

# SCACAA Board Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2024, 12:00 PM,

Sumter Extension

County Office

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Justin Ballew, Will Culler, Rob Last, Janet Steele, Meghan Barkley, Stephanie Turner, TJ Savereno, Ryan Bean, Jaime Pohlman, Eric Eliassen, Bryan Smith, Terasa Lott, Jeff Fellers, Susan Lunt, Charley Maxwell, Chris Talley, Mallory Maher, Katie Collins, Chris LeMaster

SCACAA Board Meeting – Sumter Extension Office, 123 East Libert Street, Sumter, SC 29150

- **Call to Order** – Terasa Lott, meeting called to order at 12:53 pm
- **Secretary's Report** – Charly Greenthaler
  - Motion to approve minutes from the May board meeting was made by Justin Ballew, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Will Culler, motion approved.
- **Treasure's Report** – Stephanie Turner
  - Checking: 27,562.11
  - Edward Jones: 14,197.49
  - Foundation: 21,379.99 currently under Millie's name, Stephanie put in request to update. Current balance – 21,399.79
  - All awards checks have been cashed
  - AM/PIC spending/sponsors: came out ahead \$5,617
  - **Discussion on award winners reimbursement from NACAA** –
    - Currently get \$900, but we have no way to ensure they're only reimbursing \$900, just given account # for reimbursement (need approval, or better access to reports)
    - Mallory – brought up the idea to request funding from Extension for sending agents to present at national conference
    - **Motion to request funds to offset cost of travel for award winners was made by Ryan Bean, Charley Maxwell 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, Motion approved.**
    - **Stephanie and Justin will draft letter.**
- **Committee Reports**
  - **Leadership & Admin Skills**, Meghan Barkley – no report
  - **Ag Issues**, Charley Maxwell –
    - Waiting to see what will happen with Farm Bill, expires Sept 30th
    - National committee webinar planning-dealing with difficult conversations

- **Early Career Development**, Mallory Maher –
  - New agent onboarding coming from Clemson Online
  - Board members: Mallory Alana, Derrick, George, Brian Callahan, Tiffany Smathers
  - All agents will have access to online modules
  - Do we want to continue webinars? Attendance has been low. Will discuss later.
- **Teaching & Educational Technologies**, Jaime Pohlman – no report
- **Agricultural Economics & Community Dev**, Will Culler –
  - No new hires
  - Agribusiness team is going to Michigan
- **Agromony & Pest Management**, William Hardee –
  - Kershaw position is currently open
  - Reporting damage from Tropical Storm Debbie. Insurance payments going to growers in several SC counties.
  - Pesticide license ends this year, need to get recert credits. Some data entry delays with DPR; pesticide coordinators can call Tammy to make sure classes/attendees have been uploaded.
  - Pee Dee REC field day coming up
- **Animal Science**, Amber Starnes – no report
- **Horticulture & Turfgrass**, Justin Ballew – wants to step down from this position, a replacement will be decided by the executive board
- **Natural Resources & Aquaculture**, TJ Savereno –
  - Kershaw position has been filled and is starting Oct 1, Amanda Taylor is leaving her position
- **Sustainable Agriculture**, Vacant – Chris LeMaster will serve as new committee chair
- **4-H & Youth**, Eric Eliassen –
  - **Agent Updates** - New agents in Aiken & Darlington; Interviews have been conducted in Greenwood, Williamsburg and upcoming in Kershaw/Lee; Vacancy in Pickens.
  - **4-H stats & Statewide Programs:** 79,260 youth affected in 2023; 87,456 youth affected in 2024. WHEP teams went to nationals in Texas, SC FFA took 1<sup>st</sup> place in national championship. SC hosting national WHEP contest in 2026.
- **Communications**, Sarah Scott – no report
- **Professional Excellence**, Rob Last – no report
- **Public Relations**, Charly Greenthaler – No report
- **Recognition & Awards**, Jeff Fellers – We can send 3 AA/3 DSA to NACAA this year!
- **Scholarship**, Katie Collins – no report
- **Search for Excellence**, Justin Ballew – no report
- **AM/PIC**, Chris Talley – Will discuss during new business
- **Policy & Resolutions**, Ryan Bean – no report

- **Life Member**, Bryan Smith – Currently have 53 life members
  - **Nominating**, Ryan Bean – no report
  - **State Meeting Fundraising**, Justin Ballew – Will get list of last year's sponsors from Chris Talley
  
- **Old Business:**
  - **Budget Update** – Stephanie -Yearly budget? Last year we increased membership dues and meeting fees. This year we need to be prepared for increased costs for the National conference, since we will be sending more agents due to membership size.
  - **Non Profit Status Discussion** –
    - Currently no progress has been made. Next step will be to approach Beth Crocker.
    - Will Culler brought up his experience with non profit for Ag & Art Tour and the route they took(recommend outside council, cost is a few thousand dollars) Beth can coordinate hiring attorney.
    - We may have had non profit status at one time but we have no record.
    - Janet took files to Charly, including financial files from 2012 (may have relevant information).
    - Bryan Smith – some concerns have been raised about amount of \$ being spent to send agents to national meeting, need to be mindful of not overspending.
  
- **New Business:**
  - **Review of 2024 AM/PIC – 36 responses to survey**
    - **Discussion about awards banquet printed pamphlet, length of ceremony, communication – to be discussed further**
  - **Membership Drive –**
    - Last year we did the following - free for first timers, \$100 for returning members, \$25 late fee - do we want to continue this? Change anything? **It was decided that no action needed (keep the same).**
    - Last year we opened the membership drive on September 18th, late fee added on November 17th and closed on December 15th - **if everyone thinks this worked well, I propose to open the membership drive on September 16th, add late fee on November 15th, and close drive on December 13th.**
      - **Last date to register without late fees-November 22 (Friday before Thanksgiving). No registrations after Dec 15. Open registration as soon as it can be set up.**
    - **SC State can't use generated funds for NACAA membership dues – previous discussion**
  - **2025 AM/PIC**
    - In Clemson May 14-16, hotel not yet chosen
    - Tours will likely be in/near Clemson include athletics, research farms
    - Charley Maxwell brought up how the Watt Family Innovation Center is free

- to use, would have to stay at separate hotel
  - Venue will be chosen by November meeting
  - **Share any requested topics/speakers ideas with Chris Talley**
- **PILD & JCEP**
  - Terasa to go to JCEP in Savanna
  - Chris Talley to go to PILD
- **Sustainable Ag Committee Chair**
  - Discrepancy in committee chair appointment. Constitution: committee chairs are appointed by executive committee, Bylaw: appointed by president elect and approved by executive committee, policy manual: appointed by president
    - **Motion to amend policy manual to match constitution and bylaws (committee chairs are appointed by president elect, approval of executive committee)**
      - Motion made by Charley Maxwell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jaime Pohlman, all in favor, motion approved.
    - **Motion made to install Chris LeMaster as Sustainable Ag committee chair was made by Stephanie Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Lunt, all in favor, motion passed.**
- **Next meeting – November 14th**
  - **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn was made by Jaime Pohlman, seconded by Susan Lunt.