

## **GACAA Board Meeting Minutes**

GACAA AM/PIC, Augusta, SC

November 13, 2023

**Board Present** – Brenda Jackson (President), Andrew Sawyer (Vice President), Madison Luke (Secretary), Guy Hancock (Treasurer), Robyn Stewart (NE), Shanna Reynolds (NE), Justin Hand (SW), Colby Royal (SE),

Zoom: Justin Shealey (Past President), Scout Carter (SE)

Absent: Hailey Partain (NW), Wes Smith (GOTCCA), Simer Virk (SS) Lucy Ray (President Elect), Ted McAvoy (SS), Kim Post (SW), Gibson Priest (NW),

Guests: Brian Beer (NACAA Southern Region Director)

### **Proceedings:**

Meeting called to order at 10:10 AM by Brenda Jackson

Invocation given by Justin Shealey

### **Officer Updates:**

**Past President Report by Justin Shealy-** No updates additions to the bylaws. Justin plans to visit each district meeting and state staff to discuss with them the possibility of hosting the national meeting. What is our positive % of yeses needed for a positive favor to host?

*Brenda asked Brian Beer- He suggested the vote needed to be north of a super majority, so that all hands-on deck can help when hosting national meeting.*

*Board was all in agreement that the vote needed to be at least 80% positive in order to place a bid for 2024 AM/PIC for 2028 AM/PIC*

Justin suggested that we take the vote during the business meeting and also decide how many chairs and co-chairs we would need. Justin is a bid committee chair.

*Shanna suggested that we see if the vote passes or not before we take nominations for committee chairs.*

*Brian said we do not have to have an annual meeting chair elected for when we place the bid.*

*If we get a positive vote to put in a bid, Robyn offered to write up each committee and their responsibilities to send out to the membership and do a Qualtrics vote.*

**Secretary Report by Madison Luke** – Motion to accept minutes as is and dispense the reading of the minutes made by Robyn Stewart. Seconded by Shanna Reynolds. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer Report by Guy Hancock** – Financial documents were emailed to the board prior to the meeting for review. The current checking account balance is \$51,996.13. 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 \$288,252.28. Our total fixed assets are at \$9,750.00. This brings our total liability and equity to \$298,002.88. The total expenses were \$83,318 and net income was \$4,729 for the year.

*Robyn made a motion to accept the treasurers report as given. Justin Hand seconds motion. Motion passes unanimously.*

**President Report by Brenda Jackson** – Everything is in the bag for this week’s AM PIC.

**President Elect Report by Lucy Ray** – Not Present

**Vice President Report by Andrew Sawyer** – We had a very good week at the expo! We grossed about \$29,000, with one bill not being paid yet because we haven’t received it yet. Andrew believes our true profit will lie somewhere between \$7,000 - \$11,000. Tuesday and Wednesday of the expo were the best days we have had in the history of record keeping for the expo. Thursday was an average day.

Hotel is set for Jekyll Island for next year’s AM/PIC, November 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### **District Reports:**

**Northwest District Report by Brenda Jackson for Hailey Partain-** There are a couple of new ANR Agents. Shane Kornberg in Whitefield County. No current retirees. Cody Bowling in Catoosa County has been activated for active duty. He leaves the end of November and will be back next fall. He is on reserve active duty for the next 12 months.

**Northeast District Report by Shanna Reynolds** – New Ag agent in Wilks County- Hunter Dove. December 1, Joshua Grant will start in Barrow County. No Retirements.

**Southwest District Report by Justin Hand for Kim Post** – Taylor McDaniel left to go to North Carolina Extension. Guy Hancock has left Turner County and moved to the district office. Holly Anderson has moved from Irwin county to Ben Hill County. Josh Grant is leaving Crisp County to move to Barrow County. Maci Wheeler is the new ANR agent in Turner County.

**Southeast District Report by Scout Carter** – James Morgan is SE new PDC. Wade Parker is the new SE Agronomy Agent now. Lauren Stanley is the new ANR Agent in Montgomery County. No retirements.

**State Staff Report by Ted McAvoy – Not Present**

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

**New Business/Updates:**

Justin suggested instead of having one publicity chair, we have a publicity committee to help with farm house and trailer. This would consist of the past president and their publicity chair, current present and their publicity chair etc. so that new people coming on have the experience of their predecessors. Because this is a new committee, it has to be brought before the membership.

Farm Bureau Convention is December 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. Executive board and new Junior Directors will go to set up and serve.

ACCG is in April 25-27<sup>th</sup>, we arrive on Thursday to set up, serve on Friday and Saturday-breakdown and head home Saturday afternoon.

Senior Directors- be sure to elect new Junior Directors and voting delegates at your district meetings.

*Motion made by Madison Luke to include a first timer button only on the registration form (this would not include a break in the registration fee). Guy Hancock seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

**Webmaster Report by Brenda Jackson-** Since the treasurer's report is not included on the website, the treasurer needs to notify the board if we ever need to raise registration fees and in turn notify the webmaster so it can be updated on the website. Webmaster also needs to know soon as possible who the new committee chairs, Junior Directors, voting delegates, and state staff delegates are so the website can be updated.

Please announce in district meetings that the lanyards are on loan- please return them to Madison at the end of the conference.

At the first lady's reception at NACAA, we need volunteers to help in Dallas since Keith Mickler is president

*Robyn Stewart and Madison Luke volunteered to help*

The last several years, we have been borrowing iPad from Maria Bowie's office for the expo. Andrew recommends purchasing 1-2 iPad of our own.

*Madison Luke recommended tabling this discussing until we determine how much a new iPad would cost and determine what our definite profit was from the expo. Robyn seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Brenda will make the proposal of having the next board meeting at winter school to Lucy. Information will be emailed out.

**Closing-** Brenda thanked everyone for attending today's meeting and asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

*Motion to adjourn made by Robyn Stewart. Motion seconded by Justin Hand. Motion passed unanimously.*

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

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