



**Michigan Onion Committee
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, June 13, 2019**

**Lunch at 12:00 p.m.
Michigan Celery Promotion
5009 40th Ave, Hudsonville, MI 49426**

Attendees: Bruce Klamer, Michael Bosch, Eric Schreur, Kristin Oomen, Greg Bird, Heather Throne, Ben Werling, Darryl Warnke

Business Meeting

1. Lunch served

2. Call to Order - Bruce Klamer

Time: 12:20pm

3. Minutes – March 1, 2019 Board Meeting - Bruce Klamer

Minutes were sent email post last meeting and copies were brought for review.

Motion: Mike Bosch

2nd: Eric Schreur

Minutes approved

4. Elect Officers for 2019 Onion Season - Greg Bird

2019-2020 officers were discussed: Chairman: Bruce Klamer, Vice Chair: Eric Schreur, Treasurer: Mike Bosch

Motion: Kristin Oomen

2nd: Eric Schreur

Officers for the upcoming year were approved.

5. Executive Director Contract - Bruce Klamer

A contract from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 was reviewed by board. Motion to accept contract as presented. 3 copies were signed by Greg Bird and Bruce Klamer. Bruce kept one, Greg kept one, and Greg kept one on file for MOC.

Motion: Mike Bosch

2nd: Eric Schreur

Motion approved.

6. Board appointments - Greg Bird

Dan, Eric, and Kristin are up in Aug 2019. Greg has discussed positions with Jeremy Johnson of Governor's office. Eric said that he is fine not being on the board for the next term. Kristin Oomen's name will be submitted. Greg will check with Dan Steenwyk about submitting his name. Greg will contact the following about seeing if they might have interest: Mark Nail, Dave Brink, Matt Woodwyk, Mitchell Schreur, and Nate Brink. A motion was made to submit 6 names from this pool of names.

Motion: Mike Bosch

2nd: Kristin Oomen

Motion approved.

7. Financial reports – Greg Bird

Review of the Cash flow document for the 2018 onion crop, statement of activity, and statement of financial position. Motion to approve financials as presented.

Motion: Mike Bosch

2nd: Eric Schreur

Motion approved.

8. Upcoming funding - Greg Bird

The MOC split a booth at the GL Expo last December with the carrot committee. The booth gets 3 free registrations and additional registrations can be purchased at \$25 each. A motion was made to do this again in 2019 with a projected cost of about \$450.

Motion: Kristin Oomen

2nd: Eric Schreur

Expenses for onion trials were discussed. Darryl thought that \$1500 was fine for his expenses, but it might be wise to have \$500 for University expenses. This approval was included in 2019 crop budget approval.

The NOA summer meetings are in Madison, WI. The International Allium meetings are also there at the same time. Bruce felt it would be a good idea for Greg to be able to attend this year. A budget amount of \$1500 was approved. This was part of the 2019 budget.

9. Create 2019 onion season budget - Greg Bird

The 2018 onion season budget was used as a template for the 2019 onion season. Each budget item was addressed as needed and then populated with a value for 2019. The finalized numbers were recorded and can be found in the 2019 MOC Cash Flow and Budget document. A motion was made to approve the budget numbers that were reviewed.

Motion: Eric Schruer

2nd: Mike Bosch

Motion approved.

10. July newsletter - Greg Bird

The next MOC newsletter will be sent out in July. The newsletter will include details about the August twilight dinner. The newsletter will also include the new MOC address which will be a PO Box in Lansing, MI. Included in the newsletter will be details about the MOC assessment process for growers.

11. Financial reviews and taxes - Greg Bird

MDARD will provide a government review of MOC processes this year, but this does not replace a financial review 3 times every 5 years. MOC budgeted \$2000 for Greg to get a financial review done in 2019 since the last was in 2017. Greg will determine an accounting firm with which to do this. MOC does not need to file taxes since it is a government entity.

12. Review research priorities - Greg Bird

The 2018 research priorities were available for review. The priorities were a good starting point. The attendees at the twilight meeting will be asked if they have any other research priorities for 2019.

13. Future Board meetings - Greg Bird

The twilight dinner will happen as in the past at V&W Farms in Byron Center. Greg will contact Mary Hausbeck, Zack Hayden, and Bernie Zandstra to determine which of these dates work which are in priority order (Aug 29, Aug 14, Aug 15.) Discussion will be from 5:30pm-7:00pm and dinner will start at 7:00pm. Ben Werling can help MC for the speakers.

Bruce Klamer will work on details regarding food. Bruce hopes to get Glenn Leap to grill and cook this year. Kristin, Darryl, and Bruce will work with Greg on coordinating sponsorships. There again, will be signs for sponsors.

The December board meeting will happen on Dec 11 at the Expo at 12:30pm. Greg will look at a room in educational classroom area, if not then a room at the far end of tradeshow upstartis will be used again. Lunch will be provided

14. Other business - Greg Bird

Greg Bird notified the committee that MDARD has a meeting planned for Friday with Nate Vandenburg to discuss past assessments owed to the Michigan Onion Committee

The committee agreed that this season's onion planting were maybe up slightly over 2018. The north might be slightly up. More details would be discovered at twilight dinner.

Ben Werling brought up the ideas for the onion session at the GL Expo. At present, Ben is thinking of having Mary Hausbeck in for a speech. Ben is thinking to have Dave Dinkus from New York come to talk about east coast markets. Ben thought Brian Nault of Cornell would be good to talk on onion thrips and Nitrogen fertility.



Darryl Warnke is interested in finding out what growers get out of the onion trials. The point was brought up that the trials no longer need to have yields completed. Bruce believed the trials show what will work in what areas since there is no breeding here in Michigan. Mike felt the trials help with better shapes and sizes. The trials are good for size distribution and storage evaluation.

15. Adjournment - Bruce Klamer

Time 2:00pm, motion made

Motion: Kristin Oomen

2nd: Eric Schruer

Motion approved.