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Monthly MVG Meeting Thursday – February 12, 2009 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM TBG - Terrace Room

Dick Bostdorff called the meeting to order at 8:02 am

Attendance: (33)

- o Joe Perlaky, Tony Keil, Bill Dearing, Dick Bostdorff, Kirk Mizerek, Scott Leisner, Theresa Hoen, Bob Hoen, Serenity Carr, Tom Wardell, Jonathan Frantz, Tim Dabrunz, George Dabrunz, Beth Fausey, Josh Miller, Bob Hornak, Mike Schenk, Michael Krueger, Tom Creque, Bill Myers, Lynn Biltz, Bill Schweizer, Wade Smith, Jim Locke, Tom Oberhouse, Paula Ross, Sandy Knitz, Marietta Morrisey, Don Schmidlin, Bill Smith, Max Jeffers, Somik Ghose, Katie Bibish.

Dick reported: ONLA held first Greenhouse meeting. He, Robin Hawkins and Wade Smith attended Legislative Day – Tuesday February 24th in Columbus; encouraged participation and informed group of potential cuts in funding which will affect OSU Extension.

Committee Reports:

Business – Kirk Mizerek

- Energy
 - o Meeting with Farm Bureau, Director of Energy Services Dale Arnold today at 3:00 pm; Report on potential tariff changes with Columbia Gas. Additional discussions on possible third party electric supplier opportunities beginning in 2009. Kirk will report on these discussions at next month's meeting.
- Recycling
 - o Paula reported that there has not been much progress in the last month.
- Energy Grants
 - o Somik reported that growers can apply for both efficiency improvement grants as well as renewable energy grants. He is finalizing his reports on energy walk-through audit visits made at the end of 09.

Education – Beth Fausey

- o Committee will hold first meeting Friday February 13th
- o Extension Reloaded Tour – Tuesday February 17th @ Brodbeck Greenhouse
- o An Economic Impact Survey for Green Industry will be conducted sometime this year in order to retrieve data needed to validate the Extensions impact in NW Ohio.

**- 2009 -
 Board of Directors**

Dick Bostdorff
 2010

Jeff Creque
 2011

Bill Dearing
 2010

Bob Dennis
 2010

Beth Fausey
 2011

Diane Hill
 2009

Theresa Hoen
 2011

Tony Keil
 2009

Walt Krueger
 2011

Kirk Mizerek
 2010

Neil Reid
 2011

Tom Wardell
 2009

Kathy Wenz
 2009

**Terms Expire End of
 Year Indicated**

Finance – Diane Hill

- Grant monies have been appropriated and deposited

Marketing – Tom Wardell

- Committee has 3 sub-committees; Website, Print Media, and Calendar
- MVGA is committed to 4 month contract with Eco-Track

Membership – Bill Dearing

- Presently 4 growers serving on Membership Committee

Other Business:

- Paula attended “Toledo Choose Local” event. Presented copy of their Membership Directory and opportunity for those interested.
- Katie Bibish reported of Congresswoman Kaptur’s support in modifying the Urban and Rural designations for 2009. Her legislative assistant Matt Kaplan in D.C. suggested members of MVGA submit letters of support for change to her office which will be presented to the USDA.

Presentation: Linda Woods from North Coast Wind and Power

- Linda was unable to attend. Presentation was rescheduled for Wednesday, February 25. Times TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Hoen - Secretary, MVGA

The next meeting is March 12, 2009
8:00 am
Toledo Botanical Gardens