

WCO Board of Directors Meeting

Chippewa Valley Technical Institute, Eau Claire, WI

December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 11:30 a.m.

Roll call: Bryce O'Leary, Bill Arneson, Derek Ducat, Ray Liska, Josh Bartholomew, Chuck Rabitz, Matt Digman, Cole Olsen, Exec Director - Maria Woldt

Absent: Kevin Shinnars

President Bryce O'Leary called the meeting to order at 11:35 am

**Agenda approval:** Motion was made by Cole, seconded by Matt Seconded. Agenda approved.

**Approval of Minutes:** (July 11<sup>th</sup> and August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meetings) –Motioned by Cole, Bill seconded. Minutes approved.

**Treasures Report:** Maria Gave Chuck's treasury report. Since the August meeting there were \$3,892 in expenses and \$7155.95 in deposits. Total in checking \$80,909.76. Investments are up \$1,493.52 totaling \$24,117.19. There was budget discussion to possibly add a special projects fund. Chuck requested an investment update and overview for the next meeting. Motion by Josh to approve, seconded by Bill. Treasurer's report approved.

**Executive Directors Report:** Maria reported that the annual sponsorships are starting to come in. Symposium content and details were discussed. Pesticide applicator training will be held, and will be free to WCO members. Lamb Chops are to speak instead of Danel Bros. Ray moved a motion to pay the pesticide application of WCO members and Matt Seconded.

**Committee Reports:**

**Scholarship Committee:** Maria gave Kevin's report. First semester grades were checked for the scholarship applicants. There are currently no applicants for employee of the year. Matt moved to move the deadline for Employee of the year to January 15<sup>th</sup>. Ray Seconded.

**Recruitment/Nomination Committee:** Cole discussed new applicants. Bryce will run again (SE). Bill Smith has agreed to run (SW). Membership is down about 20 people. Sponsorships were 100% renewed with some new sponsors.

**Newsletter/Media Committee:** Josh reported the upcoming press releases which include new officers for the BOD, employee of the year winner, and scholarship winners. Our intern wrote the latest member profiles and has been doing a great job. Maria and the intern got a feature article into Hay and Forage Grower magazine.

**Special Projects Committee:** Matt discussed our upcoming survey and its focus on manure for 2018. We are going to simplify and shorten the survey.

**Safety/Regulations Committee:** Bill brought up UW's bridge study. He was part of a conference call held with farmers, permits and IOH were discussed. Maria talked about new policies for farmers and the new Datcp secretary. The America's Dairyland license plate issue (which was thrown out) was discussed as well. Maria will also be looking into CPR training for our March safety session.

**Education/Conference Committee:** The board members responsibilities and schedule was discussed. It was also decided to get gift cards for the survey takers.

**Old Business:** None

**New business:** None

**Adjournment:** Matt moved to adjourn at 1:55 p.m. Cole seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the Symposium in the Laguna Vista Room

Respectfully submitted by Josh Bartholomew