

**WHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016
ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER, MADISON**

Present: Joe Starr, Dan Irwin, Ken Pierce, Dave Steinhoff, John Dalton, Harold Lietzau, Holly Paulson, Nathan Reinke, Chet Lininger, Melissa Dahnert, and Ruth Espenscheid.

Absent: Kevin Bennett, Don Bonlander, and Jeff Wiechert (who did try to connect on the internet)

- Joe called the meeting to order.
- Ruth reviewed the minutes of the April 12th teleconference meeting, Dave made a motion to approve the minutes, Chet seconded the motion, Motion carried.
- Melissa gave the financial report. There is over \$32,000 in the checking account and over \$19,000 in the savings account. Accounts receivable are \$4,320.25. This is mainly money due from the directory and Review. Dave made a motion to approve the financial report. There were several seconds to the motion, Motion clearly passed.
- The first item of business was the selection of a new sale manager. Ken made a motion to name Melissa Dahnert to that position. John Dalton seconded the motion, Motion carried,
- The next item of business was the updating of the state sale rules. The state sale in 2017 will be held Saturday, March 4th. Greg Miller will be asked to screen the cattle this fall and he will be asked to visit every herd that has nominated cattle. Monte is the auctioneer. The qualifications for bulls will be as follows:
 - Bulls must be born between January 1, 2014 and March 31, 2016. Bulls must pass semen and breeding exam by a certified veterinarian or a professional semen collection service. Testing must meet minimum standards for scrotal circumference (30 cm), motility (30% or fair) and sperm morphology (70% normal cells) . Testing must be done within 30 days of the sale (after February 3, 2017). An official form must accompany all bulls. All bulls need to provide verification of being DNA tested with the AHA.

Harold made a motion to adopt this addition to the current state sale rules. Chet seconded the motion. Motion carried. Melissa will add a link to the rules regarding information from the Society for Theriogenology regarding these standards.

- Ruth brought up the upcoming Farm Technology Days which will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week. She encouraged board members to help the Wiswells out that week if their schedules permitted. The event is held in Lake Geneva.
- There was no new news on WBE. The WHA will have a booth there in the trade show. We will plan a board meeting during the event.
- Ruth will be retiring after the annual meeting in 2017. She will post the opening in the upcoming Review and send out an email blast.

The meeting was adjourned after a motion from Dave and a second from Holly. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Espenscheid, Secretary