information:

The Missouri River Watershed has undergone many changes in the past 200 years. The westward migration of European settlers had a major impact on the natural resources within the MO River Basin. Changes in land use, climate, stream uses and wildlife habitat are just a few of the areas impacted by this new civilization.

Besides mapping the land, Lewis was instructed to acquaint himself in detail with the native inhabitants of the territory, as well as the soil and terrain, animal and plant life, mineral resources, and climate. President Jefferson anticipated that, as time went on, the nation would need more space for expansion, especially for agriculture. He wanted a better understanding of the potential of Louisiana for meeting that need.

As the 2004 celebration of the Lewis & Clark Expedition approaches, now is a good time to pause and reflect on just what it was they observed in 1804 that made settlement of this area so inviting to early Pioneers. Information can

me found in books such as "How We Crossed the West: The Adventures of Lewis and Clark" by Rosalyn Schanzer (Scholastic, Inc., 1997) or "In the Footsteps of Lewis and Clark" by Gerald S. Snyder (National Geographic Society, 1970) which address the Corps of Discovery's journey. Additional resources include professional and historical journals, magazines and the Internet. Internet keyword searches include "Lewis & Clark Expedition," "Corps of Discovery," "Louisiana Purchase," "Westward Expansion" and others. Some helpful sites include:

- <http://lewisclark.geog.missouri.edu/index.shtml>
- <http://www.pbs.org/lewisandclark/>
- <http://www.americanwest.com/pages/wexpansi.htm>
- <http://www.lewis-clark.org/index.htm>
- <http://xroads.virginia.edu/~HYPER/JOURNALS/toc.html>
- <http://lewisandclarktrail.com/>
- <http://www.lewisandclark.org/>

Applications should be sent to Beverly Maltsberger, Buchanan County Extension Center, 4125 Mitchell Ave., PO Box 7077, St. Joseph, MO 64507-7077

Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the Missouri Natural Resources Conference at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri, on January 29, 2004. Cash awards will be made directly to the recipients' college or university.

The 2003 Betty Broemmelsiek Memorial Scholarships were awarded to Sara Muri, Jamestown High School and Jamie Beauette, Ste. Genevieve High School.



Betty Broemmelsiek

Spokane Conference

Taken from WNC Region Update

During the Opening Session, **Bruce Knight**, NRCS Chief, emphasized the role NRCS has to provide high quality technical assistance and guidance regarding soil and water conservation. Knight introduced us to a new expression "capitalists for conservation," which led the way to the second plenary session "Market-Based Incentives for Conservation." The NRCS Chief emphasized the need for market-based conservation solutions that are cost effective, reliable and make good business sense. **Robert Caughlan**, Senior Vice-President of the Roanoke Company in San Francisco, CA, gave the H. Wayne Pritchard Lecture. He founded an environmental organization for surfers and has worked in environmental advocacy for over 30 years. Caughlan complemented SWCS members for our "blend of humility and pride" and stated "Protecting natural resources is homeland security."

The Berg & SWCD Fellows' Forum held on Sunday, before the welcome reception, included a variety of perspectives on the conservation provisions of the 2002 Farm Bill, particularly the Conservation Security Program. Conservation tours highlighted the dramatic challenges of farming in the Palouse Region and forestry in the environmentally sensitive Pacific Northwest. Annual rainfall in the Palouse ranges from 6" to 16" and many fields have slopes up to 45 percent steep. Over 64 students attended the conference, a new record. The Inland Empire Chapter provided a number of students with free lodging and many of the students were modestly supported by their student chapter, state chapter, and the WNC Region. Concurrent sessions were very well attended. They covered cutting edge technology, new programs and projects, and new success stories on traditional themes. House of Delegates - Craig Cox gave the SWCS Annual Report to representatives from about 75 percent of all SWCS chapters. A number of chapter representatives raised issues of interest and concern. More time may be allotted to the delegates meeting next year in St. Paul, to allow more interaction between chapters, the board of directors, and the executive director.

