

Wednesday, December 21, 2016
Board of Directors
Conference Call meeting

Roll Call:

Attendance: Bill Kluck, Gary Deering, Mike Maher, Scott Edoff, David Niemi, Chance Davis, Shawn Freeland, Randy Volmer, Bill Paulton, Mark Tubbs, Chance Anderson, Matt Kammerer, Larry Nelson, Kenny Fox

Excused: Les Shaw, Chuck O'Connor, Mark DeVries, Brad Bunker, Shane Kolb

Absent: T.W. Schalesky, Sandy Buffington, Chris Harvey, David Fuoss, Brett Stirling, Bob Mack, Rick Fox, Bob Fortune

The meeting was originally scheduled for December 17 but was cancelled due to weather. A motion was made by Bill Paulton, seconded by Gary Deering, to waive the 10 day required notice for a Board of Director's Meeting according to the by-laws of the Association. The motion received a unanimous Aye.

President Bill Kluck asked for consent to abbreviate the agenda to make the meeting more conducive to the phone call. He recommended addressing the Secretary and Treasurer's reports, the Legislative Session planning and the Black Hills Stock Show planning. He recommended all other items be deferred to the January 17 meeting in Pierre. A motion was made by Mike Maher, seconded by Randy Volmer, to adopt the abbreviated agenda. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gary Deering, seconded by Mike Maher, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Silvia reviewed the financial statements and reports. Silvia will work to provide a YTD budget comparison at future meetings. Randy Volmer made a motion, seconded by Mark Tubbs, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

Larry Nelson reported on his work to price and purchase a 2017 John Deere Gator UTV as a raffle that will be given away at the 2017 Annual Convention. The board approved the expense in September, but Nelson gave details on the specifics of the machine. A motion was made by Kenny Fox, seconded by Randy Volmer, to authorize the purchase of the machine as described by Larry Nelson from John Deere in Belle Fourche. Motion carried.

The 2017 Legislative Session will kick off on January 10. Stockgrowers will host a mixer following the board meeting at the AmericInn in Pierre from 6 to 9pm. The Board of Directors will have meetings via conference call as required to take action on items. There will be a weekly conference call on Fridays during session that is open to all members of the association. A letter will be mailed in early January to notify members. Silvia and Jeremiah are working on

legislation for COOL, the animal disease research lab, eminent domain reform, “equal standings” property rights concepts, and will be tracking the education legislation as it pertains to rural school districts.

Black Hills Stockshow will begin January 27 and run until February 4. The booth will be open each day from 10am to 7pm. Board members are asked and encouraged to volunteer to help. Silvia will have all the set up taken care of and tickets printed for the Gator and the Saddle. Kenny will update R-CALF sponsors so that the poster can be renewed.

A brief discussion was held regarding the GIPSA rules, R-CALF’s meeting tour, and Kim Ulmer’s producer survey. Silvia will email the survey to members and encourage them to participate.

Seeing no further business Kenny Fox made a motion, seconded by Mike Maher to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.