

NFRBMEA Fall Board Meeting September 18, 2014 Carter Lake, IA (Omaha)

Attendance: Jim McCuistion, Mark Holkup, Will Walter, Myron Oftedahl, Rodney Armstrong, Deb Pike

Additions to the agenda were approved

The meeting was called to order by President Jim McCuistion at 8:06 AM

Minutes of the post-conference meeting on June 12 were reviewed. Mark moved, Myron seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

A conference call took place with Wayne Pike, NFRBMEA conference sponsorship coordinator. Wayne emphasized the importance of developing and maintaining contacts and relationships with industry and other agricultural organizations and that we all need to be part of this process. A NAFBAS representative is needed to work with Wayne in this capacity.

The treasurer's report was presented by Myron. Extensive discussion took place on the CHS conference scholarship—how it worked at Utah and how to make it work better in the future. We need to make sure the scholarship funds are spent fairly and appropriately. Several proposals were looked at. We likely need to place dollar limits on travel and meals. Mark indicated we plan to request a \$15,000 grant from CHS for the 2015 conference. Mark moved, Rodney seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

President Jim McCuistion appointed Mark Holkup and Will Walter to serve on the 2015 conference scholarship committee with one NAFBAS representative. They will meet by email, after the CHS grant request is approved, to structure the application and select recipients.

Mark moved, Will seconded to approve the treasurer transferring funds from the Ameriprise account to the NFRBMEA checking account at his discretion to maintain an adequate balance. Motion carried.

Communications Director Deb Pike gave her report. Web site content was covered. Membership is presently at 82--70 regular, 11 affiliate, and 1 honorary. There are still concerns about the motion passed at the 2014 annual meeting in Salt Lake eliminating affiliate membership in NFRBMEA. There is a question whether we can do that without changing our by-laws. Jim will investigate the matter. Deb has sent out 66 letters to individuals who have been members in past years but have not paid dues for 2014-15 with the hope of increasing our membership roll. We would like to have a system of cross-checking NFRBMEA affiliation when registering for national conference as a way of assuring dues are paid. Nuts and Bolts needs instructor input for content—articles pertaining to farm business management.

Will Walter reported on the status of plans for the 2016 conference to be held in Sioux Falls.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Rodney Armstrong, Secretary