Over 50 people participated in the WNC breakfast meeting; more than any other regional breakfast. [20% of all SWCS members work or resided in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, or Wisconsin - the West North Central Region.]



Awards Given At Conference

During the Spokane Conference Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, July 30th, Missouri was represented three times with honors. The Professional Development Committee selected the Missouri Show-Me Chapter for the Professional Development Award.

Renee Cook received an individual award for Outstanding Service during the Luncheon. Another Chapter member, Bob Ball, received the Commendation Award.

Congratulations to Renee and Bob for Awards well deserved and to the Show-Me Chapter for the work in Professional Development. These awards speak highly of the individuals and chapter.

2004 MNR Conference

Submitted by *DeDe Vest*

The theme for the 2004 conference is Voyage of Discovery into the next Millennium, in celebration of the Lewis and Clark explorations. Daniel Botkin, one of the world's leading environmental scientists will be the plenary speaker, author of "Nature and Our Natural History: The Lessons of Lewis and Clark".



Botkin is currently chairman of the North American division of the sustainable use program of the International Center for the Conservation of Nature. He was elected to the Environmental Hall of Fame, and is the recipient of many honors including the Mitchell International Prize for Sustainable Development.

The outline of programs looks very interesting and will include a new forum for exchanging information, called the Trading Blanket. The idea is to encourage you to share your ideas, successes or even failures with your peers.

Registration will probably be available on-line for small fee, for the first time this year. We have had many requests for this service. Bookmark mnrc.org on your computer and stay on top of all new developments with the Missouri Natural Resources Conference.

And now for a *challenge*. I would like each and every one of you to consider attending the awards banquet. I have to confess, that until 2 years ago, I had never attended. I've heard all the excuses, in fact I used to say them... it costs too much and lasts soooo looonggg. In recent years all of the societies have made great strides in limiting their awards to 3 each, so it really doesn't last forever anymore. In addition, it costs the conference more per person for the banquet than you are asked to pay. It's not inexpensive to serve that many people at one time.

The purpose of the awards banquet is to honor and respect the award recipients. I have been disappointed the two years that I have attended, that the Soil and Water Conservation Society generally has less than 10 members in attendance at the banquet. I challenge you to think about the purpose of the Award's Banquet when filling out your registration for MNRC, not your travel voucher.

Call for MNRC Papers

It is time to think about the Missouri Natural Resources Conference in January 2004. A Call for Papers has been placed on the MNRC website at <http://www.mnrc.org/papers.html>.

If you would like to give a paper in one of the focus topic please contact us. Space is limited as each Workshop is 2 hours in length and will be limited to 2-3 speakers to allow plenty of time for discussion. There is also lots of room for Poster presentations. Both paper and poster authors should pay special attention to the "Guide for Authors" in the call for papers. Also, one of the MNRC 2004 Plenary Speakers will be Dr. Daniel Botkin. You will find a biography of Dr. Botkin at: <http://www.mnrc.org/plenary.html>

Abstracts for papers and posters are due October 15, 2003.

Executive Council Meeting Minutes

Submitted by *Colleen Meredith*, 2003 Missouri Show-Me Chapter Secretary



Present: Bob Miller, Diane Bradley, Gary Baclesse, Jennifer Petty, Ed Gillmore, Colleen Meredith, Marcy Oerly, Steve Herndon, Rose Marie Hopkins, Andrea King, Craig King.

Bob Miller, Chapter President, brought the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and welcomed everyone to the meeting. **Steve Herndon** introduced Langston Simmons as a guest to the meeting. Langston is from Fairfield, Alabama and received a Student Career Experience Program scholarship for a summer internship with the Forest Service. He is working toward a soil science degree at Tennessee State University in Nashville. Bob Miller explained the focus of the Missouri's Show-Me Chapter of the SWCS meeting, and **Gary Baclesse** informed him of the student chapters. Langston shared some background information about himself and of the work he was doing for the Forest Service, particularly working on an invasive species database for Cedar Creek and on range management using prairie cordgrass to prevent erosion.

