

GACAA BOARD MEETING

Minutes

November 7, 2016

Present – Paula Burke, Steve Morgan, Ray Hicks, Wes Smith (guest), Mark McCann (guest), Tim Coolong, Brock Ward, Andrew Sawyer, Joel Burnsed, Tripp Williams, Phillip Roberts, Brian Creswell, Jennifer Miller, Brook Jefferies, Brenda Jackson, Katie Hammond, Keith Fielder

Called to order at 10:10 am. Phillip Roberts said an invocation.

Secretary's Report – Paula shared she had emailed everyone the July 19 meeting minutes. Motion by Brian Cresswell, second by Steve Morgan to approve the July 19 minutes. Approved.

Administrative Report – Dr. Mark McCann joined our meeting and discussed the ACCG farmhouse. Would like to continue our partnership with the farmhouse at ACCG. ACCG wants to move our whole display to another area at the convention center to draw people thru all of the vendors. We need to rethink the farmhouse and UGA display and be sure the Farmhouse is up front and center.

Dr. McCann is visiting each of the districts at their area meetings. Discussed what the plan is for next year's budget ask from the State. Currently taking applications for the County of Operations position but have not receive a large amount of applications. Search for new Associate Dean of Research is underway. Human Resources has hired Lee Motsinger as Debbie Gausvik has retired. Viticulturist and other state specialist's positions are underway.

Vice-President's Report – Steve Morgan reported the gross from the food booth at the Expo was \$24,761. Approximately \$9,000 will be the profit after the remaining bills are paid. The 2017 AM PIC will be at the Doubletree in Columbus on November 6-8, 2017. Gary Black has been asked to be the keynote speaker. Signage for the Expo food booth was discussed. We need to improve our signage on the building. Katie Hammond presented an estimate from UGA of \$3,303 for signage. Need to do more research and get more prices on signs. Katie H. and the new Vice President will continue to work on the signs. Will update us at the JCEP meeting in March.

Treasurer's Report – Keith Fielder shared the treasurer's report handout.

Grand total income -	\$97,944.98.
Total Expenses –	\$75,444.15
Estimated Net Balance -	\$22,500.83

Paypal has costs associated with it. Paid about \$1,000 in fees this year to Paypal. The dollar amount in the Foundation scholarship not in report. Funds have not been taken out. It has been rolled back in. Ray Hicks pointed out State nights for transportation \$1,000 is not listed out clearly in the budget. Wes Smith asked and there was a discussion about putting PayPal funds in to checking account on a monthly basis. Motion made by Ray Hicks to move money at least quarterly from PayPal and leave a \$200 balance. Second by Steve Morgan. Approved. Motion

by Brian Cresswell for the treasurer's report to be receive and filed for audit. Second by Brock Ward. Approved.

President Elect's Report – Brian Cresswell discussed some of the details for the AM PIC. Needs to get the final numbers to the hotel. No keynote speaker but Dr. Laura Perry Johnson will be talking. Dean Purdue to talk at the social hour. Department of Ag will speak on Tuesday on the pesticide license changes coming forth. It was suggested for District Agents to seek sponsors for the meeting when it's in your district.

Presidents Report – no report.

Past President's Report – Ray Hicks reported he has met with administration about the County Agent Hall of Fame and things are moving forward. He has been working on getting GACAA handbook up to date. Changes include:

- Add sponsor of award and dollar amount
- Recommend to delete state chair rotation
- Awards – update who to get application to
- GACAA award list and dollar amount
- Responsibilities for directors and officers – Ray handed these out.

Keith suggested we have a budget outline to go in handbook. It would be the framework of the budget not actually numbers.

District Reports

-Northeast – Tripp Williams thanked the Board for the use of the cooker for the fundraiser. The GACAA executive board voted and approved via email on this decision. Keith mentioned an issue with the insurance saying 2015 on the policy. Discussion about creating a Viticulture committee. Was decided to wait for the specialist to be hired and then work on a plan to present for awards and funding. NE has 6 first timers attending the AM PIC.

-Northwest - Katie Hammond reported there are 2 new hires. Emily Cabrera in Fulton, Sarah Brodd in DeKalb.

-Southeast – Jennifer Miller reported new hires: Tim Davis – Chatham County, Katie Burch – Burke, Aubrey Shirley – Tattall, Savannah Tanner – Evans, Rocky Tanner – Johnson, Dwayne Sanders – Wilkinson, Zach Williams – Montgomery. And has some more openings.

-Southwest – Brock Ward reported one departure Ben Shirley and new hire Justin ?

-State Staff – Tim Coolong reported the following positions are in the works: viticulturist, vegetable nemotologist, fruit pathologist (Tifton), entomologist, small grains (starts Jan 1), crop physiology.

GOTCAA Report – No report. Mike Hayes is no longer going to serve. GOTCAA needs new chair.

NACAA – Wes Smith thanked the board for their support. NACAA will now be picking up the Sunday meal and tour day breakfast to ease the cost on the host state. Registration costs will go up to cover the costs. Virginia 2020 is going to have expensive rooms due to location.

Farm Bureau Annual Meeting – plans underway for December 5-6. Breakfast will be on Tuesday. Jay Hathorn needs everyone's names of who is attending after Junior directors are elected.

Donation to Tennessee 2018 meeting was discussed. Motion by Brian Creswell to send Tennessee County Ag Agents Association \$4,500. Second by Brooke Jeffries. Approved.

Jennifer Miller asked if the about the if the Vegetable award is just the vegetable award or if it Fruit and vegetable award. Blueberry folks want to know where to apply for fruit awards. There is currently no award just for fruit.

Brenda Jackson needs agents to pay their membership dues to get accurate list for emails for the listserve. Keith told Brenda she can go on Woofu to see the registration to get paid membership names.

Wes Smith suggested we keep a list of what we are giving each state to support the NACAA AM PIC.

Adjourned at 11:45 am.