

WCO Annual Meeting

Chula Vista Resort- Wisconsin Dells, WI

February 22nd, 2023

Roll call: Bill Smith, Derek Ducat, Ray Liska, Josh Bartholomew, Exec Director - Maria Woldt, Isaac Lemmenes, WCO members.

President Ray Liska called the meeting to order at 8:05 am

Ray led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

There was an introduction of the board by each member.

Agenda approval: Motion was made by Randy Clark, seconded by Al Deaton. All were in favor. The agenda was approved.

Secretary's Report: Josh reviewed the 2/23/22 meeting minutes. Al Deaton moved to approve the secretary's report, Randy Clark seconded. All were in favor. The meeting minutes from the 2022 annual meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Isaac gave the treasury report. See profit and loss sheet in packet. WCO's overall financial position is \$175,794.53 considering cash and investments. Duane Ducat moved to approve the treasurer's report and Daryl Manthe seconded. All were in favor. The treasurer's report was approved.

President's Report. Ray gave the President's report. He discussed work with the board. Also discussed was lobbying in Madison on WCO's behalf.

Executive Directors Report: Maria thanked our sponsors and the group. She discussed her 9 years with WCO and the 160 members. She discussed the budget and our investment portfolio. The auction and fundraising opportunities were brought up to the group.

Committee Reports:

Special Projects Committee: Maria told the group about the incentives for survey takers. She told the group about the consultant that the board hired and the benefits. She went over some of the data with the group and asked that anyone who didn't complete the survey please do so.

Scholarship Committee: Maria gave the report in Joe's absence. She discussed Kevin's retirement. She talked about each applicant and the two winners. There was a third applicant that did not meet GPA requirements that we are giving more time to. Data on the scholarship awards was shared. The changes in the program were brought up regarding nonacademic scholarship opportunities. Maria went over the grant program opportunities.

Newsletter/Media Committee: Josh Bartholomew reported on our newsletter presence, social media, articles, and events. Also discussed was our website's effectiveness.

Education/Conference Committee: Ray went over the meeting that the board had discussing the conference. The collaboration with MFA and PNAAW was discussed.

Recruitment/Nomination Committee: Bill went over requirements to run for the board and the candidates. Each candidate introduced themselves and their businesses.

Tabulation occurred. Ray recognized retiring board members.

Safety/Regulations Committee: Maria went over the farm service CDL changes that we want to take place and how WCO got the ball rolling with this bill. Dairy Day at the capital was brought up and the group was invited to attend. Certification events were discussed.

Election results were as follows:

For at-large director, John Osterhaus, and for northern region, Jeremy Heim was elected. Randy Clark was elected for corporate director.

Isaac Lemmenes moved to destroy ballots; Daryl Manthe seconded. All were in favor. The ballots were destroyed.

The \$1000 drawing went to Julie Kraus of Kraus Custom Forage Harvesting.

Old Business: None

New business: None

Adjournment: Bill Krause moved to adjourn. Isaac Lemmenes seconded. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Josh Bartholomew