**GACAA Board Meeting**

Minutes for July 11, 2025

Members present – Andrew Sawyer, Lucy Ray, Guy Hancock, Kevin Livingston, Justin Hand, Derrick Bowen, John Bennett, Morgan Grizzle, Michasia Dowdy, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Luan Oliveria, Jason Mallard, Whitney Ottinger, Sierra Burke

Members Absent – Bob Kemerait, Intiaz Chowdhury

Andrew Sawyer called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm.

Andrew gave the invocation.

Officer Updates

* **Secretary Report**: Morgan Grizzle emailed out the March minutes to the board members.
  + Raymond moved to accept the minutes as presented. Lucy seconded. Accepted unanimously
* **Treasurer Report**: Guy Hancock passed out the financials. Reconciliation has an ending balance of 32,292.94. The balance sheet has current assets at $203,942.73 and fixed assets at $9,750.60 bringing total assets to $213,693.33. On the P&L we have total income since March 1st of $13,344.23. Total expenses are $36,476.37, which includes moving $30,000 to the national meeting account. Net income is -$23,132.14.
  + Lucy made the motion to accept. Derrick seconded. Passed unanimously
  + Budget proposal:
    - Total Income - $97,229
    - Total Expenses - $100,614.38
    - Net Income - $-3,385.38
    - Increase in state’s night out from 1,000 to $2,500 was the biggest change.
      * Lucy moved to increase to $3,000. Morgan Seconded. Passed unanimously.
  + Raymond moved to accept the budget as amended. Whitney seconded. Passed unanimously.
* **President Report:** Andrew Sawyer
  + Annual meeting registration will go up this year.
  + Bob has been working on getting everything together and pretty much has it finalized.
* **Vice President:** Justin Hand
  + Has to get the health score for the food booth. The booth spot has been paid for, and hotel rooms have been booked.
  + Will work on getting iPads for food booth.
  + Michasia will order the meat for the food booth.
  + Going to look at Valdosta for the 2026 conference.
* **Past President Report:** Lucy Ray
  + Working on the handbook to pass down.
  + Guy and Lucy have met with the fundraising team for the national meeting.
* **Farmhouse/ACCG:** Jason Mallard
  + Things to think about:
    - Do we want invitations to the county from the ANR agents to ACCG?
      * Lucy: We used to send out invitations from ag agents and not from the CEC.
    - Electing/Appointing board members for only promotion reasons rather than wanting to serve as a leader.
    - Adding more vegetables to the list of things offered at ACCG?
      * Lucy: We should be more visible at ACCG and be a little more in the forefront. In the past, we had our own space. We don’t need to do that necessarily, but we do need to be more visible and set up differently.
      * Andrew: We want to highlight our organization, which we are working so hard for. Do we want to bring this up to admin. to get back to what the farmhouse is and how we position ourselves?
      * Guy: Shirts with our logo and not 4H next year?
    - Andrew: We will revisit at our next meeting.

Minutes submitted by Morgan Grizzle.