

KACAA Annual Business Meeting

October 19, 2004, Great Bend Highland Conference Center

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Mark Ploger. Mark asked Secretary Bill Wood to read the minutes of the Spring Workshop meeting. Bill reported the minutes had been e-mailed out and posted on the KACAA website. Glenn Newdigger moved the minutes be accepted as posted on the web. Scott Gordon seconded the motion and it passed.

Mark asked for any communications. Bill read thank you notes for several memorials and the scholarship Joni James received from our Association.

Officer/Director Reports:

Chuck Otte handed out the Professional Improvement Account treasurer's report and explained it. He shared with the new agents how this fund was created from money left after we hosted the NACAA national meeting in 1983. He reported -ike Christian was at another state's ag agent meeting, so he would share in place of Mike. We still need several vice chairs for national ag agent committees and encouraged agents to apply for them. He thanked the Kansas agents for their help in getting him elected to Vice President of NACAA. It will be a lot of work. Chuck asked for help with the KACAA website.

President Elect/Secretary-Treasurer/NE Area Director Bill Wood reported that there were no new agents in the NE Area, but they are losing Ryan Higbie in Johnson County to KLA. He went over the treasurer's report and explain the expense and receipts from 2004, and a projected budget for 2005. The projected budget for 2005 shows a negative balance of \$1030. Bill pointed out that budget did not include the receipts from the reception for Chuck at the Micro Conference. He said we owe a big thank you to the SW Agents for hosting the reception. He is estimating we might clear \$750-\$800 from it. He said we do need to make the Smixer a break even event and may need to charge members to attend it. Bob Frisbie wanted to remind folks that we will be charging an extra \$10 at the Spring Workshop to help out budget. DeWayne Craghead moved the treasurer's report and 2005 budget be approved. Cheri Nelson seconded the motion and it passed.

Vice President and SE Area Director Richard Fechter introduced Cade Rensink, the new Coffey County ag agent. He will pass around a committee list and asked members to sign up for the committees they want to serve on. He also explained the KACAA Life Insurance program that is available for agents and spouses. Keith VanSlike will be handling the Life Insurance notebook for 2005.

NW Area Director Keith VanSlike introduced the new agents in the NW Area. They are Kent McKinnis in Phillips, Melissa Warren in Graham, Rachael Gager in Rooks, Amy Taylor in Trego, David Coltrain in Walnut Creek District, and Jeanne Falk, multi-county agronomy specialist in Wallace, Sherman and Cheyenne.

Director At Large Bob Neier introduced a new member, Dennis Main in Sedgewick County, and said he was going to try to get more horticulture agents to join.

President/SW Area Director Mark Ploger introduced Mike Hanson in Seward and Zack Deeds in Pratt. He also said Andrea Burns, who is going to Ford County, will be the SW Area Director.

Committee Reports:

Member Resources-

National Meeting

Bill Wood reported the 2005 AM/PIC will be in Buffalo, New York July 17-21 and asked how many might be planning to attend. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at our spring workshop.

Policy

Scott Gordon reported the policy committee decided to commit \$500 a year toward a meal to help with the AM/PIC meeting in Michigan in 2007.

Program Recognition-

Extension Programs

Scott Chapman reported they met with 3 members in attendance. He said two applications were sent on to the national judging. Bob Neier received honorable mention at the national level for his application in Landscape Horticulture. Brian Creager's application for Crop Production Management will be posted on the KACAA website soon.

4-H and Youth

Andrea Burns reported the committee meeting of the 4-H and Youth Committee was called to order on Tuesday, October 9, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Gary Gold. There were eight agents in attendance: Gary Gold, Jimmie Mengarelli, Rodney Wallace, Shannon Blender, Greg McClure, Delta George, Glenn Newdigger and Andrea Burns.

The first item of business was to address a letter that was written to the Kansas Junior Livestock Swine Co-Superintendents regarding the swine weight limit and weigh back at this year's show. The letter was concerned that the other two species, beef and sheep, did not have upper weight limits or weigh back rules. It was stated that the upper weight limit for swine at the 2004 Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock show was 275 pounds. It was also brought to the group's attention that the upper weight limit for sheep was done away with in 2003.

