LCAAA FALL BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2012 - 10:00 A.M.
DEAN LEE RESEARCH STATION
DEWITT LIVESTOCK FACILITY

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Stuart Gauthier. Stuart called on Kurt to present the minutes from the summer board meeting and Kurt stated that they had been sent to everyone. It was moved by Brian, seconded by R. L. Frazier, that we accept the minutes as presented and the motion passed.

Stuart then called on Kurt for the Treasurer's Report. Kurt reviewed the convention balance sheet and also the large CD that we had in deposit. He stated that he would attempt to make quarterly statements available to the membership as opposed to the whole year and that he was busy dealing with any discrepancies and updating the balance sheet for the financial statement for the association. It was moved by Richard, seconded by Blair, that we accept the Treasurer's Report and the motion passed.

Under membership, Kurt stated that there was some problems with timely membership submissions to the National Association. He stated that he had a record of four people paying state and national dues, but they were not paid to the National Association. He suggested that we hold that money over and apply it to 2013 dues. Rusty moved that we move the money forward and allow the four to be eligible for all awards. It was seconded by Brian and the motion passed. Kurt stated that we currently had 23 paid members for the upcoming membership drive and he also questioned whether we wanted to continue paying dues for retirees to become life members. After some discussion it was suggested that any retired agent that wanted to become a life member should give notification of official retirement before January 1 to qualify for the Association's paying their lifetime membership dues.

Members present were as follows: Stuart Gauthier, Andrew Granger, Donna Morgan, Ed Twidwell, Kurt Guidry, Brian Chandler, R. L. Frazier, Richard Letlow, Blair Hebert, Rusty Batty, Keith Collins, Terry Erwin, Dr. Boyd Padgett, Keith Normand, Stan Dutile, Ron Strahan, Terrance Marshall and Barrett Courville.

He also stated that there were several questions from the IRS because our tax ID did not match with all the different account titles. He stated that because we have several accounts some of the account titles differ and the IRS couldn't make sense of that with one tax ID. It was also brought up that incorporation of the Association had not been kept up with so it was moved by Rusty, seconded by R. L., that Kurt investigate IRS issues and the method that we should follow to become incorporated again with the Secretary of State and the motion passed.

Kurt also addressed the issue of the LCAAA website. He stated that much of it was out of date and that Patricia Arledge would be helping to update old postings.

Stuart then stated that because Nan Huff had resigned we needed to replace her and that Keith Collins had been nominated by Terry Erwin to replace her. It requires board approval. It was moved by Terry, seconded by R. L. that Keith Collins replace Nan Huff on the board, and the motion passed.

Stuart then introduced Deborah Cross, President of LEAFCS. She stated due to dwindling numbers of Association members and the need for significant assistance in setting up the Police Jury Association Convention booth, she is requesting the County Agent’s Association become more involved. She thanked the Association for our continued financial support, but she suggested that we have co-chairmen for each event with one co-chairman from the LEAFCS and the other from the LCAAA. It was moved by Brian to table until the next board meeting and to seek general membership approval, seconded by Blair, and the motion passed.

Stuart then passed around proposed Committee Chairs and memberships for 2012-2013 LCAAA and asked for changes or additions. Because of Dr. Boyd Padgett’s administrative assignments he asked if we could find a young agent to replace him as chairman of the Memorial Committee and he thought it would be a good thing. After considerable discussion, Kurt Guidry volunteered to do so.

Also, Keith Normand volunteered to become chairman of the Retiree Life Members Committee to replace Brian Chandler as chair and Stan Dutile will be Animal Science Chair in place of R. L. Frazier.

Stuart then called on any committee reports. Ron Strahan, Chairman of the Awards Committee, presented a report which included the procedures for selecting Distinguished Service and Achievement Award winners. He stated that there was only going to be one of each for this year due to declining membership. He also stated that there were considerable issues with members agreeing to participate in the Awards Program. He felt that this was due to the high cost of conventions that we required award winners to attend. After considerable discussion and consideration of alternative funding sources, it was moved by Andrew, seconded by R. L., that we increase the current budget from $800.00 to $1,000.00 and split the money evenly between our DSA and AA winners.

Stuart then opened discussion of participation in PILD and JCEP National meetings coming up in 2013. He stated that Terrance would be attending PILD as a President-Elect and he would receive $600.00 from Dr. Coreil for his participation and that the Association would pay his remaining expenses. Stuart also stated that Terrance would not be able to attend the JCEP meeting in Memphis and that he attended for the past two years so he didn’t feel like he should be the one to attend again. After some discussion about $300.00 that would be funded by Dr. Coreil and the remaining being funded by the Association, Richard did agree to attend the JCEP meeting in Memphis on February 12-14.

Stuart then reviewed the National Convention schedules for the next several years including Pittsburgh in 2013; Mobile in 2014; Sioux Falls, South Dakota in 2015 and Little Rock, Arkansas in 2016. He stated that the conference in South Carolina was well attended with about 25 attendees from Louisiana.

Stuart then reviewed his suggestions for our state convention for 2013. He stated that he was planning to have it in Abbeville and reviewed some of the accommodations in Abbeville. The group seemed to agree that it would be acceptable so he stated that there would be a planning meeting November 13th at 8:30 a.m. at the Vermilion Parish Tourist Commission Office.

Rusty stated that we needed to make sure we remind all potential members, all Extension employees that we were having a membership drive and invite them to join our association.

Stuart stated that there would be an Annual Conference this year and we would have both a board meeting and a general membership meeting, which is scheduled for Monday, December 17th. The board meeting would begin at 9:00 and the general membership meeting would begin at 10:00.

Stuart asked if there was any other business. Andrew moved that we adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Blair, and the motion passed.