

Wyoming Wheat Growers Meeting  
May 12, 2015  
Longbranch , Hawk Springs, WY

President Ty Anderson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. WWGA board members present were Ty Anderson, Ken Tremain, Stephen Johnson, Theron Anderson, Derek Jackson and Marti Hubbs.

Reading of the minutes- No minutes were available but Marti gave a verbal report of the last meeting minutes.  
Reading of the financial report- handout; Derek motioned to approve the financial report. Theron seconded. Motion passed.

Marti explained that the wheat growers inherited a color copier from the water well association. It will replace our very aging copier. Marti explained that the toner will be more expensive but we will have a much newer machine. She asked if we could donate our old one to Goshen County Search & Rescue. Theron moved to accept the new copier and Steve second. Motion passed.

Report of Officers

Ty gave a report on wheat stem sawfly from a meeting he attended in Colorado. Several states were in attendance. This generated a suggestion that we include this data at our annual meeting.

Report of other representatives of the association

Ty gave an update on the financial proposal from the Wheat Grower Association to the Wheat Marketing Commission as follows:

The commission approved a contract for grower member retention and acquisition in the amount of \$50 per existing member (as of May 1, 2014) and \$100 per new member (as of April 30, 2015), payable in June 2015, not to exceed \$5,000. Marti will submit the membership list to Keith Kennedy WMC for review. Ty suggested that the 2014 and 2015 membership list be sent for clarification.

Board members reviewed the list and a list of potential members. They will contact some of the producers to join WWGA.

Old Business

Tabled from the last meeting was a proposal for a banner to be displayed in the Albin Community Center. Marti received a bid from Allwayz Manufacturing of Pine Bluffs. A 4x8 banner on aluminum is \$225 and can be completed 5-6 weeks after submission of our logos. Ken motioned to accept the bid with Theron second. Motion passed. Marti will contact Keith Kennedy for WMC and Crop Research logos.

Tabled from the last meeting was a budget item proposal for the FFA. Marti contacted Jennifer Womack, Executive Director, FFA Foundation for an idea of how our money could best be used by the foundation. The following is her reply " *We do have a current need that ties directly to the wheat industry. The University of Wyoming, utilizing funds from the sale of Tom Whitson's Weeds of the West book, has been sponsoring our champion agronomy team, named each year at the Wyoming FFA Convention. Those dollars have been directed elsewhere so we're currently looking for a new agronomy sponsorship. Full sponsorship is \$1,000, but if \$500 is what the Wheat Growers have to give then I'll see if I can match that elsewhere, perhaps with another commodity group. These dollars help the champion team travel to and compete at the National FFA Convention, representing the Cowboy State. The Wheat Growers would be recognized in our convention coverage (looking to 2016), in our coverage of the National FFA Convention this fall and on our annual FFA champions posters (already printed for this year).*" The board agreed to her proposal and the recognition we will receive. Theron moved with Ken second to send the FFA \$500 now and we will budget another \$500 in 2016 for a total of \$1000 to be used for a 2016 scholarship.

New Business

Preliminary discussion was started on plans for our annual meeting. Suggestions were: Ken Tremain report on his South America U.S. Wheat trip, Derek on his trip to Israel, Randa from UW on sawfly and possible the plant science director Jim Heitholt. Robert Blair has the only FFA license for drones and thought he may have an interesting presentation. Ty will visit with him on the possibility of being at the meeting. We talked a little about who we could honor. We were to come prepared with names at our next meeting.

Next Meeting

August 19, 7:00 pm Longbranch

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted secretary pro-tem

Marti Hubbs