Bob Miller had council members and committee chairs introduce themselves to Langston, and began following the attached agenda.

Minutes

Colleen Meredith presented minutes from the April 16, 2003 Executive Council Meeting. Several corrections were made and Rose Marie Hopkins made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Diane Bradley and so approved. Minutes of the approved April 16th meeting minutes are attached.

Financial Report

Rose Marie Hopkins presented the financial report for the period of April 16, 2003 through June 17, 2003. The beginning balance for all accounts was \$16,545.78. Income from checking and savings accounts totaled \$ 52.21. Expenses were for two scholarship checks, which totaled \$1,500, and \$145.20 for newsletter printing costs. The ending balance for this period was \$14,952.79. **Diane Bradley** made a motion to accept the report as submitted. The motion was seconded by **Colleen Meredith** and so approved.

Correspondence

Bob Miller received a thank you card from Jindra Parsons for allowing her to present her FFA speech at the April 16, 2003 Executive Council meeting, and for the feedback that she received.

Diane Bradley received a letter from the National SWCS naming **Bob Ball** as a recipient of the Commendation Award for 2003. This award recognizes members that have an international impact for outstanding service to their chapter. Bob will be recognized for his outstanding effort with our chapter's website. **Renee Cook** will receive the Outstanding Service Award, which recognizes distinguished service to the Society over a long and sustained period. Renee has done a great amount of work and was specially recognized for the SWCS Annual Conference held in St. Louis. **Bob Miller** will accept a Professional Development Award for the chapter, which is a credit to **Diane Bradley** for all her work on the Fall Forum on River Issues and the Missouri Natural Resources Conference that year. The awards will be presented to the recipients at the awards luncheon at the Soil and Water Conservation Society Annual Conference in Spokane, WA in July.

Old Business

(A) Annual Conference at Spokane - **Gary Baclesse** was asked to take photos of the Show-Me Chapter award recipients at the

awards luncheon. **Rose Marie Hopkins** made a motion to have the chapter reimburse the cost for attending the awards luncheon for Gary. **Steve Herndon** seconded the motion, with all in favor.

Bob Miller brought in a basket shaped like the state of Missouri with numerous food items that had labels with Missouri names such as "Katy Trail Mix" on them from I.B. Nuts and Fruit, as possible items for the silent auction. Bob also suggested including cracked bagged Missouri walnuts. The consensus was that the Show-Me Chapter would like to donate items like these since they advertise Missouri. **Bob Miller** and **Gary Van DeVelde** will work on that.

(B) 2003 West North Central Conference - **Craig King** and **Clark Gantzer** will represent the Show-Me Chapter at a teleconference on June 30, 2003 to plan this year's conference. **Diane Bradley** handed out copies of e-mails from **Ross Braun** summarizing a teleconference that the planning committee had on May 19, 2003. The handouts contained suggested themes and locations for the upcoming conference. Some suggested topics for the conference were prescribed burning, water quality monitoring, environmental management and regulation of agriculture, and Farm Bill implementation. The conference will have to be held in a location to handle about 300 people. There was discussion about the benefits and limitations of Columbia, Kirksville, and Jefferson City as possible locations and their proximity to ongoing projects that could be used for tours.

(C) Web Update Report - **Bob Miller** handed out a list that **Bob Ball** provided of suggested website updates. Check marks on some of the items indicated that they were completed. The remaining items on the list will need to be evaluated by **Ron Ziehm** who will be taking over website responsibilities.

(D) MoWIN Advisory Council Report - No report.

