**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.