

# WPRA FOUNDATION

## Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, April 14, 2016 - 10:00 AM Jackson  
Area Community Center

**PRESENT:** Steve Scharrer, Mike Hermann, Rick Beattie, Tom Blotz, Bob Rundle, Gene Park, Fred Nickel, Kelly Valentino, Augie Revoy, Tony Dobson, Megan Cunningham and John Safstrom

**EXCUSED:** Matt Carrico, Mark Schroeder and Sasha Snapp

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Steve Scharrer at 10: 04 AM.

**MINUTES:** Changes to the January 14, 2016 minutes were suggested by Gene Park. Directors Fund was reinstated to it's original purpose. The Grant total should read \$1,200.

Motion by Valentino to approve the January 14,2016, minutes as presented. Seconded by Park. Motion Carried.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

B. Rundle presented the financial report.

December 31, 2015	Beginning Balance	\$ 93,251.31
	Total Income	\$ 2,672.54
	Adjustments	\$ - 36.14
	Total Expenses	\$ 4,500.00
	Ending Balance	\$ 91,387.71

B. Rundle then explained the difference between Class A vs Class B accounts managed by Edward Jones. He requested the board to vote on transferring the Foundation funds to Class A which allows for no fees to be charged. He also explained that Edward Jones has credited the Foundation all fees charged over the past several years. A representative of Edward Jones will be present at the July 14 meeting in Fond du Lac.

Motion by T. Blotz to approve the transfer of Foundation Funds from Class B to Class A accounts. Seconded G. Park. Motion Carried

Motion by F. Nickel to approve the Financial Report of April 13, 2016 as presented. Seconded by G. Park. Motion Carried.

Discussion was also held regarding the total and usage of all WYSCO funds. It was the consensus of the Board that all WYSCO funds remain unused until the dissolution of WYSCO has been completely resolved.

Motion by G. Park to recommend expenditures previously taken from the WYSCO Funds for Student Scholarships be returned and that the \$3,100 for 2015 Student Scholarships be taken equally from the Wilson Challenge Fund and the Golf Fund. Seconded by K. Valentino. Motion Carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **GREEN GOLF PARTNERS/WPRA FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING**

K. Valentino reported that the transition to the Washington County Golf Course in Hartford is going smoothly. Course management has been extremely cooperative. Some new and exciting things are being planned.

It will be noted in these minutes that an e-mail vote to move the location of the Foundation Scholarship Golf Outing to Washington County took place on February 23, 2016. The vote was unanimous to enter into an agreement with the Washington County Golf Course for 2016.

### **2016 NEW FUND RAISER REPORT**

K. Valentino unveiled the Foundation Ambassadors Club (FAC). There is opportunity for three different levels of giving with automatic account withdrawals, rewards, t-shirts, socials and workshops. Discussion was held regarding member perks and the one time annual \$25 level taking away from higher levels of giving.

J. Safstrom reported that Carrico Aquatic Resources is interested in partnering with the Foundation at this year's Conference in an effort to promote the implementation of this new venture. He also reported that the Foundation web pages that are part of the WPRA web site will be updated with this final information.

Motion by T. Dobson to recommend the Foundation establish a Pay Pal account with funds to be deposited to the Foundation Edward Jones account. Seconded by R. Beattie. Motion Carried.

After further discussion it was recommended to move forward with this concept and submit final documents for an e-mail vote sometime in the near future.

Motion by F. Nickel to recommend the Foundation move forward with the Foundation Ambassadors Club. Seconded by M. Hermann. Motion Carried.

### **GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

Rick Beattie reported that 4 scholarships have been awarded so far this year.

### **MARKETING AND PR**

Kelly Valentino gave a brief report on all ongoing public relations efforts.

F. Nickel confirmed that he should have access to the display for this year's Trade Show booth at Conference.

### **NOMINATING**

A. Revoy reported that there are five members whose terms are up. S. Scharrer, B. Rundle, M. Hermann, M. Schroeder and K. Valentino. He asked for those individuals to place a phone call to him to confirm their interest for another term.

### **By-Law/Policy Updates**

G. Park reported that he is working on getting the Policy Manual in an electronic version. The question was asked if this could then be placed on the Foundation web site. J. Safstrom reported - absolutely.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Academy For Leadership Update**

Shelly Strasser was in attendance and reported on the most recent Academy. Speakers received the highest rating ever, 29 in attendance and weather was a challenge. 2017 will be the 10 year and 100th Graduate of the Academy. Shelly thanked the board for their continued support.

### **WYSCO DISSOLUTION UPDATE**

K. Valentino reported that Mona Bauer received a letter denying the claim to the State of Wisconsin for the Wells Fargo funds. She also reported that at the July meeting, dissolution of WYSCO should be complete with all requested documentation available.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Academy For Leadership Request for Funding**

S. Scharrer reported to S. Strasser that the Academy's request for continued funding will be included in the Foundation 2017 Budget. Shelly thanked the Foundation.

Motion by K. Valentino to approve the donation of \$4,500 to the Academy For Leadership for 2017. Seconded by T. Dobson. Motion Carried.

### **2015 Annual Report**

S. Scharrer reviewed the Annual Report.

Motion by T. Dobson to approve the Annual Report as presented, seconded by F. Nickel. Motion Carried.

### **2016 Goals**

Steve Scharrer stated three highlights to his goals for this year. 1. Dissolution of WYSCO. 2. Foundation Fund Balance reach or exceed the \$100,000. 3. Creation of electronic payment system.

Motion by F. Nickel to approve the 2016 Goals as presented. Seconded by B. Rundle. Motion Carried.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

J. Safstrom brought for discussion a possible request for the Foundation to sponsor a Student Breakfast Social at the Conference. G. Park advised that the Professor who is spearheading should submit a request along with the Conference Chair. It was discussed that the Director's Fund may be the source for this funding.

Motion by K. Valentino to recommend this request (when submitted) should come from Directors Fund not to exceed \$750. Seconded by T. Blotz. Motion Carried

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

The next meeting will be Thursday July14, 2016 at the Fond du Lac Recreation Department. **Meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.**

A motion by A. Revoy to adjourn at 11:54 am. Seconded by G. Park. Motion Carried.

**Respectfully Submitted, John  
Safstrom**