

## **GACAA Board Meeting Minutes**

Rock Eagle 4-H Center, Winter Conference

January 17, 2024

**Board Present** – Brenda Jackson (Past President), Lucy Ray (President), Andrew Sawyer (President Elect), Madison Luke (Secretary), Guy Hancock (Treasurer), Robyn Stewart (NE), Sarah Cranston (NE), Justin Hand (SW), Michasia Dowdy (SW), Colby Royal (SE), Jason Mallard (SE) Luan Oliveira (SS), Gibson Priest (NW)

Zoom: Justin Shealy (Past President), Simer Virk (SS), Whitney Ottinger (NW)

Absent: Wes Smith (GOTCCA), Bob Kemerait (VP)

Guests: Paula Burke, Keith Mickler, Carol Knight, Dr. Mike Martin, Dr. Mark McCann, Ashley Best

### **Proceedings:**

Meeting called to order at 6:39 PM by Lucy Ray

Invocation given by Andrew Sawyer

**NACAA Bid Committee Update by Justin Shealy-** We are currently sent bids to Marietta, Savannah, Macon, Augusta, Columbus, and Atlanta for hosting. This will take about 2 weeks to get the bids back and we can decide which one we want to go with.

*Vote to place a bid at 2024 NACAA AM/PIC to host 2028 NACAA AM/PIC passed. Results were sent out in an email by Brenda.*

### **NACAA Planning by Paula Burke & Keith Mickler-**

Keith- Need to get your committees and committee chairs/co-chairs figured out. You need to start sooner than later. Georgia needs to plan to shadow hosting states at least 2 years out by sending committee chairs and co-chairs so they know what to do and what is going on. Your biggest expenses are going to be food and transportation (tours etc.) Hotels will often negotiate food prices with you. NACAA board wants to work with you, not against you.

*Brenda- Do we build the registration website or does NACAA? Keith- Scott Hawbaker with NACAA will do the registration website. GACAA will be responsible for the welcome to Georgia 2028 website containing information about the conference- basically usefully information that will convince people to come to this conference in your state. It's a sales pitch website. You will also need your own state logo- something simple. You also want your welcome video on the website.*

*Robyn stated that the only feedback from the Qualtrics voting was from SE district stating to please help them with this if AM/PIC is in Savannah and to not leave it only to them.*

Hospitality room in Dallas

Mike Martin- Promo video for savannah from Eden Conference

### **Officer Updates:**

**Secretary Report by Madison Luke** – Previous meeting minutes are not yet finishing, will be sending out prior to next board meeting.

*Motion to postpone meeting minutes made by Robyn Stewart. Seconded by Gibson Priest. Motion passed unanimously.*

**Treasurer Report by Guy Hancock** – Financial documents were emailed to the board prior to the meeting for review. Total income since our last meeting is \$13,639.56. Our total expenses were \$49,042.04, with our net income being -\$35,403.04 since our last meeting. The checking account balance as of the last reconciliation in December was \$20,232.43. Deposits and Credits are at \$10,866.59. We also have some pretty big checks that are going to be coming through soon. We are still waiting on the check from Farm Bureau for the breakfast etc., which should be around \$4,000. We are also expecting another check to be coming in soon that is around \$3,000 that is from interest withdrawals on the GA 4-H endowment fund.

The ameris checking account balance is \$13,603.23. There is \$21,246.75 in the 37-month Farm Bureau-CD. There is \$65, 848.09 in the 62-month Farm Bureau-CD. There is \$72,532.89 in the First State Bank of Blakely-CD. There is \$76,628.42 in the GA 4-H Foundation Endowment fund. This brings our total checking/savings account to \$249,859.38. Our total fixed assets are at \$9,750.60. This brings our total liability and equity to \$259,609.98.

*Motion to accept treasures report made by Justin Hand. Seconded by Colby Royal. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Motion to file for taxes made by Brenda Jackson. Seconded by Justin Hand. Motion passed unanimously.*

**President Report by Lucy Ray** – PILD: Lucy will attend. ELC will be FEB 14-15 in Tampa, FL. Anyone interested in attending please reach out to Lucy to let her know. Lucy suggested that GACAA host a reception for Georgia NACAA president (Keith Mickler) stepping out of his role after the banquet at NACAA.

*Keith said states in the past, some states have had a set budget for alcohol. Some states have just provided snacks and had a cash bar available. Tacking on alcohol creates a lot of extra expense.*

*Carol suggested coming up with a budget for reception and then presenting to the board.*

Lucy is working on a restaurant for states night out at NACAA, will have more info in the next few weeks. Hospitality room for NACAA is approximately - \$400 / Night (\$199/night x2).

*Keith stated that the Bid video for NACAA should be 5-10-minutes, max.*

**President Elect Report by Andrew Sawyer–**

Expo update- we netted right at \$9,000.00 and a big thank you for everyone's help!

Everything is set up for AM/PIC at Jekyll Island for 2024. We are working on tours currently.

**Vice President Report by Bob Kemerait – Not Present**

**Past President Report by Brenda Jackson-**

No changes in the bylaws. She will review the handbook and if there is anything glaring that needs to be changed at the annual meeting in November, she will let the board know.

**District Reports:**

**Northwest District Report by Gibson Priest-** No new hires. Greg Bowman is retiring in May and NWD is planning a retirement party for him

**Northeast District Report by Robyn Stewart –** Josh Grant joined NE in Barrow; Losing Cliff Collins to SWD, Heidi Cashwell will be in Butts Co.

**Southwest District Report by Justin Hand –** New ANR Agent hired in Daugherty County- Vivek Best. New ANR Hire in Early County is Kelsey Hancock, who will begin her new role on February 1st.

Open Counties are Ben Hill, Lowndes, Decatur, Randolph, Crisp, and Clay

Josh Grant moved to Barrow County in NED.

**Southeast District Report by Colby Royal –** James Morgan started as DED for Southeast District. There are a lot of vacancies currently. Raymond Joyce announced his retirement, which will be towards the end of the year. Cole Moon help Bleckley/Twiggs County. Shane Curry left Appling County.

**State Staff Report by Luan Oliveira for Simer Virk –** State Staff Position open in Tifton – applications end Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. Small Grains specialist is interviewing this month in person. There are 2 new hires in nematology lab.

**GOTCAA Report by Wes Smith – Not Present.**

**New Business/ Updates:**

**CAES/Extension Update by Dr. Mark McCann-** The search for Dr. Johnson's replacement is underway. Dr. Coolong has been assisting Dr. McCann to serve as interim once he retires and they find a replacement.

**Membership Update by Ashley Best-** Membership deadline is now Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. Makes it easier for the first two weeks of January to follow up with members to make sure they get their membership in. Currently at 163, but need 165 for NACAA.

**District Meeting Dates for 2024 Calendar Year by Lucy Ray-**

Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>- Board Meeting at JCEP- Rock Eagle at 10:00 AM

ACCG April 24-27, 2024 in Savannah

August 9<sup>th</sup> – Virtual Board Meeting at 10:00 AM

November 11<sup>th</sup> – board meeting at AM/PIC in Jekyll

**Closing-**

*Motion to adjourn made by Brenda Jackson. Motion seconded by Justin Hand. Motion passed unanimously.*

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

***Respectfully submitted by Madison Luke, GACAA Secretary***