

NWB Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2013
Cobblestone Inn, Seward, NE

Board Members Present

Chris Cullan, Hemingford
Rick Larson, Potter
Larry Flohr, Chappell
Von Johnson, Cambridge
Delferd Schlake, Blue Springs
Brent Robertson, Elsie

Staff Present

Royce Schaneman, Executive Director
Caroline Brauer, Ag Promotion Coordinator
Jade Lutes, Staff Assistant
Mollie Wilkin, Intern

Ex-Officio

Guests Present

Janet Lewis, Bayer CropScience
Steve Baenziger, UNL
Archie Clutter, UNL
Chuck Hibberd, UNL
Derek Bracht, NWB wheat ambassador

Meeting called to order at 8:04 am. Roll call taken and crop reports provided. Guests introduced.

A presentation by Dr. Baenziger was added to the start of the agenda. **Larry moved to approve agenda as amended; Chris seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.**

Chris moved to approve the minutes as presented; Delferd seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.

Dr. Baenziger provided an update on the University breeding program and its history of contracting with NWB.

Board reviewed the financials. **Rick moved to approve the financials as presented; Larry seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.**

Board discussed the fall US Wheat Associates meeting in Portland and the state offices' tour of the Wheat Marketing Center.

Chris provided an update on the Wheat Marketing Center. The biscuit line is up and running and believes greater discussion will need to be given toward state support of classes. The WMC is also looking at a tortilla line.

No WFC meeting has been held since the last NWB meeting. However, positive comments were offered on Judi Adams' presentation at the USW meeting.

Royce provided an update on PGI. They met in Portland at the WMC. They toured the facilities. Tortillas are a growing market and PGI has an interest in being part of it.

Dayton provided an update on NWGA. The baking lab went to Oklahoma for a relief event. The NWGA annual meeting will be held December 11 in Sidney, NE.

The group broke for a working lunch.

Archie Clutter visited with the board about positions open at the University and the ongoing research.

Rick provided an update on Hard White Wheat. Our allotment of wheat was shipped for the Overseas Varietal Analysis Program. Rick also noted that as of the meeting, the expansion at Foundation Seed has not been built.

Board discussed the first reading of funding proposals from the Cattleman's ball, NAYI, NAWG/WIA, Omaha Children's Museum, and Snitily Carr. The Board decided to pass the Cattleman's Ball event on to the NWGA per Dayton's request. The Board directed Royce to research potential partnerships for the Omaha Children's Museum request.

Chris motioned to pass the first reading on the Snitily Carr proposal and use unobligated funds to purchase the database plan with Snitily Carr. Larry seconded. Roll Call Vote: Delferd, yes; Larry, yes; Rick, yes; Von, yes; Chris, yes; Brent, yes. Dan, absent. 6 yes, 0 no, motion carried.

Brent motioned to table NAYI, NAWG/WIA, Omaha Children's Museum to the request for funding proposals. Delferd seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.

A short break was taken.

The Board discussed the website. It appears that a lack of website updates are happening. Chris mentioned that the links seem to be out of date.

Royce provided the office report including UNL contract status.

Additions to the calendar are:

January 9-25 - USW Board Team – Italy, Spain, Ghana and Nigeria – Brent

February 17-21 – UES Latin America Meeting – Arlington, VA – Royce

The meeting in Arizona for WFC – take off Brent and add Staff Member

Next meeting date: December 16 conference call, open meeting location will be NWB office

Approval of Travel moved by Brent seconded Rick

Adjournment moved by Chris seconded by Delferd