

NFRBMEA Spring Board Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

May 2, 2024 • Conducted via Zoom

Attendees – Ron Dvergsten, Deron Erickson, Jeremy Daberkow, Deb Pike, Lynn Hoffmann, Denise Reeser, Jeff Schultz, Brad Sirianni, Tina LeBrun

President Ron opened the meeting shortly after 8:00 AM and encouraged us to discuss a positive event in our lives both personally and professionally.

The Secretary's Report was given by Brad Sirianni. Deron moved/Lynn seconded – report was approved.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Jeff Schultz. \$18,538 checking account balance. Discussed the balance of the NFBMC account and how it fluctuates based upon conference expenses and potential income being recorded. How do we show this for balance sheet and/or reporting purposes? Jeremy moved/Lynn seconded – report was approved.

Communications Director's Report was given by Deb Pike. The *NUTS & BOLTS* was sent out this May 1. Annual Report is being finalized. Deb reported that she will be stepping down from this position as of December 31, 2024. We need to start searching for a replacement. Ron asked if someone from the "Centers" would be able to help us? Tina LeBrun discussed this as a possibility if someone does not take the position. Had a brief discussion about the responsibilities, process and history of the position.

The National Council Report was given by Jeremy and Deron. Deron reported his appreciation for being able to serve on The Council and people he was able to meet. Jeremy reported on his first meeting. The Council voted to attain a domain name. Melissa Rekeweg, from The Council will be at the NFBMC in La Crosse.

Denise Reeser reported on the sponsorships for the conference. We have quite a few sponsorships with more coming in. Total as of today is \$18,000.00. Registration continues to be a struggle for the sponsors. We are not making much progress on resolving the issue. Stacey at BASE will not be able to do the May Power-Ups. Denise will communicate with the sponsors to see if they will do a write up for the conference, so we know who they are.

Lynn Hoffmann reported on the conference. He addressed some of the concerns and recommended communicating with Sarah Ehrnthaller to help. We discussed when and how to allow the sponsors to give a brief presentation on who they are and what they do and come visit us at their booth. We will work to put these on the agenda during the conference. Changes and updates are occurring often. Everything is falling into place and coming along. Be conscious of the Wednesday board meeting adjournment as attendees participating on the Pizza Cruise need to be prompt.

Deron led a discussion regarding Melissa Rekeweg's attendance and ensuring there is time to spend with her on increasing her awareness of who we are and for strategic planning. We need to find time and places during the day to accomplish this. Invite her to speak at the annual meeting. She is planning to attend on Tuesday.

Ron discussed the NFRBMEA recognition and awards during the conference. Deb will order the awards. We discussed the Distinguished Service Award and any Officer Retirement recognition. Also discussed an Award of Appreciation for one of our honored and retiring members.

Motion by Deron, second by Tina for ____ to receive the NFRBMEA Distinguished Service Award.
Motion by Ron, second by Lynn for ____ to also receive a Distinguished Service Award at the conference.

Officer Slate for 2024-25. President Elect: Deron Erickson; President: Ron Dvergsten; Past President: Tina LeBrun; Secretary: Brad Sirianni.

Our next meeting will be the Pre-Conference Board Meeting, scheduled for Monday June 10 at 1:00 PM.

Deron moved, second by Lynn to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM.

Submitted by Brad Sirianni
NFRBMEA Secretary