

Minutes of the Annual NFRBMEA Fall Board Meeting

September 13, 2021 • Conducted in St. Cloud, MN and via Zoom

Myron Oftedahl called meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Members present in person Myron Oftedahl, Deron Erickson, Jeff Schultz, and Jennifer Smith. Members present via zoom Lori Tonak, Debra Pike. Pauline Van Nurden joined in person late.

All members shared weekend updates.

Jennifer Smith shared post-conference board meeting minutes. Jeff Schultz motioned to approve, second by Lori Tonak. Motion passed.

Jeff Schultz will share the Treasurer's Report after Kara passes over the treasurer information.

Deb shared the Communication Director's Report. 31 members as of September 10: 28 regular and 3 affiliates. At this time last year we had 40 members. Dunning letters will be sent out this next week to any member that has not renewed who has been a member in the past two years. Membership reminder will be posted on Facebook and Twitter. Website membership lists will be added as memberships come in. Board of Directors page has been updated. Jeff Schultz and Deron Erickson need to send Debra Pike short biographies and photos. No current job postings. All NFRBMEA minutes are on the website. New conference website is up.

Lori Tonak shared National Council hasn't met recently. The Council's mission has been updated. Also, went through and updated all the by-laws for National Council. New organizations have joined the National Council. Deron Erickson will be attending the fall board meeting in Indianapolis. Lori Tonak is passing everything over to Deron Erickson to attend, share the NFRBMEA voice, and vote at National Council.

2021 Conference, Myron has not seen any of the post-conference evaluations.

2022 Conference to be held in Fort Collins, CO. Extension is the lead, but no planning meeting has been held yet. Temple Grandin live is speaker focus. Topic to suggest to Extension would be to talk about upcoming farm bill, carbon credits, estate planning, tax updates, bank examiner and lenders. No decision has been made to hold conference online and in-person. Annual meeting in South Carolina had 14 online participants, and 6 in-person participants.

NUTS & BOLTS articles due to Debra Pike by October 11; February, May and July due dates to be determined. Myron Oftedahl will send a reminder out.

Myron Oftedahl does not have a date for the joint board meeting yet. He did not receive any dates back yet from Jim McCabe. Do we have a new sponsorship coordinator? Not yet, but will need to work on that.

Continuing education topics- any ideas not used from the 2022 conference idea list. Timeline to do continuing education presentations possibly this fall, late November. Ag Resource Management (ARM) business would like to get connected with more FBM in MN. ARM only give crop loans and has a little higher interest rate. Suggestions tax planning, estate planning topics, insurance riders and options.

Deron Erickson motion to adjourn, second by Pauline Van Nurden. Meeting adjourned at 10:59 am.

Submitted by,

Jennifer Smith
NFRBMEA Secretary