(E) Watershed Conference - **Bob Miller** passed around a draft watershed workshop proposal and a copy of an e-mail from **Bob Ball** which expressed a desire to put together a committee to work on a watershed workshop, with members from the Show-Me Chapter and with outside members. **Bob Miller** had consensus from the council to have **Bob Ball** and **Joe Dillard** pursue work on a conference with the Show-Me Chapter as a sponsor. **Joe Dillard**, **Bob Ball**, **Dan Downing**, **Colleen Meredith** and **Diane Bradley** agreed to carry out an initial meeting to determine details.

(F) Committee Reports *Membership*: **Jennifer Petty** provided a handout that showed 7 terminated members, 3 reinstated, and 1 new member. **Jennifer** was involved in a conference call on May 29, 2003 with the membership chairpersons from MN, WS, IL, Donna Groff, who maintains the national membership database in Ankeny, IA, and our West North Central Region board representative, Ross Braun. Some items they discussed to increase membership and retention were: 1) to have current members recruit a new member and have a drawing after the membership drive, so that one of the new or old members receives a one year membership for free, 2) to have a retirees contribution level of \$30.00, without the journal and local chapter dues, and 3) increase membership as one group did by biking across their state wearing a SWCS shirt and doing water quality monitoring along the way.

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Submitted by *Colleen Meredith*, 2003 Missouri Show-Me Chapter Secretary



Other membership discussion:

- Some of the area directors were on a termination list. These directors will be contacted to see if they are aware that their membership has lapsed. **Diane Bradley** said the executive council may obtain new area directors if needed by a voting majority.
- Membership letters for new people will contain their area council persons and director's names so that they have a local contact. The membership letter should be copied to the area directors and council members for their records.
- Try to get an increase in membership when we have the conferences.
- **Jennifer Petty** stated that NRCS can pay membership dues directly out of payroll, or have direct deposit from a checking account. This payment method would make it easier for all members, and they might contact their agencies to see if the membership can be done with a payroll deduction.
- **Bob Miller** talked about student chapters on national website. Our student chapter is not on the website currently. He would like to get students more involved by putting a student on planning committees for conferences. **Gary Baclesse** will get together with **Raleigh Redman** to speak with a professor at Warrensburg who is interested in setting up a chapter.

Student Chapter Subcommittee - No report.

Nominations and Elections - No report.

Scholarship - Waiting for schools to start to send scholarship information.

Betty Broemmelsiek Memorial Scholarship Endowment - The chapter needs to be looking at opportunities for possible sponsors.

Policy - No report

Conservation Federation - **Gary Baclesse** reported that House Joint Resolution 23, and Senate Joint Resolution 21 were defeated. A boating safety bill was signed. **Dave Murphy** was named as new executive director of the Conservation Federation of Missouri, and has been active in the Wild Turkey Federation and a past president of the Wildlife Society.

Envirothon Committee Report - **Craig King** handed out minutes from the last Envirothon Meeting. **Rose Marie Hopkins** reported on the State Envirothon that was held May 1, 2003 at Lincoln University's Carver Farm where 20 teams participated in spite of weather problems. These were the top ranking teams:

- 1st- Little Creek Natural Resources Team, McClure High School and McClure North
- 2nd- Springfield Glendale, which had 5 teams at regional level
- 3rd- Scotland County

Peggy Lemons and Judy Stinson are going to St. Louis to go over presentation skills with the team prior to going to the nationals. The 1st place team will give a presentation at next Soil and Water commission meeting. The Envirothon appreciates financial support from SWCS and want a lot of volunteers for 2005 (other members of Quad societies helped out financially also this year). The NE and SE regional competitions will be held this fall with the same issue question others will do in spring. The UMC South Farm in Columbia will be the location for next year's MO State Envirothon, MDC's Runge Center in Jefferson City for 2005, and the Canon Envirothon will be held in Springfield for 2005.

Craig King said that the Envirothon is a good background for any natural resource field and also has a positive portrayal of pro-

duction agriculture. He suggested that a potential sponsor for teams could be the local Farm Bureau.

