

Meeting Minutes
Nebraska Wheat Growers Association
November 30, 2009
Nebraska Wheat Board Office, Lincoln, NE

Board Members Present

Scott Osler, President
Shawn Sullivan
Ashley Colglazier via Phone

Staff Present

Zoe Olson

NWGA Members

Michael Thomas

Guests

Ryan Schultz

President Osler called the meeting to order at 8:25 a.m. Board members answered roll call with a current crop conditions report.

A discussion of the Business Farmer was added to old business on the agenda. **Sullivan moved to approve the agenda. Colglazier seconded. Voice vote motion passed.**

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

The financial reports for August and September were reviewed. October's bank statement was not received and a duplicate statement was requested. October financials will be reviewed at the next board meeting. Olson reviewed pending receipts. **Colglazier moved to accept the financial report. Sullivan seconded. Voice vote motion passed.**

Osler stated in his President's report that the mobile baking lab has been an extreme success. He reported on the McCook Farm and Ranch Show and noted that the association is gaining momentum. Osler had planned to attend the NAWG Washington D.C. meeting on RMA issues, however his plane was cancelled.

Olson presented the office report and asked for suggestions on the next educational event which will probably be held in March. Osler voiced concern over the amount hours Olson has expended on behalf of the association and expressed that he did not want to overtax Olson. Olson assured the members that she is excited about the work of the association and will not overextend herself. She thanked the members for their work on issues facing Nebraska's wheat producers.

Sullivan presented the NAWG report. The environmental committee has been monitoring EPA's moving on climate regulations. He stated that Senators are aware but can't move on issues due to the health care debate. Climate legislation most likely will be held until spring according to Mark Gaede and it is expected that EPA will have the regulations written by that time. EPA is signaling there will be no Ag exemption and that the beef industry will be hit hard. It was hoped that there would be information available before Copenhagen and that a pact would be made with other emitters but NAWG is unsure of the result. The CEO search to replace Darren Coppock is underway with a meeting scheduled in Denver on December 13 to interview candidates. Sullivan or Osler will attend to represent Nebraska.

Olson outlined the participants in the November Educational Event and noted that KOLN/KGIN TV had interviewed Ryan Schultz and that other press will cover the event. Osler thanked Schultz for his participation in the panel on basis.

Olson reported that as requested by the board she had contacted the accountants and the association is on a fiscal year July 1 – June 30.

Sullivan reported that he will be working with Olson on modifications to the mobile baking lab over the winter to include a sink, water heater, water tank and additional shelving. Olson reported that the generator has been delivered.

A discussion on issues with *The Business Farmer* was held. Olson and Sullivan have been in contact with Craig Allen to determine why members have not been receiving issues. Olson will look into a discount on issues not received and a timelier billing from the publication.

Olson reported on recent legislative issues. She represented the association at hearings on commodity funds as producers were in the field during corn harvest. Senator Dubas will be bringing a bill to strengthen language on commodity funds in the upcoming legislature and has expressed the anticipation of producer support when hearings occur in Lincoln.

Olson reported the Commodity Classic will be held in Anaheim, CA March 4-6 with NAWG meetings on March 3. Hotel rooms for all executive board members and staff have been reserved. Olson has purchased items for the Wheat PAC auction and will take care of shipping.

Sullivan stated that he will present a proposal to Performance Dodge regarding a truck to tow the mobile baking lab.

Osler presented a flowchart of officers and committees he will present at the Annual Meeting. Sullivan noted officers should be referred to as executive officers rather than vice presidents. The president will be members of all three committees and won't affect NAWG. Sullivan expressed the hope that more board members will attend national meetings so that Olson will not need to cover some many committees.

The calendar and future travel was reviewed.

Osler asked that the board go into executive session. **Sullivan moved to go into executive session. Colglazier seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.** The board went into executive session at 9:25 a.m.

The board came out of executive session at 9:37 a.m.

Sullivan moved to give Olson a bonus and to give Caroline Brauer a gift card. Colglazier seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Olson noted that signature cards for TierOne checking account and Pinnacle Bank cds will need to be updated after election of officers at the Annual Meeting on December 2. **Colglazier moved to have signature cards on all bank accounts and cds updated following election of executive officers at the Annual Meeting on December 2. Sullivan seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.**

Sullivan moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Zoe Olson