

## 2023 WWGA Annual Meeting

WWGA President, Ken Tremain, opened the annual meeting and welcomed everyone. Keith Kennedy, Executive Director of the Wheat Marketing Commission was up first. He addressed the variety trials, which didn't look good, and will be doing disease & flour scoring. The Slater weather station will be online soon at a cost of \$1700. The 2022 Wyoming wheat crop was the smallest since 1936 at 1.6 million bushels. He also discussed the updates in legislation including: slow moving vehicle emblems, State land leases, and drone trespassing.

The exhibitors' lightning round was next on the agenda, where all exhibitors gave a short presentation and welcomed visits to their booths. FSA staff introduced themselves.

The next item was CSU Plant Breeder, Esten Mason. He gave a very informative talk on sawfly, including seed and trial information from Colorado and some semi-solid varieties. He also discussed drones with thermal cameras to study pesticide and herbicide damage.

Mark Lubbers with WestBred gave a good presentation on the different varieties WestBred has developed to combat sawfly. Next Matt Keating of Agripro gave a presentation via Zoom on AP Solid which is adapted for Eastern Wyoming. It has good test weights and yields but is susceptible to rusts and not for low pH soils (<5).

The business meeting was next. The following slate of officers for 2023 was elected by motion and unanimous vote: President – Derek Jackson (1 yr), Vice-President – Ken Tremain (1 yr), Recording Secretary – Tom Watson (1 yr), Director At-Large – Bill Daugherty (1 yr). A resolution to support changes to the fencing requirements statute regarding limiting costs of adjacent landowners due to fences from new subdivisions was passed. President Tremain asked for suggestions to increase participation in WGA. Dan Perry suggested increasing social media presence, providing more information online, and combining the annual meeting with another event such as the SE Wyoming Farm & Home Expo. The business meeting was followed by lunch.

NAWG Vice-President, Nicole Berg, gave a Zoom informative talk regarding the Farm Bill activities, the Wheat Life Cycle Assessment, the Inflation Reduction Act/Reconciliation, and some ongoing policy issues. Next, Steve Wirsching with U.S. Wheat Associates gave an overview of U.S. Wheat's role and some current market news.

Liana Boggs Lynch with Wyoming Collaborative for Healthy Soils gave an informative talk on the purpose and plan of the Collaborative. She asked for input from producers.

An engaging presentation from meteorologist Don Day of DayWeather closed out the agenda. He explained weather patterns and provided a forecast into the summer. Door prizes were drawn. Damon Printz won the jacket and Casey Madson won the one-year membership. The meeting was concluded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Watson, Recording Secretary