

**Board of Directors - Special Meeting
Tuesday, January 16 @ 4:30pm
AmericInn, Ft. Pierre, SD**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Deering

Roll Call:

IN ATTENDANCE: Gary Deering, Scott Edoff, Mike Maher, Mark DeVries, Shawn Freeland, Bill Paulton, Mark Tubbs, Chance Anderson, Les Shaw, Sandy Buffington, Eric Sumption, Zeb Husted, Kenny Fox, Bob Fortune

EXCUSED ABSENT: David Niemi, Chance Davis, Randy Volmer, T.W. Schalesky, Matt Kammerer, Ty Littau, John Karlen, Larry Nelson, Bill Kluck

UNEXCUSED ABSENT: Bob Mack, Mark Krogman, Casey Bachand, Chris Harvey, David Fuoss, Shane Kolb

Deering added two items to the agenda, 1) Animal ID Committee report, 2) President's report. Seeing no further objection, Deering declared the agenda to stand as amended.

President's report:

- Deering presented information about the membership drive that will begin at the Black Hills Stockshow and run until May 15. The Region able to recruit the most new members in that time will be able to host the June Quarterly in a community of their choosing with a band and event.
- Through the process of repairing the sidewalk in front of the building, there has been an idea to sell bricks to members for memorials or placement of their brands as a fundraiser to pay for the project. Deering will ask the board for permission to proceed with developing this idea for final consideration at a later date.
- Deering asked for discussion of legislation on Country of Origin proposals given conversations he had with Past Presidents through the last week.

Animal ID Committee Chairman Kenny Fox gave a brief report and discussion regarding the definition of "Premise" which is still being used in the ADT discussions for registration of electronic tags.

OLD BUSINESS

East River Brand Inspection - Deering made a motion, seconded by Fortune, to remove this discussion from the table. Motion carried.

Deering made a motion, seconded by Fortune, to proceed with legislation that would enable brand inspections to be done upon request outside of the brand inspection area. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Legislative Proposals

- Country of Origin Placards – discussion was held regarding the strategy of bringing this legislation in 2018. Board members acknowledged the importance of this issue to members and discussed the fact that the bill had failed several times in past years. A motion by Gary Deering, Seconded by Kenny Fox, to hold off on proposals for COOL at this time given strategic considerations. Motion carried.
- Brand Legislation –
 - Senator Maher presented information and discussed with the board of directors his concerns and proposals regarding the use of Shipper’s Permits. No resolution was decided on but Senator Maher was asked to keep Stockgrowers informed of any proposals he may bring forward.
 - Discussion was held on Representative Sam Marty’s proposal to make changes to policies governing “holds” of stray livestock. No action was taken.

Sidewalk repairs – Repairs to the sidewalk and the idea of selling commemorative bricks in front of the office will require a city permit and some research on pricing and proposals. Deering made a motion to proceed with this research to present a final proposal to the board at a later date. The motion was seconded by Bob Fortune, and carried on a voice vote.

Seeing no further business, Deering declared the meeting adjourned.