

WCO Board of Directors Meeting

WebEx Meeting

Tuesday 7/21/2020

Roll call: Bryce O’Leary, Derek Ducat, Ray Liska, Josh Bartholomew, Exec Director - Maria Woldt, Jesse Dvorachek, Kevin Shinnars, Matt Digman, Bill Smith

Vice President Ray Liska called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm in Bryce’s absence.

Agenda approval: Motion was made by Jesse, seconded by Bill. Agenda approved.

Approval of Minutes: (Feb 17th and 19th 2020) Motioned by Kevin, Ray seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasures Report: Maria gave the treasury report. She reviewed all financials. Income thus far is \$39,621.08 and expenses are \$17,609.43. Checking balance is \$81,336.22 as of June 30. Maria then went over the quarter one loss and the quarter two gains to our investments.

President’s comments: Bryce discussed crop situations. Kevin, Bill, Derek, Jesse and Josh discussed impacts of Covid and crop harvesting conditions.

Executive Directors Report: Maria stated that we are only down 10 members from this time last year which puts us at 156. Three New platinum sponsors, the group will try to reach out to non-renewed members.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Committee: Kevin discussed that this year we got 9 applicants. 3 will be awarded with Emily Olson receiving the Robert Hoerth award. Kevin and Maria are working on refining the criteria and creating an online form.

Jesse thanked the group on his nephew’s behalf for the scholarship he got last year.

We are going to try crew of the year one more time and see if we get applicants.

Maria discussed the mini grant program and how COVID might affect it. No applicants yet.

Recruitment/Nomination Committee: Ray discussed that Bryce is termed out and we need to find a replacement, Bill will plan to run for re-election. Several candidates in the SE region will be contacted.

Newsletter/Media Committee: Josh discussed our newsletter that just came out and our social media posts including topics about covid. Rays video he made back in April went “viral”.

Safety/Regulations Committee: Maria discussed direct aid for farmers, the cares act, WI state support payments, etc. PPP loans were discussed and that farmers are in better shape than they have been recently. 2020 elections were discussed. Dairy Day at the Capital TBD, but probably won’t happen.

Education/Conference Committee: Bryce discussed the call-in meeting that was held and the good input from it. Ideas for a virtual conference and a virtual annual meeting were discussed in the event that we are not allowed to have ours in person. We will need to discuss a budget change if there ends up not being a symposium.

Old Business: None

New business: Ray made a motion to donate to the Keith Bolson foundation in honor of his memory. Seconded by Josh. Ray amended the motion to make the amount \$500, Bryce seconded.

Adjournment: Bill moved to adjourn. Derek seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is 12/3/20 at Kuhn North America if we are allowed into their facility by then.

Respectfully submitted by Josh Bartholomew