

Minutes of the June 5, 2006 NFRBMEA Pre-Conference Board Meeting
Doubletree Hotel • Omaha Nebraska

The meeting was called to order at 9 AM. Members present were Jim Kelm, Ron Dvergsten, Tim Holtquist, Jay Olson, Laurie Morris, John Woodford, Wayne Pike, Deb Pike, Doug Wertish, Rich Baumann and Luke Baker. Bob McHugh and Bob Rhea from NAFBAS attended to give us a conference update.

We went around the table and gave updates on our careers and personal lives.

As of this meeting, there are currently 64 registered for 2006 Conference.

Luke Baker presented the Secretary's report for the April 26 conference call. Jay Olson moved to accept the report, seconded by Ron Dvergsten. Motion passed.

John Woodford presented the Treasurer's report. Suggestions were made on how things can be handled differently in the future. Motion made by Jay Olson to accept report, second by Gary Thome. Motion passed.

The 2006-07 Budget was discussed. Budget will be prepared and presented at the Thursday Business meeting.

Motion made by Wayne Pike to establish a policy for refunds in the future. A committee will be created, consisting of the President, Membership Secretary, Conference Planner(s) and Treasurer. Motion seconded by John Woodford and passed. Wayne was selected as chairman of committee.

Discussion was held on setting up a conference committee for checkbook, centralized registrations and conference planning. Needs seed money to start.

Deb Pike gave the Webmaster's report. She reported 13,575 visitors to our website. The Resource Library went online June 1. The Resources Committee will meet June 5. Old Exchange of Ideas items will eventually be moved from their respective conference pages to the Library. Wayne gave the Membership Secretary's Report. Wayne gave the Nuts and Bolts Report. 169 Spring e-newsletters were sent to members, 13 paper copies to members, and 101 e-newsletters to non-members. Otherwise, it's business as usual. Wayne suggested that preparing articles as instructors for local publications could be relevant for Nuts and Bolts as well.

2006 Conference update was given by Jim and Doug.

Luke reviewed the Roll Call of States format: call each state, representatives are limited to report length of 2 minutes. A written report will be included on CD. If there are questions about individual reports, contact presenters.

Jay Olson reviewed the Exchange of Ideas activity. Presenters will be Dale Enerson (ND), Don Roberts (OK), Wayne Pike (MN), Mark Holkup (ND), and John Hobert (MN).

The First Timers Scholarship was reviewed by Jim, Doug and Jay. Potential recipients must pay full registration and the dues separately when applying. NFRBMEA will reimburse registration fees of those selected. An announcement regarding the breakfast will be made at the Tuesday Business Meeting.

Laurie gave the Historian's Report.

The Business Meeting agenda was reviewed. Discussion was held regarding keeping conference attendees attention until the end of the conference on Thursday. Wayne Pike made a motion to have five \$10 door prizes. Second by Jim Kelm. Motion passed.

Standing Committee Updates

- National Institute Update Wayne and Tim
- Ron gave the Industry Relations update. \$3,000 was received from Cenex Harvest States (CHS). He spoke of a continuing need for developing new sponsors and the need to tie support to NFRBMEA instead of local or state organization, needing to prepare better to sell our organization purpose serving 40,000 farms and long term goals instead of specific function (i.e. Keynote speaker, lunch, breakfast, tour), and setting our goals higher ask for more funding. We may be at our individual peak political effectiveness. Need to develop an outline, template or guideline of how to present our organization more favorably.

The 2006 Annual Report, prepared by Ron, was reviewed.

Rich Baumann gave the National Council Report. The fall meeting of The Council will be in Minnesota Oct 4-8, 2006. They will look at farm business management as part of their meeting agenda. This would be good opportunity to make connections with The Council.

Jim Kelm gave an update on the 2007 Conference.

2008 Conference

Possible sites include California and Arizona

Motion by Wayne Pike to recommend we have 2008 conference in Arizona with California as alternate Motion seconded by John Woodford. Motion passed.

The Fall Board meeting will be held September 27-28-29 in Rochester, Minnesota at the Kahler Hotel.

Wayne Pike moved that it be recorded that the board has discussed and agreed that the NFRBMEA is in compliance with the requirements of a 501(c)(3) corporation. Second by Ron Dvergsten. Motion passed.

Motion made by Tim Holtquist to adjourn meeting, second by Jay Olson. Meeting adjourned at 4 PM.