

WCO Board of Directors Meeting

Video Conference Call

Thursday December 3rd, 2020

Roll call: Bryce O’Leary, Derek Ducat, Josh Bartholomew, Exec Director - Maria Woldt, Isaac Lemmenes, Jesse Dvorachek, Kevin Shinnars, Matt Digman, Brian Luck

Absent: Ray Liska, Bill Smith

President Bryce O’Leary called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm

Agenda approval: Motion was made by Kevin, seconded by Brian. Agenda approved.

Approval of Minutes: (7/21/2020) Motioned by Brian, Kevin seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasures Report: Maria gave the treasury report. She reviewed all financials, see balance sheet. Maria then went over the 2020 year to date. Jesse moved to approve the 2020 report and Josh seconded. The group discussed our checking account balance and whether to put some more funds into investments or save for special projects in the future. Maria will talk to Kim; our financial advisor and we will table the discussion and decision until the January meeting.

Executive Directors Report: Maria stated she is working on advertising and work needed for the annual meeting. Membership and sponsorship renewals were discussed. Renewals were mailed in November and are coming in well, but it will be a challenge with no in-person Forage Symposium. Second invoices will be sent in early January.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Committee: Kevin talked about the three recipients and Maria checking the first semester grades. We will write checks in January if they meet their GPA.

Recruitment/Nomination Committee: Bryce discussed our upcoming board positions and that we have them covered. Two operators – Bill Smith (South West region), Pat Johnson (South East region) have agreed to run. Maria talked to legal and she discussed options for voting (mail in ballots, zoom meeting, etc.)

Newsletter/Media Committee: Maria discussed a freelance writer that she knows, she invited her to the annual meeting and to attend the virtual Forage Symposium. Josh discussed the recent newsletter, upcoming press releases, etc.

Special Projects Committee: Matt discussed the upcoming survey, sections removed to make it easier to fill out. The group discussed adding custom planting/combining etc. to the survey and the group. Brian Luck discussed the WI custom rate survey and participation. Bryce and Brian discussed promoting agribility and Brian’s phone app for scoring corn silage. Brian will follow up.

Safety/Regulations Committee: Maria discussed the farm service CDL and the senators helping. Maria went over speakers and MFA virtual conference items. QPR training discussed.

Education/Conference Committee: Maria discussed the board members responsibilities for the annual meeting that will be done electronically. Incentives for members who register for the conference

Old Business: Maria had discussions with USCHI director on their annual conference and annual meeting.

New business: Jesse discussed PNAAW having an electronic conference with MFA. Our name remains on the brochure, but we are not technically involved or providing content.

Adjournment: Brian Luck moved to adjourn. Jesse seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting – Jan 25 at 12 p.m. and Jan. 27 annual meeting, 9 a.m. and WCO reorg meeting at 10 am (BOD only)

Respectfully submitted by Josh Bartholomew