

NFRBMEA 2015 Fall Board Meeting

September 24, 2015—Holiday Inn City Centre, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Attendance: Will Walter, Jim McCuistion David Gillman, Myron Oftedahl, Rodney Armstrong, Deb Pike, Wayne Pike

The meeting was called to order by President Will Walter at 8 AM.

Additions to the agenda were approved.

Secretary's Report—Minutes from the pre-conference and post-conference meetings were reviewed. Myron moved and Jim seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report—Myron presented the treasurer's report. Our share of the conference profit (est. \$6000-\$7000) has not been deposited. The tax exempt refund has not been received (est. \$1500). Jim moved and Dave seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Communications Director Report—Deb reported on the following:

Membership—So far we have 74 regular members and 6 affiliate or honorary. 73 dunning letters have been sent out to individuals who have been members one of the last two years encouraging them to renew their membership.

Nuts & Bolts—provided a reminder that dues had to be paid to maintain membership. Another reminder that more effort was needed to get RTU's and Nuts & Bolts out to members.

Conference Website has been updated with a photo gallery

Committee Reports:

1) CHS Scholarship Grant—Wayne

--a new grant request for \$15,000 has been submitted to CHS

--Intend to expand the availability of the scholarship to individuals looking at a career change to farm business management such as high school ag teachers.

--Not all of last year's grant money was used

--Wayne is in charge of submitting the grant application to CHS. Mark Holkup and the committee handle the scholarship applications.

--Each state needs to decide how best to get the information out to prospective applicants.

2) Conference Sponsors—Wayne is working on securing a major conference sponsorship commitment from CHS. There was discussion on other industry sponsorship ideas.

3) 2016 Conference Planning—Will updated the board on plans for the 2016 national conference in Sioux Falls. A list of possible presenters and speakers has been put together as well as potential tours.

Distinguished Service Nominations: Two individuals were nominated to receive the award next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.