

WCO Board of Directors Meeting  
Meyer Manufacturing Training Center  
Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Roll call: Bryce O'Leary, Derek Ducat, Ray Liska, Josh Bartholomew, Exec Director - Maria Woldt, Isaac Lemmenes, Brian Luck, Troy Meyer

President Bryce O'Leary called the meeting to order at 11:12 am

**Agenda approval:** Motion was made by Ray, seconded by Josh. Agenda approved.

**Approval of Minutes:** (July 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes) Motioned by Ray, Isaac seconded. Minutes approved.

**Treasures Report:** Maria reviewed the financials, see balance sheet. The 2020 budget was discussed. Josh moved to approve the treasurers report and Isaac seconded.

**Executive Directors Report:** Maria discussed symposium, and all the collaborative work from all the groups to make it happen. The committee worked hard on the agenda as well. Sponsorship requests have been sent out recently. Pesticide application training will be happening again, and a separate registration is required. She also mentioned we are having another record year for membership.

**Committee Reports:**

**Scholarship Committee:** We will be collecting first semester grades, then checks are to be issued to winners. There was a motion to extend the crew of the year applications to the first of the year. Maria discussed the mini grant program. Brian talked about piggy-backing our grant with one of his projects. Ray motioned to increase the grant from \$2k to \$5k Derek seconded.

**Recruitment/Nomination Committee:** Ray discussed the upcoming board of director openings, Ray, Derek, and Josh. Ray also mentioned that symposium will bring in many more memberships. There is some concern that members may still be working in the field due to challenges and attendance may be light.

**Newsletter/Media Committee:** Josh discussed upcoming press releases such as the new officers for the BOD, crew of the year winner, and scholarship winners. Maria asked for feedback on the new website, and it was all positive.

**Special Projects Committee:** Maria discussed the member survey.

**Safety/Regulations Committee:** Dairy day at the capital is coming up on 1/21/20. Board members that can attend, will. Bryce discussed his TV interview emphasizing safety. Isaac discussed stresses of manure pumpers, accidents, and his presentation at symposium. Also discussed was the delay in the livestock siting regulations. Derek and Isaac discussed potential dairy expansion in WI, even though there is struggles with the manure we have now. There was also discussion about keeping dump carts off the road during harvest and the potential for conveyor and blower systems.

**Education/Conference Committee:** Meyer Mfg to give the gift card again for filling out your survey at the symposium. Board member responsibilities at symposium to be discussed at our Feb 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Old Business:** Ray brought documents on the farm service CDL for the board to review and discuss.

**New business:** Executive director contract review and vote.

**Adjournment:** Ray moved to adjourn. Derek seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is February 17<sup>th</sup> 6pm at Symposium in the Laguna Vista Room at Chula Vista.

Respectfully submitted by Josh Bartholomew