

Wyoming Association of SkillsUSA

VIRTUAL Board Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2021, 330pm

VIRTUAL Attendees: Rob Hill, Jason Eggemeyer, Pat Joyce, Erin Lamb, Joseph Martinez, Chance Pollo, Bruce Thoren, Janie Wilcox, Jamie Cordonier, Mike Sapp, Jeff Stone

3:35 pm: Hill moved to approve the **minutes from the last board meeting**

Pollo Second

All in favor – passed

Introduction of all board members by those present.

Treasurer's Report given by Janie Wilcox for Joe Feiler. Delved into an overview of what our fiscal year looks like for new members to the board and touched base on current expenditures and income. Brief discussion on need for additional sponsorships and marketing to date. Jamie Cordonier recommended a reach to SE WY Builders Association.

Legislative Updates

Rob Hill touched on house bill 89 as education is a hot topic and extra-curricular funding is being looked at closely, but he feels CTSO's are safe and we are tied to Perkins 5 funding and assessments. We are also co-curricular, not extra-curricular. Bruce Thoren also spoke to work-based learning programs. The DoE has some great information and expectations circulating and hopefully a 2-year plan for 2nd and 3rd tier learning will move forward. UW CTE Program is also being revamped in conjunction with the community college programs. 2 ½ years to be completed at the CC level with the ability to feed into UW to complete the additional 1 ½ years to complete a program.

CELL PHONE and personal email addresses! Rob asked for the need for personal email addresses so that communication can remain constant if necessary, during district holidays. Everyone agreed that a text message stating an email has been sent is best for future notification.

State Director Report: Janie Wilcox

Conversation of report centered on preparation go state conference to be held in person April 15-17th at Casper College. Janie brought the board up to speed on new chairmen, need for judges, poll board on their attendance and volunteerism. Also discussed board members need or no need for hotel accommodations. Rob Hill can collect prizes for Carpentry and Cabinetmaking and Jeff Stone spoke of relationship with Capitol Lumber (Bruce) and if this should be continued or if Rob has a deep connection in Casper. All recognized the increased costs this year in these competitions and the heavy load being lifted by our in-kind sponsors.

Janie mentioned that the national office is able to provide a no-cost facilitator for strategic planning for Boards and associations if we are interested in the future. Jeff Stone and Jamie Cordonier spoke of the success of this in the past. Tim Lawrence was able to facilitate one year and follow up calls were made after the fact by Tim. Connecting our position with the national office was a real light bulb moment as the bigger picture and understanding the lingo and focus and mission of the national office. Mike Sapp agreed that it was a positive experience and more follow up is needed by this board, and noted it was a good time to do another strategic planning session. Noted that this will be taken up at the next regular board meeting.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

With the additional funds from Lowes for this year, research by Janie and Chance Pollo has been done on the possibility of buying a storage and transport trailer for the association. Full price is \$3300, and most can be covered by sponsored funds from Lowes and Jonah Bank. If purchased, Rob Hill is willing to reach out to Natrona HS to wrap the trailer with sponsor and SkillsUSA branding.

Motion was made by Bruce Thoren that we approve the funds to be spent on the trailer.

Jason Eggemeyer 2nd the motion.

All in favor -passed.

Pat Joyce noted that she will follow up with the Mining Association on donations towards the purchase/wrap of the trailer.

2nd order of new business is our continued relationship with RMEF – to do so, or to consider our options as they pertain to and benefit our students and chapters. With Lyle Harmon unable to make the call, today, the subject was briefly discussed, and Lyle will be asked to follow up with history and viewpoint via email. Chance Pollo also remarked on the community-based projects completed via the welding fabrication contest at the national level. This would most mirror the example set forth at the national level.

Eggemeyer: Motion to adjourn

Thoren: Second, All in favor -passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:16pm