

GrassWorks Inc.

July 21, 2011

Board meeting Patriot Center, Schofield, WI

Members present: President Gerald Jaeger, Treasurer Kay Craig, Secretary Wendy Galbraith, Peter Pitts, Karl Franson, Kevin Mahalko, Bob Winkel, Dan Olson

Advisors present: Paul Daigle, Dennis Cosgrove (replace Rhonda)

associates: Lanice Szomi, Bridget O'Meara; guest: Gerald Berg

- **Meeting called to order** by president Gerald Jaeger
- **Secretary report M/MS to accept report. Passed**
- **Joe T:** the Dairy Grazer Apprenticeship has begun. Many thanks to Lanice and Bridget for their hard work.
- This is a Formalized apprenticeship with the Wisconsin workforce development center.
- This is the first nationally accredited farm apprenticeship
- GrassWorks has funding for 3 years with the USDA beginning farmer and rancher grant. We will be working with UW school for beginning dairy farmers, and DATCAP farm business center
- We have a SAGE grant (green) that will help defray costs to students and steering committee
- Thanks to WIDS for creating the DACCUM
 - The NCT farm program will be involved

Treasurers report: the loan is paid off, and we have a line of credit.

Balance of **\$10,666.74**

Dan: Byron seeds would name a pasture blend seed mix, "GrassWorks." We would receive about \$5 unit. It is a mix designed to have similar palatability index

It is a blend of :40%preydown meadow fescue

20% remington rye grass

25% festolium

5% blue lizonka grass (slow to establish)

8% white clover

12 % red clover

Dan is doing some experiments with Roundup. Has Dr. Huber CDs for sale, big event scheduled.

Peter: will have a new ryegrass available 2013.

Summer meeting 8-9-2011 at the Galbraith farm. 1:00 pasture walk, 3:00 dinner

Lanice: I can get burgers from the Grass-fed Beef COOP

Speakers Bureau (blue Skies green pastures) Dick Cates: is close to getting grant to put together a speakers bureau list that would be administered and located on

GrassWorks web site

GrassWorks policy committee has met.

They presented a possible action sheet. (see attached)

To maximize the economic, environmental, and social benefits to the state,

GrassWorks supports policies and actions that accomplish and maintain the following:

1. Tech assistance...
2. Managed grazing education...
3. Research to enhance managed grazing

Gerald Berg gave a report on a Consumer Education Pasture walk held at David Heidel's farm. 50 attendees. 1/3 from nature organization, 2/3 from farmers markets etc. Organic Valley donations, food samples and demonstrations. Could be duplicated Edgewater Artist Group wants to have green enterprises involved

GLCI grant desired for staff person to maintain a data base and membership
M/MS: that Wendy has the authority to sign contracts with apprentices on behalf of GrassWorks. Passed

M/MS: to accept Dennis Cosgrove as a new advisor in place of Rhonda Gildersleeve. Passed

Paul: Laura Paine's professional development for educators well attended. 60 people learned about out wintering, and the latest nutrient runoff research. It was well planned and advertised. Next on is in October and features Woody Lane

Dan: let's give Lanice a budget for advertising.

M/MS: \$2000 max for advertising the conference. Please use bartering with tradeshow. Passed

Kay: should we have a minimum board meeting attendance rule? It needs a by-law change.

We need a membership committee, and nomination committee.

Conference planning

Theme: 20 years...Midwest's largest grazing conference...

Back Grazing...Foraging Ahead

home stead track...poultry

super basics for want-to -be grazers

new research

no sales pitches- farmers once removed from salesmen

historians of GrassWorks

have speakers sponsored by companies

speakers: Joe T. Sr, Alan Nation (at first conference), old timers panel...(Karl Fredericks, Charlie Opitz, Bickfords, Dick Cates, Jim Garrish, Dan Patinaude etc

Edwin Schank, yourfamilycow.com

Temple Grandin...Kurt Vogel

Thursday

1 pm general session

2-4 panel

6-6:30 snacks

6:30- 8 Tomandle Sr..future/ Cadwallader..past

Friday

General session 8:30-9:30

Breakout 9:30-11:30

Lunch 11:30-1:15 w/speaker

1:30-3 sessions

3:30-5 sessions

5-6 happy hour

6-7 banquet

7-8 auction

Saturday

General session

Breakouts 9-10:30

Lunch 10:30-11:30

Breakouts 11:30-1

Be out by 4:00

Union of Concerned Scientist, Washington D.C. Deborah Pearson

Aug 9, 9-noon planning committee, Wendy's house

Next meeting, early Sept. doodle pool, Smeagle center in Steven's Point

M/MS to adjourn. passed

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Galbraith