Education - **Andrea King** reported that the newsletter was at the printers. She asked if anyone had articles for member news activities, or the calendar of events. President's message, treasurer's report, minutes, and membership information deadline for the next newsletter is Aug 18. The feature article will be the Fall Forum. She also reported that **Tammy Teeter** received Educator of the Year from the Conservation Federation.

MNRC - Representatives from our chapter are at a meeting today. Forestry is sponsoring the conference this year.

Program Committee (Fall Forum Update) - **Gary Baclesse** gave **Dave Owen** a contact from DNR for sand/gravel issues.

Fund raising - No report.

Awards - No report.

G) 2003 Chapter Activities and Highlight - **Bob Miller** reported that the WNC conference may be held in 2004 or 2005 in Missouri. The timeline for the watershed conference that the Show-Me chapter is considering will have to be worked out with this and other conferences. After some discussion the council felt that March or April 2004 would be the best timing for a watershed conference. **Rose Marie Hopkins** asked if the chapter were one of the sponsors, would we have to come up with the front money? There was discussion that this conference would be put on as inexpensively as possible, trying to get sponsors for breaks and by advertising through MoWIN and the MO Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. **Bob Miller** will work with a committee through e-mail.

New Business

Bob Miller presented the request **Ross Braun** received to approve a donation to a soil science display for the Smithsonian Institute, which will cost \$10,000. Soil scientists are trying to raise \$7,500 of the \$10,000, and they will put up the rest. No action was taken on this request at this time.

The Natural Resources Career Camp will not be held this year. **Bob Miller** and **Rose Marie Hopkins** attended a meeting on this. It was discussed that since the career camp will not be held, students that normally go to that camp should be encouraged instead to be on an Envirothon team. Also, those attending the meeting thought it would be interesting to do a follow up of students that have gone to one of these camps to see how many go into a Natural Resource field. The chapter had \$300 budgeted for the camp. There was discussion that possibly internships could be set up throughout the state to place students one-on-one with various agencies rather than hosting a camp.

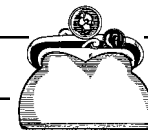
Steve Herndon made a motion, pending no Natural Resources Camp this year, to take the \$300 that was earmarked for the camp and apply \$150 toward the Conservation Federation and \$150 toward the Envirothon. **Colleen Meredith** seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Schedule dates and locations for next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 6, 2003 at the Missouri Department of Conservation Credit Union. **Bob Miller** thanked **Steve Herndon** on behalf of the council for the use of their facility for the meeting. **Gary Baclesse** made a motion to adjourn the meeting and **Steve Herndon** seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Notes from the Treasurer

by Rose Marie Hopkins, Treasurer



Treasurer's Report - June 17, 2003

Beginning Balance all accounts April 2003	<u>\$16,545.78</u>
Income	
Checking interest (May) at 1.49%	\$.35
Checking interest (June) at 2.31%01
Savings interest (May) at 2.02%	26.50
Savings interest (June) at 2.02%	<u>25.35</u>
Total Income	52.21
Expenditures	
A&S Printing (winter newsletter)	145.20
University of Missouri (scholarship)	1000.00
Jefferson College (scholarship)	<u>500.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>(1645.20)</u>
Income/(Loss) for the Period	<u>(\$1618.35)</u>
Account Balances	
Savings	\$14,947.63
Checking	<u>5.16</u>
Total Ending Balances, 6-17-2003	<u>\$14,952.79</u>

Treasurer's Report - August 6, 2003

Beginning Balance all accounts April 2003	<u>\$14,952.79</u>
Income	
Checking interest (June) at 2.89%	\$.01
Savings interest (June) at 2.02%	<u>24.55</u>
Total Income	24.56
Expenditures	
Jennifer Petty (postage)	37.00
IB Nuts & Fruits (silent auction)	45.00
Total Expenditures	<u>(82.00)</u>
Income/(Loss) for the Period	<u>(\$57.44)</u>
Account Balances	
Savings	\$14,890.34
Checking	<u>5.01</u>
Total Ending Balances, 8-6-2003	<u>\$14,895.35</u>

