**GACAA Board Meeting**

Minutes for March 7, 2025

Members present – Andrew Sawyer, Lucy Ray, Guy Hancock, Jason Mallard, Kevin Livingston, Justin Hand, Derrick Bowen, John Bennett, Morgan Grizzle, Michasia Dowdy, Intiaz Chowdhury, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Luan Oliveria, Bob Kemerait

Guests Present – Mike Martin, Arch Smith

Members Absent – John Bennett, Sierra Cannon, Whitney Ottinger

Andrew Sawyer called the meeting to order at 10:13 am.

Jason gave the invocation.

Mike Martin’s Comments

Thank you, as GACAA Board members for all you do. Encourage new younger agents to be involved. The office is just waiting on Dr. Towes to start. Starting the process and scheduling events like ACCG meetings. The calendar is filling up to get out and meet many groups.

Thank you for all GACAA does to help put on ACCG.

Looking forward to PILD.

Officer Updates

* **Secretary Report**: Morgan Grizzle passed out the minutes to those present and also sent them via email from the February meeting.
  + Lucy moved to accept the minutes as presented. Luan seconded. Accepted unanimously
* **Treasurer Report**: Guy Hancock passed out the balance sheet. 16 month CD at Farm Bauer is $22,478.13 and the 62 month CD will mature Jan. 2028. There is $4,597.70 of interest coming in from the Georgia 4-H Foundation and will show in the next report. Total $67,718.61. This is going be $30,000 less next time we look at financials. This money is still ours but it is what we have moved it for the national meeting.
  + Lucy made the motion to accept. Raymond seconded. Passed unanimously
* **President Report:** Andrew Sawyer
  + Recap of funding for annual meeting. Question about the $200 bill from the expo.
* **President-Elect Report:** Bob Kemerait.
  + We are working on the 2025 Conference. Room rate $174/night. Eryka has been a great help!
* **Vice President:** Justin Hand
  + Been working with Tara to plan the 2026 Conference. Right now, we are looking at Nov. 9-11, 2026
  + Does have the hotel booked for Expo.
* **Past President Report:** Lucy Ray
  + Working on the handbook to pass down.
* **District Reports**
  + NW: Kevin
    - 2 counties with agent positions open.
    - Rockdale and Dade
  + NE: Raymond
    - Monroe has hired but not started
    - 2 opening: Stephens (interviewing), McDuffie County
  + SW: Michasia
    - Still looking for a second agent in Brooks Co.
  + SE: Jason
    - Bulloch Co second agent position is open.
    - Screven Co. Agent position is open.
  + State Staff: Luan
    - Interviewing a lot of different specialist positions.
* Updates:
  + Let Lucy know if there is anything you want her to talk about to specific people in DC before she goes in April.
  + 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.
    - Motion was made and seconded to pay for part ($300) of the pecans if we need to this year.
    - Lucy asked about writing invitations to the commissioners. Getting notecards printed.
  + 4-H National Conference Donation
    - Bob made the motion to give 4-H $1,000 for their national conference.
    - Seconded by Jason
    - Motion was approved.

* + 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. and email the board.

Minutes submitted by Morgan Grizzle.