

NFRBMEA & NAFBAS Joint Board Meeting
National Farm Business Management Conference
Rochester, NY
June 14, 2015
Minutes by Don Nitchie

Present; Bob Rhea II, Anthony Barrett NE, Jim McCuistion CO, Jim McCabe II, Amanda Jenkins KY, Mark Holkup ND, Mark Wood KS, Rodney Armstrong ND, Deb Pike MN, Myron Oftedahl MN, Larry Borton MI, Mike Harer WI, Michelle Greenlee NE, Kent Vickre IA, Robert Page AL, Will Walter SD & Don Nitchie MN.

Selection of Chair and Secretary – Will Walter volunteered for Chair, Don Nitchie for Secretary

Call to Order @ 4:20 pm -Will Walter

Minutes of 2015 Meeting; Reviewed. Motion by Mark Wood to approve, second by Mark Holkup. Motion approved.

Bob Rhea discussed the MOU between the two organizations regarding the joint National Conference. He indicated it was working well and is an on-going & active MOU and as such does not need annual renewal/approval.

An update was provided on the 2015 conference by Jim McCabe where he briefed the group on the agenda and various activities. Jim also updated the meeting on the electronic registration process and arrangements with “Reg on-line”—which he felt was working well. He recommended that we continue this arrangement next year. Jim reported that there is \$25,925.00 in total sponsorships and briefed the group on other costs such as busing for tours. Registered attendance is 121, with family members the total group is 202.

Mike Harer briefed the group on this year’s Pre-conference/Early Career Workshop. There were 7 attendees. The NAFBAS board had already voted to continue the pre-conference offering next year as this has been a NAFBAS project and was well-received. They will develop a program targeting 3-5 year career stage program.

The CHS scholarship program was then discussed by Mark Holkup. It was a flat fee program with seven recipients. Discussion followed of more ways to market the program.

The meeting was then briefed on 2 medical requests for registration refund and discussion of circumstances of when this should be approved. Mark Holkup moved that the refund be granted-seconded by Myron Oftedahl. Myron Oftedahl moved to amend the main motion stating that \$25 be deducted from the refund-second Mark Wood. Discussion followed. The amendment failed. The Main Motion (without the amendment) was approved.

The meeting was then briefed on a copyright issue from a 2010 conference presentation. NFRBMEA will follow-up.

Will Walter reported that the site selection process for the 2016 Conference in Sioux Falls had been completed and it proposed that it should be at the downtown Holiday Inn. Mark Holkup, Melissa Fosdick of Ill and Don Nitchie will serve on the Planning Committee led by Will. This conference will include the Farm Management Extension Educators also. Motion by Jim McCabe-second Mark Wood to accept the downtown Holiday Inn as the Sioux Falls site. Motion passed.

The 2017 conference was discussed and Iowa will host. Kent Vickre will provide leadership for the effort and Iowa proposed Des Moines as the location. Mark Holkup moved that Des Moines be the location-seconded by Rod Armstrong. Motion passed. Kent indicated that Kent Ruppert and Tom Thaden would be assisting in planning as well as other NFRBMEA members to be named later. Jim McCuiston volunteered to be on the 2017 planning committee.

The fall joint board meeting was discussed & proposed to be held Sept. 15-16 in Sioux Falls. It was moved by Don Nitchie and seconded by Jim McCuiston to accept the dates and location. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned @ 5:45 pm.