

GrassWorks, Inc Annual Meeting

January 18, 2013

Meeting called to order by President David Johnson.

Thank you Lanice Szomi for the great conference, also thank you board, sponsors, tradeshow folks, attendees, and the Rose Garden.

Introduction of GrassWorks board members

David presented 2012 accomplishments as printed in conference folder

New executive director Jill Hapner

Lanice Szomi has taken over Bridget O'Meara's duties as communications coordinator

A Data Bank has been created

Speakers Bureau project shared with UW center for Integrated Agriculture Systems, and School for Beginning Dairy and Livestock Farmers

Report on GrassWorks Foundation for long term financial stability. Fund contains \$7500

Mentorship handbook available from the School for Beginning dairy and livestock farmers

The Board is working on a strategic plan

We need to reach out to people outside this room

GrassWorks Dairy Apprenticeship program

It too has a foundation

Plan to develop investment farms

GrassWorks offers 3 donation choices:

1. GrassWorks ongoing work
2. The GrassWorks Foundation
3. The GrassWorks Apprenticeship Foundation

Introduction of Executive Board

Reading of 2012 annual meeting minutes

Motion made and seconded (MMS) to accept 2012 annual meeting minutes as read by secretary. Passed
Treasurer's report presented as printed recorded in a Cash Basis. It includes grants, conference income and dues. \$7,022.94 net income

MMS to accept treasurers report. Passed

Hello from our Executive Director Jill Hapner. She is honored to be a part of GrassWorks. Feedback about the conference would be appreciated.

Vice President Dan Olson is the chair of the Finance Committee

Dairy Auction scheduled for April

Grass Fed Beef Auction scheduled for April

Byron Seed gives us a share of the GrassWorks Seed Mix

Fundraiser Auction

Quilt raffle for the GrassWorks Foundation

Election Map

MMS to reelect Kevin Mahalko and Matt Hartwig to the board. Passed

MMS to nominate Dave Vetrano to board. Passed

Nomination at large from the floor

MMS to nominate Julie Engel. Passed

Bridget Holcolmb from the Michael Fields institute pointed out how we all have benefitted from GLCI across the whole state. Governor Walker's new budget will not fund GLCI. Legislators will be amending the budget. Let us make some noise for GLCI support.

-Make 2 minute phone calls to your representative

-attend hearings in your area

- GrassWorks web site will have links to map of new districts, and schedule of hearings

*ByLaws change

MMS to accept change to Article IV. Officers, Section 1a to read: Board Officers may hold only one office at a time. Passed

MMS to adjourn. Passed