

Kentucky Association of Conservation District Employees
Conference Call
April 16th, 2010– 2:00 p.m. (EST)

Participants in the call: Brian Hacker – President, Martha Newby – Reporter, Stephanie Young – Treasurer and Area 8 Rep, Linda Smith – Past President, and Area Reps: Kim Brown, Area 1; Debbie Eubank, Area 2; Joy Edwards, Area 4; and Tracy Yocum, Area 5.

President Brian Hacker called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Due to the unavailability of the March Conference Call minutes, approval will occur during the next meeting.

Stephanie Young, Treasurer, reviewed T-shirt orders from January 1st until now, as well as Donations received to date from various donors. Due to questions, a more detailed Financial Report will be made available for review before approval during the next meeting.

REPORTS

Linda Smith, NCDEA Treasurer, gave a report on NCDEA activities. A few highlights included:

- Don Aron Scholarship applications should be completed and mailed to Rich Duesterhaus by May 1, 2010. His address is on the scholarship application. If you have problems accessing the application online, please contact Linda.
- President Richmeiere is currently in Washington DC to participate in a partnership panel discussing the President Richmeire is currently in Washington DC to participate in a The White House Conference on the Great America Outdoors where President Obama is a speaker.
- She attended a meeting in Washington with the partnership where she was asked to serve on a panel. Issues discussed at this meeting were the Chesapeake Bay Initiative and the National Leadership Training.
- National Leadership Training tentative dates are December 13-17, 2010. Invitations will be sent to state Presidents and Vice-Presidents and some form of stipend is planned to be offered. NCDEA will be taking care of the agenda and the payment of the stipends for this event.
- The Chief of NRCS has also asked President Richmeier to be a part of the 75th Anniversary events on the 26 & 27th in Washington DC. NCDEA will be co-sponsoring a dinner for the past chiefs along with NASCA, NARCD and NACD.
- The Executive Board plans to conduct a Conference Call with all state DEA Presidents (May)
- The Mid-Year NCDEA Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for June 10th-11th in Phoenix, AZ.

Brian reported that the KACDE Awards Committee will send out update soon.

Old business discussed includes the following:

1. Fundraiser Updates

- a. Schwan's Fundraiser: Kim reported that for this to be successful, each field rep needs to promote this fundraiser in their areas. The sales will be open to anyone – families, friends, co-workers...anyone. Orders can be taken online and by phone (but only orders placed using our code will be credited to KACDE). The tentative deadline for orders to be placed is Friday, April 30th. All orders will be delivered on Tuesday, May 4th and payment will be received by the Schwan's driver at that time. A flyer will be sent out early next week to begin promotion of this event. Remember, for KACDE to make a profit, we need orders!! Please promote this to everyone you know!
- b. Oil Lamp: Ronnie Young has agreed to create the pattern and make the lamp holders for us. Several will be made and brought to the next KACDE Board Meeting for examination. If these sell, Ronnie has agreed to make more for upcoming events.

2. KACD Convention Events

- a. **Envirothon Team Recognition**: It has already been agreed upon to once again present the winning Envirothon team with a token from KACDE. Upon discussion, it was agreed upon to purchase the same type of backpacks as last year. Stephanie Young will check with Derrick Smith on the price and availability of these items.
- b. **Stewardship Sponsorship**: As agreed upon before, KACDE will help sponsor the annual KACD Stewardship Program in the amount of \$150. It has been verified that our name will be included in the program this year. The Treasurer has agreed to send out this check as soon as possible.
- c. **Annual Business Luncheon**: Brian is working on a list of items that need to be completed in preparation for the Annual Business Luncheon. These items will be reviewed during the next Executive Board Meeting.
- d. **Committee Action**: This item will be covered with the item listed above.
- e. **Elections**: Letters were sent out on behalf of the Nominating Committee this week seeking nominations for President, Secretary, Reporter, and even numbered Area Reps. Those interested in serving in these positions should contact the nominating committee.

Reminder: Our next meeting is scheduled for May 14th, 2010 in Christian County. Hope everyone can make plans to attend.

After no other comments, the conference call was adjourned at 3:15PM (EST).

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brian Hacker