

NFRBMEA Special Spring Board Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2024 • Conducted via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Dvergsten at 8:01 AM.

Deb Pike gave the Communications Director's Report. She reported that there were 97 total members 87 active, 10 affiliate. The website has 3 job postings. The 2024 conference website updates are ongoing and registration page is running. Previous (older) conference information is being uploaded to the website. Articles for the next *NUTS & BOLTS* are due by April 23. The Treasurer's and Secretary's reports are due for the Annual Report by May 1.

Deron Erickson reported on the National Council and the last meeting which took place in February. They are working on many projects. We need to seek a representative to replace Deron. Deron recommended Jeremy Daberkow to replace him on The Council.

A motion was made by Brad Sirianni for Jeremy to represent NFRBMEA on the National Ag Ed Council, seconded by Tina LeBrun. Motion carried. Ron Dvergsten will communicate with Jeremy. The next council meeting is scheduled for April.

Denise Reeser reported on conference sponsorships. We received \$5,000.00 from Compeer. Paul Dietman (Compeer) will be a presenter. \$1,000.00 from the RK Morris Foundation. William Nelson helped us connect with RK Morris. Currently, in discussions with Ambrook farm accounting software company for their commitment. Others include: PcMars, FFSC (Farm Financial Standards Council), Ultra Farm / Farm Biz. Denise is seeking more recommendations.

Lynn Hoffman reported on the NFBMC (National Farm Business Management Conference). We discussed the website, registration, and things that needed to be updated. We also discussed concerns about our sponsors and speakers registering for the event. With the goal of making the process easier for them and understanding what they have as part of the conference (meals, etc.).

Tina LeBrun discussed promoting the conference to instructors and encouraging them to attend.

Ron Dvergsten brought up 1 day only registration and registering as a guest. Also, discussed inviting on-campus instructors.

We discussed Spring Power-Ups and our next one for April 17th is no longer happening. Stacey Davis from BASE is scheduled for May 15 and we need to confirm and promote it.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2024 from 8:00 AM -10:00 AM by Zoom.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Submitted by Brad Sirianni
NFRBMEA Secretary