

Oregon Pork Producers Annual Meeting Minutes
Saturday, February 15, 2014
Oregon State University – Corvallis, OR

Meeting was called to order following a morning educational seminar with topics including feed strategies and its effects on meat quality and niche markets. We also heard from our state veterinarian with a brief report on PEDv.

Auction for the youth account was conducted with donated items raising a total of \$2339. Junior members wrote thank you notes to each of the semen donors. .

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Nannette Bierma after a lunch that was catered by OSU Meat Sciences Club. The current board members were introduced as well as other volunteers who help out throughout the year.

OSU DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SCIENCES REPORT

Matt gave an update. As shared in the newsletter, the swine center has been closed due to manure management issues, while they look at solutions for long term. Matt is working on grants to find monies to help with project to rebuild. Student enrollment has continued to increase. Matt shared about the building that is going on around the animal science areas.

NATIONAL PORK BOARD UPDATE

Bryn Jenson was present and presented an update. Start of the next 5 year strategic plan. Spoke about: USDA official premises ID number tags (Pin tags) for breeding stock starting Jan 1, 2015; Sustainability pork advisory council – have complete carbon, water, and air footprints; Industry audits task force creation; PorkSquare – one stop shop for internships, jobs, scholarships, etc for high school/college students; Update on export markets – 2014 looks positive; Pork Be Inspired driving domestic demand; Telling our Story/We Care – changing our barn culture – reaching out to food companies; Creation of PorkCares.com; USFRA; Movie: Farmland (farmlandfilm.com) – will probably be launched in Portland; PEDv update – fact sheets on website. Feb 21, 1pm – PEDv questions for showpigs conference call; weigh-ins are a point of risk you do not have to take – Clorox.

APPROVAL OF 2013 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes were handed out and read from the 2013 meeting. Greg G moved to approve the 2013 annual meeting minutes as presented, motion seconded by Greg B. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report was presented by Gayle Burke. Current account balances are:

Mandatory Small State Account - \$1,610.32

Voluntary Account (balance minus reserves) - \$5,469.91

Youth Show Account (balance minus reserves) - \$1,436.94

Steve W moved to approve the treasurer's report, motion seconded by Greg G. Motion Passed.

YOUTH REPORT

New show in sweepstakes program this year from Clatsop for this year.

BYLAWS

No bylaw changes from the board this year.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE PRESENTATIONS

Greg Gonzales presented the Distinguished Service award to Sherrie.

BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS

Greg Gonzalez as the Nom Com chairman explained the voting procedures for Board members and Pork Act Delegate, explaining that only those that paid check off during the last year were eligible to vote.

Votes were collected and counted. Elected to serve 3 year terms on the board of directors were: Greg Gonzales, Shawn Blodgett, and Swede Salo.

2013 PORK ACT DELEGATE REPORT

Jason & Kristy gave a brief presentation on the 2013 National Pork Forum, and the delegate process and what that is like as a delegate.

2015 PORK ACT DELEGATE ELECTIONS

Greg passed around the sheet for producers to sign, verifying that they have paid assessments are eligible to vote for Pork Act Delegates.

Greg then asked for nominations for the 2015 Pork Act Delegates. Emily Wuergler, Josh Fowler, Lowell Bickle, Julie Bickle, Ed Krische, Sharon Krische were nominated. Ballots were passed out and collected; the results were tabulated by Bryn Jenson and Lee Letsch and announced by Greg: Lowell & Julie Bickle were selected as the 2015 Pork Act Delegates; Ed and Sharon Krische will be the alternates in case either Lowell or Julie are unable to go.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was brought forward.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Letsch
OPP Secretary