

## WCO Annual Meeting

### Zoom Video Conference Call

January 27, 2021

Roll call: Bryce O'Leary, Derek Ducat, Ray Liska, Josh Bartholomew, Exec Director - Maria Woldt, Kevin Shinnery, Isaac Lemmenes, Jesse Dvorachek, WCO members, Matt Digman, Brian Luck, Bill Smith

President Bryce O'Leary called the meeting to order at 9:05 am

The board introduced themselves.

**Agenda approval:** Motion was made by Ray Liska, seconded by Bill Smith. Agenda approved.

**Secretary Report:** Josh went over the 2/19/2020 meeting minutes. Kathy Vander Kinter moved to approve the secretary's report, Jesse Dvorachek seconded.

**Treasurers Report:** Isaac gave the treasury report. See profit and loss sheet in packet. Josh Bartholomew moved to approve the treasurers report and Brian Luck seconded.

Bryce gave a president's report, thanked our sponsors and thanked H+S for the gift cards, also thanking Maria for all her hard work for WCO. He also discussed the great hay and corn fall harvest we had in 2020.

**Executive Directors Report:** Maria thanked our sponsors, talked about membership renewals. She talked about how lucky we were to squeak in our conference before Covid 19 last year, amongst other things.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Special Projects Committee:** Maria presented the survey results and Matt Digman talked about the data. Brian Luck also talked about the usage of data collected as part of the USDA NASS Custom survey as it is an "on" year for that data collection.

**Scholarship Committee:** Kevin went over scholarship winners. He also discussed our criteria and how it is critical to award the sponsorships. Data was discussed and so was the 2021 plan for scholarships which are (2) \$1000 dollar scholarships and (1) \$1500 Robert Hoerth memorial scholarship.

Maria then discussed the grant program, and criteria to get one. It will vary from \$500-\$5000.

**Newsletter/Media Committee:** Josh Bartholomew reported on our newsletter presence, social media, articles, and events. Also discussed was our new website, and the streamlining of sponsors and members information gathering. Bryce encouraged the group to come up with ideas for the newsletter.

**Education/Conference Committee:** Kathy Vander Kinter and Bryce thanked sponsors. They both talked about our conference for next year, and how well the three groups are collaborating now. (WCO, PNAAW, MFA). We will be using topics that we brainstormed for 2021 for the 2022 conference. Everyone was encouraged to register for the virtual Forage Symposium even though WCO didn't contribute much content.

**Recruitment/Nomination Committee:** Ray went over the nominations of directors' criteria. Mail in ballots were used and this was discussed. Bill Smith and Pat Johnson introduced themselves, and both discussed how they want to be involved in the public's perception of being a custom operator. Ray then thanked Bryce for his service, and we gave him a (virtual) round of applause!

Ray moved to destroy the ballots, and Isaac seconded.

**Safety/Regulations Committee:** Bryce talked about the legislative side of WCO involvement. Isaac discussed safety events and certifications for 2021 and the requirements to be certified. Maria discussed upcoming sessions, certifications, and 2021 Symposium. There will be a stand-alone safety event on March 18 that will allow participants to become dual QPR gatekeeper and WCO Safety certified. Jeff Ditzenberger will be the facilitator. He is the former mental health speaker who presented at the 2020 Symposium to a packed crowd. One of the most requested topics to come out of the conference.

**Old Business:** None

**New business:** None

**Adjournment:** Tracy Leeder moved to adjourn. Isaac seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Josh Bartholomew