**GACAA Board Meeting**

Minutes for February 3, 2025

Members present – Andrew Sawyer, Lucy Ray, Guy Hancock, Jason Mallard, Kevin Livingston, Sierra Cannon, Justin Hand, John Bennett, Morgan Grizzle, Michasia Dowdy, Whitney Ottinger, Intiaz Chowdhury

Members Absent – Bob Kemerait, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Luan Oliveria

Andrew Sawyer called the meeting to order.

Andrew gave the invocation.

Officer Updates

* **Secretary Report**: Morgan Grizzle sent out the minutes through email from the November meeting.
	+ Lucy moved to accept the minutes as presented.
	+ John Bennett seconded
	+ Accepted unanimously
* **Treasurer Report**: Guy Hancock stated he does not have the updated financials so those will be available at the next meeting to vote on.
	+ We will start a new bank account using the same EIN. This will be to hold funds for the national meeting.
* **President Report:** Andrew Sawyer
	+ Andrew is going to the National JCEP meeting in Savannah.
	+ Lucy is going to the PILD meeting in Washington, DC in April.
	+ Will see if Bob can do one of those meetings next year.
* **President-Elect Report:** Andrew Sawyer reported for Bob Kemerait.
	+ Have the contract for where we will be in Columbus.
	+ AM PIC will be Nov. 10-12
	+ Currently working on getting blocks of rooms at hotels in the area.
* **Vice President:** Justin Hand
	+ Got Serv-Safe certification so we will be good for a few years on that.
	+ Got 5 rooms books for Food Booth at Expo in Adel.
	+ Lucy has a spreadsheet for sign-ups to work at the expo.
	+ Looking into where to host the conference next year. Will keep everyone posted.
* **Past President Report:** Lucy Ray
	+ Some notes from the conference we might want to consider.
		- Have an official photographer (someone in charge of organizing that)
		- Morgan will ask Ashley Smith (publicity chair) about doing it.
	+ Having issues with people not showing up when they win awards. What do we do about that?
		- We need to make it clear that you must be present to win.
		- Committee Chairs need to enforce it.
* **District Reports**
	+ NW: Whitney
		- 2 counties with agent positions open.
		- Rockdale and Dade
	+ NE: Sierra
		- 1 new hire and that was in Banks
		- 3 vacancies; Monroe, Stephens (interviewing), McDuffie County
	+ SW: M
		- Still looking for a second agent in Brooks Co.
	+ SE: Jason
		- Richard Evans moved to Chatham
		- Austin Bagby in Ware
		- Adam Newberry in Dodge
		- Johnathan Smith in Tattnall
	+ State Staff: Luan
		- Still interviewing for Simmer Virk’s position.
* Updates:
	+ Let Lucy know if there is anything you want her to talk about to specific people in DC before she goes in April.
	+ JECEP is March 7th at Rock Eagle.
		- This will be our next board meeting.
		- 10 am.
	+ ACCG Update from Jason
		- Starting on 4/24 but need 6 people to show up on the 23rd.
		- Look for an email with more information about roommates.
	+ Cattlemen’s Agent of the Year award
		- Due by 2/14
		- In Oct. it will go back to the Animal Science Committee.
	+ Need to discuss upkeep cost and storage of the grill.
		- Roughly $900
		- Formalize a plan for the grill.
	+ We need to buy more of the County Agent print. We gave the last one out this year.
		- Lucy will pull together the price, etc.

Minutes submitted by Morgan Grizzle.