

TESA Board Meeting – July 16, 2014, 1:00 p.m.

Attending: Bonaiti, Burton, Cavanagh, Coker, Cotton, Dozier, Granovsky, Green, Hurley, Jones, Klose, Mitchell-Linger, Payne, Smith, Warrick, White, Williams, Yates, Young

Young called the meeting to order. Everyone introduced themselves to the group. Young appointed Warrick parliamentarian.

Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. Dozier moved that the minutes be approved. Cavanagh seconded. Motion passed.

Young asked for any changes to the agenda. Cavanagh corrected the spelling of her name. Mitchell-Linger pointed out some changes to the agenda—the location of the July 16 dinner at 6:00, meeting place and time on July 17 for boat tour. Klose shared with the group that several people who had registered for the meeting were not able to attend because of their own illness or the illness or death of a family member. Cavanagh volunteered to purchase cards for these members to be signed by the group during the annual meeting.

Mitchell-Linger reminded everyone to give his or her valet parking tickets to the front desk.

Correspondence Report. Buddy Faries sent an e-mail announcing his retirement on Aug. 31, 2014. Cavanagh suggested that he be presented his lifetime membership certificate at his retirement party.

Financial Report. Klose presented the treasurer's report (attached). There is a total of \$21,832.92 in the bank. There has not been a lot of activity yet for 2014. We had more people than usual attending the spring board meeting, so the expenses were greater. We also sent someone to the PILD meeting this year. If we have another big board meeting in December, we may go over budget. There was \$447.68 in travel and registration expenses for Byrns to represent TESA on the 4-H Foundation Board. Cavanagh moved that since there was no social at the Ag. Conference, move \$350 to the board meeting expense category. Dozier seconded. Motion passed. Smith's fundraising money for the annual meeting has not been deposited yet, but he has raised \$13,150.00 for this annual meeting. Hurley moved that the financial report be accepted. Mitchell-Linger seconded. All in favor.

Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation Report. Dozier said that Sarah Hamm has been the executive director since January. 4-H Roundup this year was the largest ever.

Standing Committee Reports.

Nominating – Young reported the following election results:

Diann Mitchell-Linger – President

DeDe Jones – President-Elect

Mac Young – Past President

Helen White – Secretary
Emmy Williams – Historian
Steven Klose – Treasurer

Audit – Cavanagh reported that on April 23, 2014, she and Burton conducted the audit for July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 (because of the change in the membership year). They found that the TESA records are in good order. (Report attached.) There was one question regarding the tip for the dinner at the annual meeting in Port Aransas. It was duly corrected with notation. Hurley moved that the audit report be approved as presented. Dozier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Scholarship – Payne reported that there were four applicants this year. The recipient is Thomas Dozier. He is going to major in ag business and military science.

Retirees – Warrick reported four additions to lifetime membership: Jan Kyle (first time honorary lifetime membership has been awarded), Roy Parker, Beverly Spears, and Elaine Ward. He also reported that James Supak died in November 2013 and Dale Pennington died on July 9, 2014. There are 126 lifetime members.

Industry Liaison – Smith said that about \$13,000 dollars has been raised for the 2014 annual meeting. He will send an email list of the donors so members can send thank you notes. Young encouraged everyone to do this. Granovsky suggested noting the number of years the donors have sponsored this meeting. Smith said that Denise Fries is a new sponsor this year as well as Cody Jones of Channel Seed. Cavanagh suggested contacting ORP reps as potential donors.

Promotion Task Force – Granovsky reported that not much has happened since the spring board meeting. Had a discussion with administration but has not received anything. Hopefully the administrative representatives that will be here tomorrow (Deatherage and Miller) will hear the panel discussion on this topic. We need to collectively look for ways to give input to the process. Young asked everyone to email their concerns to Granovsky. Because of his retirement, Faries will be leaving the committee and Young will take his place.

Collaboration Task Force – The results of a survey created by Bowen, Jeffries, and Mitchell-Linger influenced the topics and speakers chosen for this annual meeting. Bowen is creating a spreadsheet of information about specialists. Young pointed out that the Promotion Task Force and mentoring are two priorities that came out of the survey.

Website – Jones said that a professional development component has been added to the website. Under the awards category, there is some information missing. Mitchell-Linger said she would check it. Hurley asked about board member log on. Jones said that just gives access to the editing mode.

Payne complimented Foster on the online flyer for the 2014 annual meeting.

Unfinished Business

2015 Annual Meeting – Mitchell-Linger reported that a contract has been signed with the T Bar M Ranch. The meeting is July 20-22.

Chapter Directors – Cavanagh will facilitate a chapter director training session at this annual meeting. Young said that there are still several chapter director vacancies.

Young relayed comments that the annual meeting dates often conflict with other meetings. It sometimes depends on hotel availability.

Professional Development – Young reported that Rebekkah Dudensing was awarded the grant. Klose said we might be able to reimburse her for expenses instead of setting up a contract.

Additional Items – Cavanagh said the “green sheet” used to be a way to identify new employees for membership. She asked that chapter directors alert the membership chair of new hires. Granovsky suggested a discount on annual meeting registration for new members. Klose suggested having an all-specialists group email distribution. Mitchell-Linger will ask Segers about this.

Administrative Guidelines – Young asked Klose to send the latest version out to board members.

Dozier announced that the retirement party for Faries would be August 15 from 2:00 to 4:00 at the Hildebrand Equine Complex on the A&M campus in College Station.

New Business

2014 Annual Business Meeting Agenda – Young asked for any additions or changes. There were none.

Additional Items –

Registration discount or registration fee – Jones suggested a 50 percent discount. Hurley seconded. Klose asked if the registration fee is that much of a hindrance. Cavanagh said new hires don’t always have access to “2” money. Dozier suggested that the motion be amended to waive the whole registration fee. Klose moved that the whole registration fee be waived for new members attending the annual meeting for the first time. Cavanagh seconded. All in favor.

Mitchell-Linger reminded the group about the location of the Memorial Dinner at 6:00, the meeting time for the boat tour in the morning, and the location and time of the Past Presidents’ Breakfast in the morning.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.