

Minutes of the NFRBMEA Pre-Conference Board Meeting

June 9, 2019, Blue Harbor Resort, Sheboygan, WI

The meeting was called to order at 4:43 PM on June 9 by Brad Sirianni. Attending: Lori Tonak, Deb Pike, Brad Sirianni, Myron Oftedahl, Tina LeBrun, Betsy Jensen and Pauline Van Nurden. Absent: Bruce Fowler .

The Secretary's report from Betsy was approved by Pauline, seconded by Myron, all approved.

The Treasurer's report discussion included a loss for the Harrisburg conference, and our National Conference dues. Our Treasurer's report will be approved at our annual meeting.

Lori Tonak gave an update on the National Ag Ed Council membership, and The Council is struggling. Right now, it appears The Council may be disbanding. Our dues have been \$3,000, and we will discuss with the large group withholding our dues. We have provided leadership to this council, at least three presidents, Josh Tjosaas, Ira Beckman, Jay M. Olson, and Rich Baumann.

Deb Pike gave a membership update, and we are up 20 members from a year ago. The membership card helped members recognize if their membership was active or expired. Three NUTS & BOLTS were issued this year, and the Annual Report will be coming later this summer. Resource Library (materials) may be shared via Real-Time Updates, and members can decide if it's something they need. We don't want to become a dusty warehouse of outdated materials.

Tina provided the sponsorship update, and we have lost our national sponsors. It may be a sign of the ag economy.

2020 Conference Committee: Hilton Fort Collins and Millennium at Boulder are our two options. Myron is working with the hotels. We are going to push the brand, National Farm Business Management Conference instead of focusing on the individual organizations.

Submitted by,

Betsy Jensen