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NFRBMEA Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

NFBM Conference, Fort Worth, TX

3 to 5 pm

Present: Deron Erickson (MN), Jeremy Daberkow (MN), Kathy Hommerding (MN), Niki Brixius (MN), Keith Olander (MN), Jason Fewell (ND), Amy Durand (MN), Brent Roiger (MN), Bruce Fowler (MO), Pauline VanNurden (MN), Tina LeBrun (MN), Denise Reeser (MN), Jeff Schultz (MN), Kelly McAdam (NH), Ron Dvergsten (MN), Del Lecy (MN).

NFRBMEA President Ron Dvergsten called the meeting to order at 3:06 pm.

Communications Director Kelly McAdam introduced herself, from New Hampshire, working as Communications Director since October 1, 2024.

Kelly gave the Secretary's report, due to current vacancy in Secretary's position. Motion to approve Brent Roiger, seconded by Jeremy Daberkow. Approved

Jeff gave Treasurer's report, checking account has balance of \$4,996.36, conference profit is \$8,205. We had donations of \$40, and membership dues of \$3,660. Financial reports are in the Annual Report. A question was asked about moving funds from the checking account to the Ameriprise account. It is desirable to make sure there is an adequate balance in the checking account, recognize the interest rate has been higher, there is no hard number when to transfer funds, have to anticipate expenses. Motion to approve Brent Roiger, seconded by Deron Erickson. Approved.

Budget Proposed for 2026-27. The \$3,000 in conference profit will be used for FY26-27 projections, using the same numbers as previous year, conference income projected at \$4,700. Motion to approve by Deron Erickson, seconded by Jeremy Daberkow. Approved.

Roll Call of States-

- See attached-Tina LeBrun reported for Minnesota, Bruce Fowler reported for Missouri, Jason Fewell reported for North Dakota, Kelly McAdam provided the reports for Ohio and Vermont.

Communication Director's Report-Kelly shared with the group that we are always looking for articles for Nuts & Bolts, written by the membership. Current membership for 24-2025 is 79 active, 7 affiliate, and 2 lifetime. This is down slightly from 2023-24. The Annual Report has been published to the website, and a pdf version will be available for download soon.



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Conference Sponsorship Report-Denise Reeser reported that we have a core group of sponsors. It was a challenge this year with the leadership transition in NAFBAS, and getting donors when we didn't have any local connections. Texas is outside of our current membership area. Total sponsorships were \$14,500. Some sponsors we were counting on, did not come through. In the future, we will work with NAFBAS on the sell sheets to make sure we are following through to provide the sponsors what was promised.

National Council for Ag Education Report-Jeremy Daberkow is the current representative. Provided brief background of the organization-made up of 11 ag related organizations, NFRBMEA is the only adult ed. Component to that group. The council has been working on a belonging and engagement statement, what looks like for all levels by 2050. The National FFA Board Chair and National FFA Advisory has renewed his term with the group. The NFRBMEA representative to this group is a three year term, starting in January. It is believed to allow multiple terms.

2025 Conference-Brent Roiger. Brent and Ron were the representatives to the conference planning on behalf of NFRBMEA. In the future Sarah (NAFBAS) will have a checklist for planning the conference. We haven't been overly involved this year. Ron, Brent, and Lynn Hoffman had input on structure of this year's conference. NAFBAS wanted heavy tax sessions, that's where the multitrack sessions came from. There has been close interaction with sponsors and speakers. Make sure to fill out the evaluation, as that input really drove this year's conference.

2026 Conference will be in Louisville, Kentucky. Trying to get a Minnesota conference for 2027.

Old Business

Proposed Conference MOU for July 2025 to June 2027. Deron highlighted key changes; not a lot changed, more specific. By December 31, conference costs will be posted to the conference website (registration and hotel), conference registration to be open by April Addendum to include job descriptions for webmaster, registration coordinator, treasurer, conference sponsor coordinator, stipends for sponsorship coordinator and treasurer. MOU is good for two years, renewed annually. Committee made up of both organizations will review each year. Split conference profits-the first 50% is split in half between the two organizations, remaining 50% will be pro-rated based on membership registered for the conference. NFRBMEA received 30 to 33% of the profit from this year's conference. The MOU was approved at the Joint Meeting on Monday, June 9.

New Business-Ron introduced a discussion of FFA Farm Business Management career development program. Proposed that NFRBMEA partner in offering credential or sponsorship for a national competition; conference call with National FFA. Possibly could contribute as a partner, sponsor, job shadow, student membership in NFRBMEA possibilities. It was noted that NFRBMEA is a good organization to partner in ag education. Discussion around what the organization's role would be, and what it will cost, and what will the credential mean to anyone else in industry. Important that we are fostering careers in ag business education. May look for members from NFRBMEA that could serve on a steering committee to resume this conversation.

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Elections-nominations needed for president-elect and 2026-27 conference planner. Kathy Hommerding was nominated for secretary by Denise Reeser. Motion by Brent Rogier, second ? Approved.

Distinguished Service Award-Lynn Hoffman and Brad Sirianni. Neither are in attendance and will recognize at another time.

Tina LeBrun was recognized for her years of service, and as retiring past-president and president.

Gavel was turned over to Deron Erickson, NFRBMEA president by Ron Dvergsten now past-president.

Motion to Adjourn, Brent motion, Jeff second. Meeting adjourned at 4:47 pm.

Minutes submitted by Kelly McAdam.