Items Needed For Silent Auction and Raffle

Submitted by Mike Morris, Fund Raising Committee Chairman

Each year the Show-Me Chapter of the Soil And Water Conservation Society conducts a silent auction and raffle at the Missouri Natural Resources Conference held at the end of January at the Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach, Missouri. All proceeds from the raffle and silent auction go toward the funding of the Betty Broemmelsiek Memorial Scholarship Fund which awards two scholarships each year to eligible students. At this time there is a drive to establish an endowment for the continued support of the Betty Broemmelsiek Memorial Scholarship Fund however, progress toward this goal has been slow thus it is safe to say that for the next several years the annual silent auction and raffle will be the primary means for its continued funding.

Last year the silent auction and raffle generated over \$2,000.00 dollars for the scholarship fund. This success was due to the work of many members who donated valuable items to the auction and or solicited donations from businesses and manufacturers. I also want to commend all who sold and bought tickets for the raffle. If our chapter is to repeat this success, and it is vital that we do, our membership must come forward with quality items again.

As the committee chair, I see two primary means of securing quality items for the silent auction and raffle. I want to invite each of our members to seek out local manufacturers in your areas for donations of their products. As potential donors are

identified, I can send them information detailing who we are and what we are doing. This could greatly increase the willingness of manufacturers to donate. I would also like to invite each member to donate an item that they have either produced themselves or purchased. Last years success was very much a result of the generous donations made by members.

Another request I have is for all our members to promote our raffle by buying and selling raffle tickets. I will be sending out tickets as soon as the prizes are determined. Buying raffle tickets is a fun way to support this worthy cause. My final request is that you will make every effort to attend the MNRC

conference and participate in the silent auction. This is a fun and competitive way to support the Betty Broemmelsiek Memorial Scholarship Fund and receive some wonderful merchandise.

If you have any questions, or if you know of potential donors of prize items please contact me. I will need to know what items will be available so that bid sheets and flyers can be developed. I can also provide to members or potential donor's information as to who we are and what the scholarship fund is about. My home phone number is (573) 796-3611. I can be reached most evenings or you may call during the day and leave a message. My work number is (573) 392-5667 and my e-mail address is michael.morris@mo.usda.gov.



Nominations Sought for SWCS Board of Directors

The SWCS Nominations Committee has sent out a call for nominations to select a slate of candidates to present to the membership for the Board of Directors election to be conducted in March 2004. Candidate nominations are due October 17, 2003. For information about the process and for a nominations form, visit the Society website at http://www.swcs.org/t_about_board_callfor nominations.htm. West North Central Region Chapters may submit nominations for the At-Large Director and Student Director positions. Please refer to the SWCS President, Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant's article in the August 30, 2003 Conservogram.

SWCS Email Changes

The email address protocol at the Soil and Water Conservation Society has changed. As a result, for example, Max Schnepf email address is now max.schnepf@swcs.org. Other staff members will follow the same protocol: firstname.lastname@swcs.org.

Calendar of Events

- Missouri Show-Me Chapter Annual Fall Forum, "Sand & Gravel Mining in Missouri", **October 7, 2003**, Ike Skelton Training Center, Jefferson City, MO.
- SWCS Board of Directors Meetings, **November 13-14, 2003**, St. Paul Minnesota.
- 2004 Missouri Natural Resources Conference, "Voyage of Discovery into the New Millennium", **January 28-30, 2003**, Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, MO.
- West North Central Member Development Workshop, **March 2,3 or 4 OR March 9, 10 or 11, 2004**, Ankeny Headquarters, IA.
- 2004 SWCS International Conference, **July 24-28, 2004**, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- 2005 SWCS International Conference, Rochester, New York.
- 2006 SWCS International Conference, Keystone, Colorado.

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