

Meeting Minutes
Nebraska Wheat Growers Association
June 11, 2009
Farm And Ranch Museum, Gering, NE

Board Members Present

Scott Osler, President
Shawn Sullivan
Ashley Colglazier

Staff Present

Zoe Olson

Guests

Frank Johansen
Stephen Baenziger
Kiah Haslett

President Osler called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Board members answered roll call with a report on crop conditions—moisture was abundant and the wheat looks in good condition at this time. Staff and NWGA members were introduced and welcomed.

Sullivan requested the addition of publications to the agenda. **Colglazier moved to approve the agenda as amended. Sullivan seconded. Voice vote motion passed.**

The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed. **Sullivan moved to approve the minutes. Colglazier seconded. Voice vote motion passed.**

The financial reports were reviewed. **Sullivan moved to accept the financial report. Colglazier seconded. Voice vote motion passed.**

Osler stated in his President's report that members had been busy with farming since the last meeting and noted that the association's activities have been carried out by staff. He continues to see improvement in visibility and viability of the association due to positive activities. He noted that NAWG has approved a new contract for Darren Coppock.

Daren Coppock joined the meeting via teleconference/webinar and reported on NAWG activities. He thanked the board for its activities on behalf of the wheat industry. He reported on the issues currently being monitored by NAWG staff—cap and trade and the issue of the term “navigable” being proposed as an addition to the Clean Water Act being two actions on the forefront.

Olson reported that NWGA has an intern for the summer—Caroline Brauer. Cari is a journalism student at UNL. She and Olson will be visiting producer operations in the next month to film harvest and other aspects of wheat production for a promotional video on behalf of NWGA. Olson reported on progress of the Ag Classic for 2009 and noted that she has been unable to determine when the NWGA had last received any monies from the Ag Classic trade show. She will continue to research this and will contact Feed and Grain to request an accounting.

Olson reported that ConAgra had agreed to contribute \$10,000 toward the purchase of the trailer for the mobile baking lab. **Sullivan moved to purchase the trailer that will house the lab and allow baking within the trailer and include the promotional wrap. Colglazier seconded. Voice vote motion passed.**

Sullivan moved to withdraw \$12,000 from the smaller Pinnacle Bank CD to initially fund the mobile baking lab. Colglazier seconded. Voice vote motion passed.

Olson reported on the progress of plans for the Nebraska State Fair—this will be the last fair in Lincoln and Nebraska Wheat will have a large presence in Ag Hall. Members are encouraged to look at attending and helping with the “Nebraska Wheat Field Experience”.

Olson reported that we have been contacted by Keith Rexroth concerning Duel County signs in need of repair. Members will look for options on repair or replacement.

Olson has been contacted by a grandmother from Omaha wanting to visit a farm with her grandchildren during wheat harvest. Olson has responded to the inquiry and is awaiting further contact. **Colglazier moved that Olson pursue the contact with the intent of seeing if this can work toward the harvest tour this year. Sullivan seconded. Voice vote motion passed.**

Olson reported that the next educational event will focus on varieties. Sullivan noted that it would be beneficial to host an event in the Curtis area at some future date in order to encourage participation by NCTA students while supporting the college.

Membership was discussed and it was decided to keep the yearly membership fee at \$75.00, offer a three-year membership of \$200.00, and set the student membership fee at \$25.00.

Osler reported that Mick Majors would like the board to nominate him to represent the association on the Growers National Coop Board of Directors. Olson asked how Majors will have knowledge of association position on policies. **Sullivan moved to nominate Majors with the condition that he attends NWGA board meetings and seeks board input on issues addressed by Growers National Coop. Colglazier seconded. Voice vote motion passed.**

Colglazier moved to continue one more year with *The Business Farmer*. Sullivan seconded. Voice vote motion passed.

Sullivan thanked the board for the flowers and well wishes for both his father and grandfather when they were hospitalized.

Sullivan moved to adjourn, Colglazier seconded. Voice vote all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Zoe Olson