

## **GACAA Board Meeting Minutes**

Virtual Board Meeting

June 12, 2024

**Board Present** –Lucy Ray (President), Andrew Sawyer (President Elect), Madison Luke (Secretary), Guy Hancock (Treasurer), Robyn Stewart (NE), Sarah Cranston (NE), Justin Hand (SW), Jason Mallard (SE), Colby Royal (SE), Whitney Ottinger (NW), Sarah Cranston (NE),

Absent: Michasia Dowdy (SW), Bob Kemerait (VP), Gibson Priest (NW), Brenda Jackson (Past President), Wes Smith (GOTCAA), Simer Virk (SS), Luan Oliveira (SS)

Guests: Dr. Tim Coolong, Paula Burke, Justin Shealy

### **Proceedings:**

Meeting called to order at 10:02 AM AM by Lucy Ray

Invocation given by Andrew Sawyer

**Administrative Update by Tim Coolong-** There is not a whole lot of new information. The search for replacing LPJ continues. In a meeting with the Dean, whoever that person may be, he was setting up a timeline for that person to potentially begin around January 1, 2025.

Administratively for Dr. McCann's position, a lot of that depends on LPJ's replacement in terms of when that occurs etc. I have asked them to make it reasonably quick, that I would like to be done with my interim role by January as well. Arch Bishop is serving as interim for LPJ for now.

**NACAA AM/PIC Bid Update by Justin Shealy-** Needs to find out who is driving to Dallas, so I can load your car up with items for the hospitality room. We are still looking at having NACAA at the Hilton in Atlanta for 2028. We are just looking at snacks and cokes/water for hospitality room in Dallas.

Once we secure the bid to host in Dallas, we also need to put out a Qualtrics survey for committee positions and try to determine chair and co-chair prior to the annual meeting.

### **Officer Updates:**

**Secretary Report by Madison Luke** – Previous meeting minutes will be sent out prior to next board meeting.

**Treasurer Report by Guy Hancock** – Starting with our profit loss, since our last meeting we have taken in \$1,450 in contributions/sponsorships. \$3,065 from earned interest from the GA 4-H Endowment Fund. \$700 has recently come in from membership. ACCG farmhouse was \$5,144.25. Our total income since the last board meeting was \$10,429.00, which we had a couple of expenses with hosting farmhouse- other that some travel expense that was

\$1,239.00. Putting on the Farmhouse was \$2,751.00. Our total expense since the last meeting was \$6,076.49. This brings our net income since the previous meeting to \$4,352.00.

Moving to the balance sheet, the ameris checking account balance is \$16,403.44. There is \$21,250.00 in the 37-month Farm Bureau-CD. There is \$65,848.00 in the 62-month Farm Bureau-CD. There is \$72,532.00 in the First State Bank of Blakely-CD. This brings our total checking/savings account to \$252,659.59. Our total fixed assets are at \$9,750.60. This brings our total assets to \$262,410.19.

*Motion to accept treasures report made by Andrew Sawyer. Seconded by Jason Mallard. Motion passed unanimously.*

**President Report by Lucy Ray** – Andrew and I are going to the upcoming 4-H scholarship luncheon. This year, Abigail Hendrick will be receiving the GACAA scholarship. I am also planning to attend the Tuesday night scholarship banquet at State Congress. There are a lot of people presenting/receiving awards at NACAA. States night out will be Tuesday night in Dallas at the Meddlesome Moth.

**President Elect Report by Andrew Sawyer**– We have 3 tours set up for GACAA AM/PIC, and looking to have 2 more set up shortly. Monday night- low country boil from Corteva. We are looking at having a “back door” sea turtle tour, which should be cool. We are looking at having to up the cost for GACAA AM/PIC. Going from \$135 to \$150 is where I think we need to be at for registration costs of GACAA AM/PIC.

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

**Past President Report by Brenda Jackson**- Not Present

### **District Reports:**

**Northwest District Report by Whitney Ottinger**- The new center for urban ag candidate accepted their offer. They are still going through their background check, but they are looking at starting on August 1.

**Northeast District Report by Robyn Stewart** – No new staff changes. 3 ANR positions are in interviews. 1 of those has been offered.

**Southwest District Report by Justin Hand** – Jacob Kalina in Lowndes County, Cody Young in Randolph/Clay, and Hunt Sanders in Ben Hill. There are openings in Decatur, Crisp, Lanier, and Brooks. There are 2 new ANR Educators- Whitney Watson in Stewart and Tanner Wilson in Colquitt.

**Southeast District Report by Colby Royal** – Cliff Collins went to Burke- Jenkins County has some potential in a candidate. Screvin is open but there is hope for a candidate there. Will Brown started in Appling.

**State Staff Report by Simer Virk- Not Present**

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

**Closing-**

*Motion to adjourn made by Robyn Stewart. Motion seconded by Jason Mallard. Motion passed unanimously.*

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 AM.

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