

WCO Board of Directors Meeting

Blue Heron Brew Pub Marshfield, WI

July 10th, 2018

Roll call: Bryce O'Leary, Bill Arneson, Derek Ducat, Ray Liska, Josh Bartholomew, Chuck Rabitz, Exec Director - Maria Woldt, Brian Luck, Kevin Shinnars

Absent: Matt Digman

President Bryce O'Leary called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm

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

Approval of Minutes: (3/23/18 meeting and 5/15/18 executive committee meeting) –Addition needed to be added that the executive committee decided to add Kathy Vander Kinter as a bookkeeper/ authorized check writer. Motioned by Derek, Brian seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurers Report: Chuck gave the treasury report. Chuck made notes of balances after we moved a sum of money into investments. See balance sheets. Maria explained to the group that the executive committee decided to hire Kathy Vander Kinter as our new bookkeeper. Brian moved to approve the treasurers report and Bill seconded. As of June 22, 2018, balance in investments is \$71,391.99. Balance in checking account is \$52,593.41. Total assets = \$123,152.49

Executive Directors Report: Maria reported that we are at 146 members. We are down to three non-renewal sponsors, but we did have some upgrade to platinum.

Bryce Discussed the successful silage conference in Dubuque and how good the speakers were at talking everything silage and how to make it successfully.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Committee: Kevin gave the report on the three applicants we received and felt they were all deserving of the \$1000 scholarships that we awarded them. Maria has notified the winners.

Kevin also discussed the employee of the year award and its future. A category (community involvement) was added to the application in hopes that it will help more people apply. Also, the application was changed and the nominee does not need to work for the nominator. It can be an employee of any custom business. Members preferred.

Recruitment/Nomination Committee: With a down farm economy, we were prepared for a loss in membership, but we are holding steady. We are only down 7 from our all-time high. We are up one from this time last year. Chuck and Bill's spots that are up for re-election were discussed.

Newsletter/Media Committee: There was discussion on the upcoming newsletter and the great article by Brian Luck on the right to repair controversy. Maria discussed the radio interviews. Our members worked with Pam to get these done.

Special Projects Committee: Maria reported on the survey. There was discussion on if any changes needed to be made. There may be a need for tables that are a little easier to read. The survey is posted to the website, and an easier format may be helpful.

Safety/Regulations Committee: Bill brought up the “right to repair” controversy. Manufactures’ and operator’s opinions were discussed. He also extensively went over new laws and how they are very unclear at this point in time.

Education/Conference Committee: Maria gave an update. 2019 conference topics and potential speakers were discussed. Possibility of Josh Parker as a speaker, and two sessions with the four major brands of chopper. The proposal for the conference has been submitted.

Old Business: Per diem pay for board members was discussed. Mileage or flat rate options were talked about.

Ray motioned to pay operators per diem mileage. Derek seconded. Motion carries.

New business: None

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

Next meeting will be held in Eau Claire on 12/6/18

Respectfully submitted by Josh Bartholomew