

WCO Annual Meeting

Chula Vista Resort- Wisconsin Dells, WI

February 21st , 2018

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

Absent: Kevin Shiners, Matt Digman

President Bryce O'Leary called the meeting to order at 8:09 am

Agenda approval: Motion was made by Al Deaton, seconded by Daryl Manthe. Agenda approved.

Approval of Minutes: Motioned by Chuck, Cole seconded. Minutes approved.

Secretary Report: Josh went over the 1/25/17 meeting minutes. Kathy Vander Kinter moved to approve the secretary's report, Daryl Manthe seconded. Secretary's report 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. Al Deaton moved to approve the treasurers report and Cole Olsen seconded. Treasurer's report approved.

Blake Knickelbein from Twohig Rietbrock Schneider and Halbach gave a legal update on overtime exemptions and the grey area that they create for custom harvesters.

Bryce gave a president's report, also thanking Maria for all her hard work for WCO.

Executive Directors Report: Maria thanked our sponsors and thanked H+S for breakfast. She also discussed declining membership. Also notifying the group that WCO partnered with DBA and PDPW to advocate on members behalf.

Committee Reports:

Special Projects Committee: Maria presented Matt Digman's report. We are pleased with the survey turnout. We took this year off from the certification program because of the later date of the annual meeting. Instead we added classes to Symposium.

Scholarship Committee: Maria gave Kevin's report. She discussed the three applicants that received the scholarship awards: Kaleb Kaufman, Jacob Kraus, and Rachel O'Leary. Bryce presented the Employee of the year award to Steve Breher. Bill Kraus gave a few words to the group about his employee.

Newsletter/Media Committee: Josh Bartholomew reported on our newsletter presence, social media, articles, and events. Also discussed was the article we got published in Hay and Forage grower, member spotlights, and news releases.

Education/Conference Committee: Kathy Vander Kinter discussed next year's event with a possible focus on planting. The group was reminded to fill out their survey for a chance to win a \$100 gift card

donated by Meyer Manufacturing. We also tried to vote on dates for next year with a show of hands, it was about 50/50

Recruitment/Nomination Committee: Cole discussed Bryce's potential re-election, also that he (Cole) is termed out with two, three-year terms. We are voting on SE and SW directors.

Bryce and Bill Smith each discussed their businesses and their reasons for running for the board. Bryce asked group for other nominations. There were none.

Bill Arneson made a motion to close nominations, Daryl Manthe seconded.

Daryl Manthe made a motion for a unanimous vote, Kathy Vander Kinter seconded.

The board then recognized Cole for spending six years on the board, he accepted his gift and thanked the group, saying it was an honor to be a part of the board.

Safety/Regulations Committee: Bill brought up UW's bridge study and IOH happenings. He mentioned that there are studies to happen on over 9000 bridges in the future. He also notified the group about the sunset law being removed.

Old Business: None

New business: None

Adjournment: Daryll Manthe moved to adjourn. Cole Olsen seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Josh Bartholomew