

Board Meeting
March 26, 2025
Governor's Club

Attendees:

David Bear, Chairman
Matt Sokolowski, Vice Chairman
George Halper, Secretary/Treasurer
Frank Schwiep, Member At Large
Chris Bowler, Member At Large
Gentry Pelham, Member At Large
Jacob Benton, Member At Large
Jared Ross, President, FBWA
Jordan Wheeler, FBWA

Chairman Bear called the meeting to order at 1:08,

Mr. Halper asked if anyone had any questions or concerns about the minutes from December 5 Board Meeting. Mr. Bowler motioned to approve, Mr. Sokolowski seconded, minutes were approved.

Mr. Ross discussed quarterly reports being put on the members only section of the website. Mr. Bowler asked how much spending we've been putting toward lobbyists. Mr. Ross said he would add financial notes to the quarterly reports.

Mr. Schwiep asked about the PAC subcommittee and when they were meeting. They will reconvene after session. It was suggested that we add someone from the new members to that subcommittee.

Mr. Ross gave regulatory and legislative update including the FDACS rule and Senator Burton's bill and the impending House hemp bill. If legislation doesn't pass, we would work with FDACS to clarify the rule. Mr. Benton asked if direct to consumer would be included in either bill and Mr. Ross answered it was not allowed in the Senate bill but did not know about the House bill yet.

The group discussed a committee on bylaws for updating and modernizing. Which led to a discussion about membership. Mr. Ross told the group that the Johnson Brothers Distributors are interested in joining our association. Asked the group if we want spirit

distributors or associate members. Other states have craft distributors as associate members. Mr. Bowler said that maybe, as long as their scope matches our scope. Mr. Halper says discuss bylaws first and Mr. Bowler suggested we discuss this further in December.

David called the meeting adjourned @ 1:34pm.