

**Minutes of the June 12, 2005 Pre-Conference Board Meeting
Noon to 4:30 p.m. EDT**

1) Call to order. Ron

Members present: Ron Dvergsten, Wayne Pike, Deb Pike, John Woodford, Richard Baumann, Luke Baker, Laurie Morris, Charles Duell, Tom Weygandt, Tim Holtquist, Jim Kelm. Guest: Bob Rhea, NAFBAS

2) Additions/Corrections to Agenda

- A. Reimbursement of membership expenses to NAFBAS meeting.
- B. Moment of silence for those who have passed away.
- C. Dale Nordquist/need to have greater contact with NAFBAS and NFRBMEA
- D. Permanent contact to Lawrence Crane/National Crop Insurance

3) Good News. (anything positive that has happened that you would like to share since the last time we met)

Everyone shared good news.

4) Secretary's report: Charles

Minutes from the April conference call were handed out by Charles. Jim moved to accept, seconded by Tom. Motion passed.

5) Treasurer's Report: John

John went over the 2004-2005 Treasurer's report as presented in the 2004-2005 Annual Report.

6) Budget for 2006-2007: John

John presented the proposed budget he prepared. Jim asked the board to consider changing the description of the "Seed Money Out" line item to "Conference Planning" because in the future in the joint operations with NAFBAS there will not be seed money returned as has been done in the past.

Charles moved to change the "Seed money in" and "Seed money out" to "Conference Income" and "Conference Planning Expense" Seconded by Jim. Motion passed.

Further discussion on whether the organization needs to develop two budgets rather than one. No further motions.

7) Webmaster/Nuts and Bolts Report: Wayne and Deb

Webmaster: Deb reports that there were 11,581 hits to date this morning. Deb is working with resources committee on the resource library.

Nuts and Bolts: NAFBAS membership is receiving the Nuts and Bolts through Deb as an email to Bob Rhea. Distribution to the NAFBAS membership is done through Bob. 15 paper copies sent out; 9 emails were undeliverable. 195 sent to membership, 80 sent to non-members. Wayne and Deb brought along back issues of Nuts and Bolts (on paper) that will be available in the exhibitors' room.

- 8) Membership Secretary Report: Wayne
Wayne reported the membership as reported in the annual report. The "Pink Book" will be circulated during the conference for updates for the membership.
- 9) National Council Report: Rich
Perkins funding was mentioned as one of the major concerns for secondary and postsecondary education. Rich reiterated that we need to talk to our senators and representatives to make our voices heard. Rich will present the rest of the National Council information at the business meeting on Monday.
- 10) 2005 Conference Update: Luke and Tom
Luke gave an update. 65 members registered. One member is unable to attend because of unexpected personal reasons. Luke notified the board that he will be refunding the person's registration, except for the dues. The board concurred that a refund was appropriate, and had been done in similar situations in the past.

Luke and Tom reviewed the conference schedule.
- 11) Roll Call of States Format: Charles
Charles has had 8 roll calls sent to him for inclusion in the proceedings. He will introduce the First Timers as a group. The call for roll calls included a message for everyone to introduce their First Timers.
- 12) Exchange of Ideas: Tim
Sponsorship for the Exchange of Ideas is from National Crop Insurance/Dr. Laurence Crane. There are five people who are going to present for the Exchange of Ideas: Wayne Pike, John Woodford, Gary Thome, Ron VanNurden, and Ron Schumm.
- 13) First Timers Scholarship Process review. Luke and Tom
Discussion of the scholarship was held. There are 4 registrants that have applied for the scholarship.
- 14) First Timers' Breakfast Meeting: Tim
During the Roll Call of States, Charles will reiterate that there will be a First Timers' Breakfast, and will recognize the First Timers. Tim will hold the breakfast with the First Timers, either in the conference room, or at a couple of separate tables in the main dining room. The First Timers Breakfast and Scholarship is sponsored by National Crop Insurance/Dr. Laurence Crane.
- 15) Historian's Report: Laurie
Laurie handed out 2005 Board CDROM. The 2004 slide show is included on the 2005 CD. Laurie will have a slide show at the end of this conference.
- 16) Review 2005 Annual Report: Tom
Tom reported that there were 125 copies of the annual report. It has been referred to several times during this meeting. The annual report will be distributed to the membership. There will be extras and Tom suggested each board member to take it home.

17) 2006 Conference Update: Jim, Tim

Jim updated the board on the planning for the 2006 conference. He handed out a tentative agenda drawn up on 5/18/05.

Jim requested that NFRBMEA membership needs to identify the programs and a person for each program for the special farm data analysis project to run one set of farm records through several analysis programs to compare the results.

Jim reiterated that we are one day shorter than normal for the 2006 Conference. There will be overlapping agenda items between the two organizations. Example: 4:00 Tuesday, NAFBAS committee meetings, NFRBMEA Exchange of Ideas, and Roundtable Presenters all going on at the same time.

Highlighted Roger McKeown's presentation 9:00 a.m. Wednesday.

Discussion of issues for 2006: separate vs. joint registration; NFRBMEA will bring in the outside vendors as we have in the past.

Fall Board meeting is set for September 26th and 27th in Omaha, with the Joint Board Meeting being held the morning of the 28th.

18) 2007 Conference Update: Jim

2007 Conference: Rochester MN. Jim suggested a joint NAFBAS/NFRBMEA and the Extension Farm Management Triennial conference. There are several regional conferences throughout the U.S. that seem to address many of the same issues.

19) NAFBAS Update/Joint Projects: Bob Rhea

Bob Rhea gave an update of the joint project between NAFBAS and NFRBMEA. Bob reviewed the joint meeting held in Champaign, IL held in September 2004. Also talked about the joint meeting held in Ames, IA in May 2005. Jim and Tim are planning to attend the 2005 Conference in Washington DC June 26-30.

2006 Joint conference in Omaha will be hosted by NAFBAS, 2007 meeting in Rochester will be hosted by NFRBMEA members.

Bob recapped the previous and planned joint events, and then listed several joint activities between NFRBMEA and NAFBAS that have occurred or have potential to be done as joint activities.

Also recapped the document that was written in June 2003 that laid out short term and long term plans for the two organizations.

Ron suggested to spend time at the next joint board meeting (September 28, 2005) working on revising the two organizations long and short term goals.

20) Review 2005 Business Meeting Agenda: Ron

Ron reviewed the Agenda.

21) Standing Committee Updates: Tim

A. National Institute Update: Jim

Jim gave a report that the next step needs to be to hire a grant writer to work on grants to fund the National Institute.

B. Industry Relations Update: Ron

Ron reiterated that the original request to Cenex Harvest States was for \$5000 and they funded \$2500. In the request Ron had specified that the funds would be to fund the Web site and Nuts and Bolts.

Ag Country was also mentioned as another potential donor.

A Deere and Company contact was mentioned by Tim. This person is interested in sponsorship at the conference in Omaha.

Vendors at this conference are:

American Farm Mortgage from Louisville KY.

Accord Financial Group.

C. Resource Library Update: Deb and Charles

Deb and Charles updated the group on the resource library. The online submission form that Deb developed has been tested and seems to work well. Still need to get the files posted and set up the review process to start taking in the information. Ron VanNurden, Deb and Charles will meet before the business meeting.

22) Additional agenda Items: See items under #2.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Duell