

Washington Cattlemen's Association
Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, November 13 @ 8:00 AM
Kennewick, WA
Room CD

Welcome—Don Blakemore—WCA President

- Meeting called to order at 8:02 AM by Don Blakemore
- President Blakemore thanked the convention sponsors for their support

Financial Overview and Membership Report—Bev Cridlebaugh, WCA Accountant

- Operating account balance a/o September 31, 2021 was \$11,323. Bev noted this balance will increase with the authorization of a transfer of +/- \$10,000 from the WCA reserve. The transfer is expected in January 2022.
- Total FY 22 YTD income was \$85,695; and expenses FY 22 YTD were \$76,367 against an annual budget of \$379,900.
- Motion to approve financials by Sam Ledgerwood, 2nd by Neil Kayser. Approved unanimously.
- Total WCA membership was 1,056 a/o 10/31/21. Motion to approve by Russ Stingley, 2nd by Sam Ledgerwood. Approved unanimously.

Minutes from November 2020 WCA Annual Membership Meeting—handout provided

- Motion from Rachel McClure, 2nd by Jesse Ingels. Approved unanimously.

Resolutions Report—Ashley House—WCA EVP

- Ashley House placed the new resolutions and rollovers on the large screen in the front of the room for review
 - Board of Directors 2021-1
 - Market Information, Transparency, and Reporting MT 2021-1
 - Beef Checkoff Assessment MT 2021-2
 - Livestock Identification Program Funding LID 2018-1; revised 2021-1
 - Water Democracy Acts WE 2021-1
- Don Blakemore asked for more resolutions from the floor. None were brought before the membership.
- Motion to rollover existing policy and adopt the new policies above by Dennis Shelton, 2nd by Jeff Dawson. Approved unanimously.

Livestock ID update

- Ashley House gave the report that WCA met with industry (feeders, markets, AgriBeef, etc.) to come up with a solution to preserve the brand department and that there was agreement to three objectives in the 2022 legislative session
 - Extend the expiration date on current fee structure to FY 2027
 - Increase the penalty for stolen cattle from \$2,000/hd to \$4,000/hd
 - Lower the ECTR fee

Colville National Forest litigation

- Ashley House updated everyone on the various capacities of WCA's involvement in the lawsuits brought against the USFS challenging the suitability of grazing
- Currently, WCA expects the plaintiffs to amend their complaint to include an ESA claim, so WCA will continue to remain involved as intervenor as the judges have all yet agreed WCA does have standing as a representative of producers who would stand to be affected economically if the lawsuits prevailed and grazing was removed as acceptable multiple use in the CNF.

Background and Preface to Proposed Bylaws

- President Don Blakemore gave the following bylaws work timeline
 - WCA Officer meeting re: bylaws on 3/9/2021
 - 1st draft presented to Executive Committee 7/27/2021
 - 2nd draft with revisions approved by BoD 8/27/2021
 - Proposed bylaws included in September and October *Ketch Pen*
- President Blakemore called for terminal debate of 40 minutes and asked all who desired to speak in favor of in opposition to, to come to the floor.
- Jack Field asked that the membership approve the bylaws as is, but that the Board consider adding "at large" seats to the Board of Directors so as to be wholly inclusive of county leadership.

Vote to approve the 2021 proposed WCA Bylaws

- On a motion by Neil Kayser, 2nd by Jeff Keane, the 2021 Proposed bylaws were unanimously approved and adopted by the WCA membership.

Vote to continue national affiliation(s) with NCBA, PLC

- On a motion by Dick Coon, 2nd by Bill Sieverkropp the WCA membership approved affiliation with NCBA and PLC for 2022.

Vote to approve the 2022 slate of WCA Officers

- Ashley House provided the slate of officers (as follows) on the large screen
 - Jeff Keane, President
 - Branden Brink, 1st Vice President
 - Floyd Lewis, 2nd Vice President
 - Matt Schneider, 2nd Vice President
- On a motion by Neil Kayser, 2nd by Jesse Ingels, the slate of officers for 2022 was unanimously approved by the WCA membership.

The annual meeting of the Washington Cattlemen's Association membership adjourned at 8:52 AM.