Jimmie informed the group that there were only 10 head at the KJLS this year that did not pass weigh back and they were not in the over weight classes.

The committee members were shown a letter of response that was sent to address the issues. The committee decided to take this matter to the members of the KACAA during the general business meeting to get a feel of the members of the Association's take on this issue so that their consensus could be expressed to the Board of Directors for the KJLS.

The next item brought before the committee was the concern of the lack of ribbons handed out at the State Fair. It was brought to the group's attention that they ran out of ribbons and didn't hand out any at the sheep show. Andrea will check on the ribbons given out at each species show and will report back to the group at the Spring meeting in May.

The meat goat project and a lack of a state show was discussed. The committee wanted to poll the members of the entire association about their interest in supporting a market meat goat show. Plaque sponsorships for the swine show at the KJLS were also discussed and it was mentioned that we wanted to encourage breed associations to sponsor these plaques.

The search for a new State 4-H Leader was mentioned. The committee wants to encourage the Association membership to participate in the interview/selection process as this is a very important position that is being filled and they need to find the right person.

Professional Excellence

Keith VanSkiike reported our DSA winners were Dean Whitehill and Rick Miller, and the AA winners were John Schrock and Matt Pfeifer. Keith reminded members to fill out the applications for the DSA and AA awards, which are on the KACAA website. He will notify the members when the applications are due, usually around December 1.

Communication

Todd Whitney, Communications Committee member, reported that the Communications Committee is seeking more members. Ryan Higbie, Johnson County Ag. Agent, has accepted a position with the Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) and will no longer chair the Communications Committee. Therefore, Mark Schuler, Linn County Ag. Agent, has agreed to be the new KACAA State Communications Chair for 2004-05. Reminder: Applications for State Communications Awards are due to Mark Schuler by March 15th.

Scholarship

John Stannard reported five members met for their committee meeting. Matt Pfeifer and Joni James have applied for scholarships from NACAA. The committee plans to hold another raffle at the Spring Workshop. Members need to donate at least \$40 to the scholarship fund in order to be eligible to apply for a national scholarship.

Public Relations

Smixer

Matt Pfeifer reported he is going on sabbatical, so Gary Tordrup will be committee chair.

PRIDE/Ask the Administrator/Friend of County Agents Awards

Cheri Nelson reported the following Friend of County Agent awards will be given out next year at the Smixer: Inside Extension- Ward Upham, Outside Extension- Gary Cotrill of Community National Bank, and Group- Gard-n-wise. They also would like to honor Ray Lamond as a Friend of County Agent, and plan to invite his family to the January agronomy training for ag agents.

Career Development

Life Members no report

Administrative Skills no report

Early Career Development no report

Teaching Skills

Phil Sell reported DeWayne Caghead, Amy Jordan, Jacob Weber met for their committee meeting. Discussion was held concerning the Educational Technology Survey that was recently sent to the KACAA membership list. Surveys are still available for those who didn't fill one out yet. Send them to Todd Whitney. Committee members will meet to tabulate the results, which will be shared with IET, administrators, KACAA membership, and the other associations in case they want to collect similar information from their members. Since the survey is only a "snapshot in time," they plan to run the survey again in three years or so. They plan to follow up with IET to make sure they act on the results of the survey. IET has shown positive feedback on the idea of the survey.

Time was spent discussing frustrations with PDIS and the committee anticipates there will be considerable survey feedback on PDIS.

A suggestion was made to encourage IET to provide information on new technology as it arises, (example- LINUX), perhaps through an e-mail newsletter.

Talked about the presentation sharing site the horticulture agents are working on. There are about 80 presentations already posted on the site. Currently the site is only accessible by horticulture agents, because they are trying to work out any "bugs" in the system. The intention is to have it available by request to ag agents in the future.

