GACAA Annual Business Meeting

Minutes

November 15, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM.

**NACAA AM/PIC Bid** - Justin Shealy – We are looking at submitting a bid in Dallas in 2024 to host the national meeting in 2028. There were no questions/comments. Ballots were passed out to membership. 80% positive vote of the membership was needed in order to place a bid to host the national meeting.

Election results- Shanna Reynolds- 54 votes were yes. 19 votes were no. Only 42% of membership was present at business meeting, so we did not have a quorum. A motion was made from the floor by Brooklyne Wassel to send out a vote to the membership on whether or not to place a bid for NACAA via a Qualtrics survey with a deadline of November 30th. Motion was seconded by Blake Carter. Motion passed unanimously.

**Elections** – Brenda Jackson - There was 1 position to fill on the board this year. Vice-President.

Vice President- It is state staff’s turn to put forth a nominee for Vice President. Dr. Stormy Sparks made a motion to nominate Dr. Bob Kemerait. Seconded by several agents. J. Michael Moore accepted nomination on behalf of Dr. Bob Kemerait. There were no other nominations from the floor. Justin Shealy made a motion to close the floor for nominations and accept Dr. Bob Kemerait as Vice President by acclimation. Motion was seconded by Phillip Edwards. Motion passes unanimously.

Farm House Committee - Brenda Jackson- We do not have an official committee for the farm house to support the farm house chair. Since this would require a change to the association handbook, we do have to have an official vote to have an official farm house committee. Motion for the development of a farm house committee passes unanimously.

**Administrative Report –** Dr. Laura Perry Johnson – As Ag Agents, think about the influence you carry with this organization and use it for good. Lift other’s up. There are many new agents and it is up to us to be mentors to these new agents. Stay involved and give the gift of experience to a new agent. The combination of agents and specialists in this organization makes it stronger than most. Lastly, Extension Conference will be in January 2024.

**Secretary’s Report** – Madison Luke – Madison emailed the minutes from last year’s annual meeting out to the membership. She did not receive any amendments to those minutes. Will read if needed. Motion was made by an agent to accept the previous year’s business meeting minutes as given. Motion was seconded by an agent. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Guy Hancock- Balance sheet presented to the membership. Assets- currently we have $51,996.00 in the Ameris Bank checking account. There is also money in the 3 CD’s and the GA 4H Foundation Endowment. This brings our total checking/savings to $288,252.00. Fixed assets are at $9,750.00, bringing total assets to $298,002.88. Profit Loss: our total income for the year was $88,047.00 and our total expenses for the year were $83,318.31, with a net income of $4,749.00. Motion was made by Greg Pitman to accept the treasurer’s report as given. Motion was seconded by Brian Hayes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Reports**- Brenda Jackson- No report/comments given by committee chairs. Motion made to dispense of the reading of committee reports made by Jason Mallard. Motion was seconded by Greg Pittman. Motion passed unanimously.

**Vice President Report-** Andrew Sawyer- Expo food booth went great. We are projected to have a net income anywhere from $7,000 - $11,000. AM/PIC 2024 will be in Jekyll Island, November 11th-13th.

**NACAA Report** – Keith Mickler - Report was given by Brian Beer, NACAA Senior Southern Region Director from Clemson, South Carolina. Brian shared thoughts and comments about his time at our meeting. Shared information and update from the NACAA.

**Outgoing Committee Chairs** – Shanna Reynolds (Animal Science), Aubrey Shirley (Oral Presentations), Clark MacAllister (Professional Excellence)

**Outgoing Senior Directors** – Shanna Reynolds (NE), Kimberly Post (SW), Scout Carter (SE), Hailey Partain (NW)

**Association Business** – Brenda Jackson- recognized:

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**Memorials** –Brenda Jackson- Howell Roberts, GOTCAA, shared memorials. Past Ag agents in 2023. List of those that died – see list/email.

**Installation of Directors -**Justin Shealey –

* Junior Directors – Whitney Ottinger (NW), Sarah Cranston (NE), Jason Mallard (SE), Michasia Dowdy (SW), Luan Oliveira (State Staff)
* Senior Directors – Gibson Priest (NW), Robyn Stewart (NE), Colby Royal (SE), Justin Hand (SW), Simer Virk (State Staff)

**Installation of Offices** – Brenda Jackson (Past President), Lucy Ray (President), Andrew Sawyer (President Elect), Bob Kemerait (Vice President), Guy Hancock (Treasurer), Madison Luke (Secretary)

**Presentation to Past President** – Plaque and gavel passed to Justin Shealey

**Evaluations** – Online survey sent to email. Madison asked everyone to complete in the survey in the next week or so.

Andrew Sawyer provided the dates and location for 2024 GACAA AM/PIC. It will be at Jekyll Island November 11-13, 2024.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:37 AM.

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