

***National Farm and Ranch Business Management Education Association
Pre-Conference Board Meeting
June 11, 2007 9:00 am CDT***

The meeting was called to order by President, Jay Olson at 9:14 AM

Members present were:	President	Jay Olson
	President Elect	John Hobert
	Past President	Tim Holtquist
	Treasurer	Doug Wertish
	Historian	Laurie Morris
	Membership Secretary	Wayne Pike
	Webmaster	Deb Pike
	2007 Conference Chair	Gary Thome
	2007 Conf. Co-chair	Jim Kelm
	Secretary	Rick Morgan
	2008 Conf. Chair	Pat Harrington
	National Institute	Dr. Clark Hanson

The agenda was presented by Jay Olson and had no additions.

The secretary's report was sent out earlier via email by Morgan. There were no additions, motion by Hobert to approve the secretary's report, seconded by Wertish and the motion was approved.

The treasurer's report was presented by Doug Wertish. We have a checkbook balance of \$21,079.94. This is within \$1000 of last year's balance. Our overall cashflow shortage for our 2006-2007 year is \$8126.82. The revised 2007-08 budget was under discussion, one main question is where we will hold our Fall Board meeting. Doug also presented the extended 2008-09 budget. We had discussion on the importance of donations that fuel our conferences.

We had discussion to change the job description of the President Elect. Should that person be in charge of requesting donations?

2007 Conference update was presented by Thome and Kelm. We have to be sure to thank our contributors for their donations. Kelm's summary of working as co-chair this past year is to not worry about the budget so much, put a great conference together with strong individual committee members, the budget will take care of itself.

Hobert explained to the 2008 Program planners how he went about raising donations to our 2007 conference.

Dale Nordquist and Bob Craven, from the Center for Farm Financial Management, joined us at 10:20 AM.

Dr. Clark Hanson discussed his work with the National Institute and his success in raising funds for our National Institute project. His best response is with the National FFA Center with Kent Schescke, FFA Staff Member. Dr. Hanson has worked with Nordquist and the Center for Farm Financial Management to offer classes that could be paid by a foundation and this could

be an on-going venture. This is valuable in mentoring new instructors to help them get experience with a veteran Farm Business Management instructor.

How do we proceed from here forward? Do we go after small grants to handle specific projects or do we seek out the large foundation type grants? We will keep looking at Kellogg, Bremer, AgStar and others to apply for grants. Dr. Hanson will keep us posted.

Meeting was recessed at 11:45 AM and reconvened at 1:20 PM.

Pat Harrington reported on the 2008 Conference. His concern was for enough scheduled program for administration and sponsorship support, plus family activities that will draw the membership.

Discussion was held as to the continued work with NAFBAS. Motion was made by Morgan, seconded by Harrington to continue our MOU with NAFBAS for the next three years, 2009 to 2011. Discussion was held, motion carried.

Richard Baumann entered our meeting and updated us as to his work with the National Council. His biggest success is to get the National Council to more understand who we are and what we do. He is looking for a successor, since his term has expired. He also discussed his short work with AAEE, American Association of AgEd, Conference in the Twin Cities this past May.

Wayne Pike discussed his duties as co-editor of the Nuts & Bolts. Should we continue to publish our newsletter three times a year or should we look at something different?

Deb Pike reported on our Web site. She keeps improving our website; she just completed her AS Degree in Web Design. She has spent time on building our resource library.

Wayne Pike also discussed his work with the First-Timer's Scholarship. Do we give \$50 to those that applied? The Board agreed to close applications and issue five checks to those that applied.

Hobert reported on his Exchange of Ideas committee.

The meeting adjourned for the day at 3:14 PM by President Jay Olson