Professional Improvement Teams

Agronomy

Gary Gold said they will be working on putting together professional improvement tours for the Spring Workshop

Ag Economics and Community Development

Carl Garten reported meeting with Dale Ladd, Daryl Buchholz, Matt Pfeifer, and Michael Vogt. The committee expressed concern about the \$300 charge the Ag Econ Department is charging for agents to host the Ag Profitability Conferences. Counties who have hosted them are willing to share what they have done to come up with the money (sponsors and charging enough).

There is concern about the Ag Law position vacated by Roger McEowen. Is that position in the "pool," and is KSU going to hire someone to do the Tax training?

A question was asked about what KSU is going to do with ag tourism and rural development.

It was pointed out that the Bluestem Pasture Report is "dead." Sarah Fogelman and Brad Luben are working on a leasing survey for eastern Kansas.

Carl reminded everyone of the Ag Tourism Conference in Great Bend November 3-4.

Animal Sciences, Dairy and Livestock

Leanne Coxbill met with Ben Allen, Ron Seyfert, and John Stannard. A discussion was held on topics that are of current interest. Some of the topics they felt were important in programming for this year were:

1. Electronic ID systems for animal identification.
2. Johnes Disease eradication push from the state.

3. Goat information- Sandy Johnson put out an e-mail with web resources that Leanne will forward to all agents.
4. Foreign Animal Disease Plans- 20 counties have filed their plans with the state. 85 more need to get this completed. The plans need to contain- burial site pre-selection, county preparedness, and updated emergency plans.

Forestry and Natural Resources/Horticulture and Turfgrass

Larry Crouse reported the State 4-H Horticulture judging contest will be in August on the KSU campus in conjunction with the State 4-H Livestock judging contest.

Unfinished/Old Business

President Mark said we had discussed the need for visors for the female agents at the Spring Workshop, and asked for comments from the ladies. A general consensus was that hats are okay, and we don't need visors. Hats are \$10, and we have both the purple and khaki colors.

New Business

Chuck Otte handled the installation of new members. He read the county agent code of ethics and then presented the framed ethics and a hat to each new member. New members included: Dennis Main from Sedgwick, Cade Rensink from Coffee, Rachel Gager from Rooks, David Coltrain from Walnut Creek, Zack Deeds from Pratt, Mike Hanson from Seward, Melissa Warren from Graham, and Ty Faulkender from Cheyenne, and Jeanne Falk, multi-county agronomy specialist in Wallace, Sherman and Cheyenne.

Scott Gordon moved and Todd Whitney seconded the motion to support the Michigan AM/PIC meeting in 2007 with up to \$2000. The money will come out of our Professional Improvement account. The motion carried.

President Mark reported Bill Wood will move up to President and Richard Fechter will move to Secretary/Treasurer. He asked for nominations for Vice President. Bob Frisbie nominated Andrea Burns. John Stannard nominated Keith VanSkike. Bob Neier moved the nominations cease, and it was seconded and passed. A vote was taken, but then Chuck Otte arose to a point of order and pointed out that we had voted Keith VanSkike to the Vice President position at the Spring Workshop. Keith will serve as Vice President.

President Mark reported that the ag agents need to nominate a director to KEAA. Glenn Newdigger moved, and it was seconded, that Mark Ploger be nominated. Gary Gold moved the nominations cease. The motion was seconded and Mark was elected the KEAA director.

The Bluestem Pasture Report survey was on the agenda, but Dale Ladd said it had been discussed in Carl Garten's committee report and was being taken care of.

Dean Whitehill gave an invitation to everyone to come to the Spring Workshop on May 4-6 in Garden City in the Southwest Area.

Jim Mengarelli reported the 4-H Centennial kick-off will be at the 2005 Kansas State Fair.

Director and Dean Fred Cholick and Associate Director Daryl Buchholz shared a few words with the members present. President Mark presented a cap to each of them.

President Mark thanked the members for the opportunity to serve as president and passed the gavel to Bill Wood. Bill presented Mark an appreciation plaque on behalf of all the members.

Being no further business, Bill declared the meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Secretary/Treasurer

Bill Wood

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