

WCO Board of Directors Meeting

Laguna Vista Room, Chula Vista Resort

February 19th, 2018

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

Absent: Kevin Shinnars, Matt Digman

President Bryce O’Leary called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm

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

Approval of Minutes: (12/7/17 meeting) –Motioned by Chuck, Cole seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasures Report: Chuck gave the treasury report. There was \$22,450 in total annual expenses and \$36,494.24 in total deposits for 2017. Total in checking \$89,174.63. Investments are up, totaling \$25,187.83. Our investment advisor couldn’t make the meeting due to poor weather. Will have a conference call in March to discuss our investments with him. Derek moved to approve the treasurers report and Ray seconded.

Executive Directors Report: Maria reported that membership is down, and we also have 5 non-renewal sponsors. Maria will follow up with them. We then went over the script for our annual meeting.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Committee: Maria gave Kevin’s report. She discussed the three applicants that received the scholarship awards. The Employee of the year award was discussed, it was brought up that we may discontinue this activity if the lack of interest continues. The board decided to give it one more year.

Recruitment/Nomination Committee: The struggle to recruit new board members was discussed. The idea of paying per diem or mileage was brought up. Ray moved to discuss paying board members at the next meeting, Chuck seconded.

Newsletter/Media Committee: There was discussion on the success of our Hay and forage article. Bryce had an idea to do public service announcements for farm/travel safety. This may be something to team up with another organization on. This could be a special project committee task, which may have an expense.

Special Projects Committee: Maria reported the commercial pesticide applicator training was cancelled due to a low turnout. We are going to try again next year.

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. There was more discussion on the idea of a safety PSA or an educational video. We also plan to poll the group on Wednesday for a position on NR 151.

Education/Conference Committee: The board members responsibilities and schedule was discussed for our annual meeting Wednesday. Also discussed were the gift cards given for the survey takers.

Old Business: None

New business: Chuck suggested we move more money into our investments. Chuck moved a motion to put \$25,000 more into (money market) investments. Derek seconds.

Ray amends Chuck's motion to put \$45,000 into money market investments. Chuck accepts, Bill seconds.

Maria will check with our advisor Kim to look over this proposal.

Chuck would also like an audit of our finances. Kathy and Derek to meet with Chuck to go over our books.

Adjournment: Chuck moved to adjourn. Josh seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting scheduled as a conference call on 3/23 at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Josh Bartholomew