

Meeting Minutes
Nebraska Wheat Growers Association
June 5, 2008
Holiday Inn, Sidney, NE

Board Members Present

Scott Osler, President- Elsie
Shawn Sullivan- Wallace
Mike Sullivan- Wallace
Mike Keenan
Ashley Colglazier- Grant

Staff Present

Royce Schaneman

Guests

Terri Sullivan
Craig Allen-The Business
Farmer
Josie Hughes

Chairperson Osler called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. Five board members were present. The statuses of individual wheat crops were discussed. Guests were introduced and welcomed.

The agenda was reviewed. Keenan added discussion clinics about growing wheat.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. No additions or changes were made. The minutes were approved.

M. Sullivan reviewed the financial/budget report. The idea of printing off individual financial reports was brought up. Board members were in favor of having a copy at each meeting. Dropping duplicate categories on the expense form was discussed. Board members did not feel it was necessary to have a printed copy of expenses at each meeting. **M. Sullivan moved to switch meals to per diem based off IRS limits unless otherwise specified or use expense only and turn in receipts. Seconded by Keenan. Voice Vote; all in favor. Motion passed.**

S. Sullivan moved to approve the financials as stated. Seconded by Keenan. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion passed.

S. Sullivan moved to pay for bills as submitted. M. Sullivan seconded. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion passed.

M. Sullivan made a motion to approve the 83 hours to pay Jill for the hours she submitted. S. Sullivan seconded. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion passed.

Membership was discussed. Craig Allen asked about fiscal year and billing and updated group on a raise per member. Craig is willing to work out new payment period based on Grower's fiscal year. **S. Sullivan moved to pay \$3200 to pay membership fee for last year's subscription to Business Farmer. Thus, membership fees would be updated until July 1, 2008. M. Sullivan seconded. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion passed.**

Names and membership to Business Farmer will be emailed to Allen. M. Sullivan suggested to only send renewal so the paying members until a new person takes charge on the issue and inform the new paying year in the mailing.

Schaneman gave an office report and updated on the interview process for Public Relations person. An offer was made for a candidate; however this fell through. The position has been re-advertised and is open until June 16th. Shawn commented that he has figured out the computer situation.

Whether or not to continue with the Harvest Tour was discussed. Osler recommended to miss the tour this year and address it again next year.

NAWG reports were given. Mention of the farm bill was made by Osler. Data base agreement was filled out and signed in agreement with NAWG.

No future travel or calendar topics were discussed.

Keenan began discussion about the clinic offered through Cooperative Extension that would help educate growers. Interest was shown in setting up a clinic in Western Nebraska.

S. Sullivan updated the board on the computer situation. Recommended looking into getting a new computer and back up files. Mention of switching to Vista and new software for bookkeeping was also discussed.

Personal property form needs to be submitted to Lancaster County.

Schaneman added that the Governor appointed board members to the board. Also, the white Wheat Incentive Program is in the farm bill, but no money has been appointed to the program. Ideas to pass on to the USDA were encouraged.

Osler mentioned giving Jill a gift. **M. Sullivan moved to give Jill a \$50 gift card to Office Depot for a graduation gift. S. Sullivan seconded. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion passed.**

S. Sullivan moved to adjourn. Seconded by M. Sullivan. Voice vote; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Submitted by: Ellen Leibbrandt