SCACAA Board Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2025, 10:00 AM
Lexington Extension Office
605 West Main St.
Lexington, SC 29072

Charly Greenthaler, Chris Talley, Terasa Lott, Glen Payne, Bryan Smith, Stephanie Turner, Nicole Correa, Jonathan Croft, Kyle Smith, Eric Eliassen, Rob Last, Susan Lunt, Anaston Porter, Charley Maxwell, Katie Collins, Meghan Barkley, David DeWitt, Ryan Bean, Justin Ballew, Brad Fowler

SCACAA Board Meeting – Lexington County Extension Office

- **Call to Order** – Chris Talley, meeting called to order at 10:29 am

- **Secretary's Report** – Charly Greenthaler
  - **Motion to approve minutes from the May board meeting was made by Ryan Bean, 2nd by Justin Ballew, all in favor, motion passed.**

- **Treasurer's Report** – Stephanie Turner
  - Checking : $27,073.18
  - Foundation: $8,359.90
  - Investment: $14,759.41
  - Budget – Last year's budget was tight largely because we couldn't hold a full three-day meeting and because of travel to nationals. We will need to find some other revenue if we want to continue functioning at this level or will need to change something (travel, membership dues, fundraising, etc.)
    - Typical annual costs are usually around $40,000
    - Edward Jones account only makes about $500 a year, so this may be something we need to look at and consider other options

- **Committee Reports**
  - **4-H & Youth,** Eric Eliassen **–**Position in Bamberg/Barnwell/Allendale is now closed; Charleston/Berkley is open; Chester office is empty; Sumter has offer in progress; Dorchester County just hired new agent
  - **Agricultural Economics & Community Dev,** Charley Maxwell – 7 state series coming up for Surviving Hire Prices for Extension staff, will be livestock focused topics
  - **Ag Issues & Public Relations**, David DeWitt – Cotton council will have One Big Beautiful Bill explanation in Florence at ArborOne on upcoming Tuesday; Outstanding Young Farmers deadline is Sept 1st.
  - **Agronomy & Pest Management**, Kyle Smith – New hire for

Lancaster/Chesterfield Counties; New cotton leafhopper pest whose preferred host is okra– still trying to learn about it and how severe it will be

- **Animal Science**, Amber Starnes – No report, Newberry livestock position has been extended; Army worm trainings were offered last month, and they are moving now (Bryan Smith)
- **AM/PIC**, Justin Ballew – Discussed in new business
- **Communications**, Brad Fowler – No report
- **Early Career Development**, Ryan Bean – Planning to send out info for new members on awards (how to apply, what they mean, etc)., also wants to get SCACAA information into the agent mentoring program
- **Horticulture & Turfgrass**, Glen Payne – York/Lancaster position is filled; New Union agent just started; Charleston has agent starting the beginning of October; Sumter is open
- **Leadership & Admin Skills**, Meghan Barkley – No report
- **Life Member**, Bryan Smith – We currently have 54 members, contact information is up to date for most and they have been sent updates on the association
- **Nominating**, Terasa Lott – New questions have been added to the membership form to gauge who would like to be involved with leadership
- **Policy & Resolutions**, Terasa Lott – Wants to revisit on how committee chairs are elected, travel reimbursement, how to get SC State involved
- **Research & Education Posters**, Rob Last – March 15th deadline, he will look over entries if submitted early
- **Recognition & Awards**, Jonathan Croft – Has been in communication with Jeff (past committee chair) and plans to stick to the timeline that he has used in the past; Will send out request for updated years of service soon; We currently have 130 members qualified for AA and DSA
- **Scholarship**, Katie Collins – Nationals offers scholarships twice a year, deadlines are June 1st and December 1st; This is a good way to go to PD without paying for it out of your pocket; More information on the process will be sent out to membership
- **Search for Excellence**, Mallory Maher – No report
- **State Meeting Fundraising**, Mallory Maher – No report
- **Sustainable Agriculture & Natural Resources**, Chris LeMaster – The Climate-Smart Grown in SC will be reinstated soon. There will be new guidelines for payments and the opportunity to enroll more acres.
    - **Upcoming Events –** Nationally recognized soil health expert Ray Archuletta will be the keynote at the SC Forage and Grazing Lands Coalition Annual meeting on 9/9 at the State Farmers Market (Phillips Center), Free to Extension Staff; Carolina Farm Stewardship Association will hold their annual 700+ attendee Sustainable Agriculture Conference in Columbia, SC on Nov. 14-16 this year
- **Teaching & Educational Technologies**, Anaston Porter – No report

- **Old Business:**

  - **2025 NACAA Meeting AM/PIC Update**
    - Had over 20 from SC attend, several award winners!
  - **Travel Reimbursement for NACAA**
    - The biggest hit on our budget last year
    - In the past, award winners were paid $900 for travel ($7,200 total this year)
    - Discussion on ways to reduce cost - reducing amount reimbursed to $600 or instead cover registration fees
    - **Bryan Smith made motion to set reimbursement amount to $600 for award winners to attend the national meeting, 2nd by Justin Ballew, all in favor, motion passed.**
    - **We will revisit amount for voting delegates later, executive board will meet to hash this out and add this to policy.**

- **New Business:**

  - **2026 SCACAA/4H AM/PIC –** The 2026 SCACAA AM/PIC will be held in the Lexington area and is tentatively planned for May 13th – 15th
    - Further plans will be ironed out with Lexington Agents, Rob & Charly; Will need direction from Dr. Dobbins soon to see if we should proceed with the normal 3-day meeting or plan for a one-day event
    - **Need to revisit MOU to clarify 4-H's involvement in annual meeting;** Freddricka is current president, and Kristin Kunde is upcoming
    - Sponsor list and contacts need to be updated
    - PEBA guy is still available to give presentation at annual meeting or other PD event

  - **Membership Drive –**
    - Discussion on membership dues – should we keep dues the same ($100), increase rates, or tiered rates?
      - **Justin moved to do three levels (early bird, regular, and late rates) at $100, $125, and $150, 2nd by Stephanie, all in favor, motion passed.**

  - **Foundation Funds/Contributions**
    - We currently have ~25 giving to foundation, this brings in about $4,000/year
    - You can give 1 time or reoccurring, information on how to give is now updated on our website and will be sent out with membership drive email
    - Foundation contact is willing to speak to us at our next board meeting
    - This account is where we pay travel for award winners/delegates

- **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Justin, 2nd by Chris, meeting adjourned at 12;10 pm