

GrassWorks Inc.

Jan. 19, 2013

Board meeting: Patriot Center

Members present: President Dave Johnson, Treasurer Kay Craig, Secretary Wendy Galbraith, Vice President Dan Olson, Bob Winkel, Kevin Mahalko, Dave Vetrano, Peter Arnold, Julie Engel, Cheyenne Christianson,

Advisor present: Paul Daigle, Laura Paine, Bridget Holcomb

Associates: Executive Director Jill Hapner, Lanice Szomi,

Guests: Gerald Berg, Jerry Jeager, Margie Lempert

Meeting called to order by President Dave J.

Welcome Julie Engel to the board

Election of officers:

Motion Made and seconded or MMS to nominate Dave Johnson as president. Passed

MMS to nominate Dan Olson Vice president. Passed

MMS to nominate Wendy Galbraith to secretary. Passed

MMS to nominate Kay Craig to treasurer. Passed

Finance Committee:

Auction totals: live and silent approximately \$5729

Cattle sales, dairy and beef will be held in the spring. 4% of sale proceeds to GrassWorks

Conference committee:

MMS to hold 2014 conference at Patriot Center, Jan 16-18, 2014. Passed

Public relations:

MMS to post the GrassWorks newsletter as a page in Graze Magazine. Passed

GrassWorks was invited to be a sponsor of the Central Wisconsin Prairie Chicken Festival, April 12-14, 2013. \$100 provides logo in brochure, and a place on the website.

MMS GrassWorks donate \$100 to Festival, along with a letter reminding how important grazing is to Grassland management. Passed

Membership committee:

Many contacts at the Value added conference

Feb. 21 GrassWorks will have a booth at the Organic conference

GrassWorks Foundation: \$7875

Speakers Bureau; Margie and Jill

Good feedback at conference session. A suggestion was to tailor presentation to each speaker.

Executive director Jill's report:

In 2013 GrassWorks will compete the Strategic Plan, and focus on fundraising

A Plan for Balanced Growth in Wisconsin Dairy Industry

GrassWorks needs to speak up and build relationships with outside groups

Dec.18,2012 report to DATCP ag Board by Laura

Ag Secretary Ben Brancel has approved that dairy 20/30 money may be used to hire a mentor farmer to help you begin grazing. The criteria for mentors is the Mentor-Intern Handbook for Dairy and Livestock Farmers and the Apprenticeship Job book

Datcp hopes GrassWorks will keep a list.

MMS to accept Bridget Holcomb as an advisor to GrassWorks. Passed

MMS to adjourn. Passed

Next board meeting, Thursday, March 21, 2013 Schmeekle Reserve, Stevens Point, 10a.m.-2p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Galbraith