

## **Minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual NFRBMEA Business Meeting June 11 & 14, 2012 ♦ Bloomington, MN**

President Jay D. Olsen called the meeting to order at 2:58 PM, June 11th (35 members were present).

Tom Ackerman moved to accept agenda without revisions. Vic Richardson seconded the motion and it passed.

Al Graner moved and Jennifer Smith seconded to accept the minutes that were presented in the report and on the web site. Motion passed.

Myron Oftedahl presented the Treasurer's report and handed out a revised income statement sheet. The adjustments were in the Conference Net Revenue-Income Statement, and Dues in the proposed Budget 2013-2014. Keith Torgerson moved and Wayne Pike seconded to accept the Treasurer's report and the Audit report. Motion carried.

Jim McCuistion asked for the Roll Call of States and 8 states presented reports.

In the Communication Director's report, Deb Pike stated that membership numbers are down by 30. She also asked attendees to send pictures of conference events to her. Ira Beckman moved and Barry Kurtz seconded to accept the Communications Director's report. It was passed.

Nomination of Officers was next on the agenda. Ira nominated and Barry seconded the nomination for Mark Holkup as the next President-Elect. Vic moved nominations cease and Keith seconded the motion. Motion passed and Mark was unanimously voted in as President-Elect. Also presented and elected to their present and moved up positions were Doug Wertish as President and Myron Oftedahl as Treasurer.

The IABME report was postponed to a later spot on the agenda.

Doug mentioned that we are looking for a person to contact possible national for future conferences. Perhaps this person could develop these sponsorships on a long-term basis.

Ira Beckman, NFRBMEA's rep on The National Council, handed out a financial report that explained the restructuring of the National Council for Ag Education. Ira moved to continue participation with the National Council indefinitely. Motion was seconded by Wayne Pike and motion carried.

Al Graner moved and Tim Holtquist seconded that the meeting be recessed until Thursday morning. Motion passed.

Meeting was reconvened at 10:50 AM on Thursday, June 14 with 37 members present.

Jim Kelm gave the report for IABME and asked members' opinions on what they thought the successes of the organization were. The response was very favorable and discussions were related to the possibilities of reorganizing another sponsorship for a similar organization in perhaps the same format. Al moved that the NFRBMEA pursue possible funding opportunities. The motion was seconded and passed.

Jay D. Olsen gave a very interesting report on a NFRBMEA survey that could be beneficial in obtaining sponsorships for our organization. The report will be available on the website.

A general discussion was held on the Bloomington Conference, and members concluded that it was a very good conference. Jim Kelm and Jay D. Olsen thanked everyone for their help and included that it was nice that everyone had fun.

In talking about the conference to be held in Kansas City on June 9-13, 2013, Ira suggested that an agenda item be added to include the representation for conference sponsorships. It was announced that Jennifer Smith could be that representative. She was nominated by Al and seconded by Jim Kelm. With no further nominations, Jennifer was voted in.

Ira moved that the By-laws be changed and regular dues for 2013 be raised to \$40. It was seconded by Rick Morgan and after discussion the motion was passed unanimously.

Al Graner was pleased to present the Distinguished Service Award to outgoing President Jay D. Olsen and commended him on the fine job he did as President.

Bill Januszewski moved and Ira seconded to adjourn. It passed, and the meeting was over at 11:24 AM, June 14, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim McCuiston  
NFRBMEA Secretary