

NYSACAA Board Meeting Minutes September 19, 2005
Via – Poly Com video conference

Present: Albany County – Deming, Delaware – Westenbroek & Cerosaletti, Hadcock, Gallagher, Wickswat, Cattargugus – Kempisty, Herendeen (by phone briefly), NYC – Amerosa, Onondaga – VanLoo, Baase, Harrison.

Meeting called to order at 10:03 a.m. by President Deming.

Treasurers report – Westenbroek (see attached)

- ***Moved by Hadcock / seconded by Wickswat to approve payment of submitted to Treasurer Westenbroek:
\$175 for Empire Farm Days poster to Karen Baase
Postage for membership renewal
Motion carried.***

- Trish indicated that she will not be able to continue in role as treasurer for upcoming year.
- Anita noted that this position will need to be considered by the nominating committee for a nominee.
- A question came up that if a person was a member of the ANRAP how much they need to pay to be a member of NYSACAA
 - Pay \$15.00 to be Associate member
 - Only can apply for state office and state awards but not national.
- Dave Weaver indicated that there may be ex-busters that are not getting life membership. It is up to individual states to decide if former agents who have left service but did not retire are eligible for life membership.
- NYSACAA has established policy on this (ask Steve Hadcock).
- Trish and Karen Baase to send Anita the ex-buster membership list.
- Westenbroek, Baase, Deming, and Dave Weaver to meet at Annual Meeting to get.

AM/PIC report – Herendeen

- Has had very favorable comments
- Michigan Ag Agents are doing the AM/PIC evaluation
- Noted that one glitch was that not all tour buses were full as indicated by pre-registration.
- One lady fell and got hurt and had to stay in Eric County Hospital for a while; seems to be resolved.
- Spouses and sons and daughters program went well and was well received.
- Recognized Steve Hadcock for his excellent job as treasurer.
- Will have a written summary of the AM/PIC for the NYSACAA annual meeting.

NYS (Anita Deming) noted she got a memo from National that we received a \$20 credit from National Scholarship Committee for donation of jelly sold at the silent auction.

Baase to follow up on NACAA pocket knives for raffle the NYSACAA did.

National AM/PIC Report – Hadcock

- National Board very pleased with AM/PIC
- National Board felt there were very few glitches
- Host committee is now ready to meet with National for the settlement of expenses.
- The host committee will need to pay back National approximately \$5,000.
- The goal is to have about \$30,000 left to pass on to the next northeast host state.
- Kempisty asked if a northeast AM/PIC host committee gift has been prepared for Nate; to everyone's knowledge this has not been done – Kempisty agreed to organize getting a gift for Nate to be present at the Annual meeting.

State Committee Chairs Report: Wickswat (see attached)

1. Agronomy & Pest Management – Nate Herendeen
2. Administrative Skills & Development – Joel Allen
3. Life members – Andy Dufrane

Farm Viability Program –

- 2 Northern NY Ag positions livestock proposals were
- 1 Central NY FBM position (Zaid Kurdeich) proposal submitted
- John Thurgood & NYC Watershed put in an on farm dairy covered barnyard
- Cathy Wickswat reported on NYS DFBS; the NYS DFBS program proposal was returned because it did not make the deadline. They resubmitted the proposal under the research grant section of the Farm Viability.
- Herendeen noted this was similar to what happened with the soil test lab.
- Eastern NY put in grant for wide swathing research
- St
- Apple Specialist position went in, but few counties than originally thought; 15 counties.
- NYC did not submit a grant.

Empire Farm Days Report – Baase

- NYSACAA had a booth & was manned all 3 days
- Madison County staff assembled the display; looked very good.
- Had a lot of handouts; most all were used.
- NYSACAA staff who helped at the CCE display.
- Will have a display at NYSACAA Annual Meeting.

Clinton NYS Product Reception – Baase

- Has not heard anything from Monika Roth.

- 2 ag agents from Northern NY go to represent the “Come Farm With Us” program.

District Reports

Capital – Hadcock

- Met in May
- Will be meeting soon

Central – no report

Northern – VanLoo

- Completed interviews for Executive Director
- Doing distance learning program; building small farm dream.
- Problems some invasive species; tent caterpillars, 6-10 new dairy farm going up, have been advertising in Netherlands and Ontario, 60-65 farms have been bought as a result of campaign.

Southeast – Ameroso

- No regional meetings.
- Active member attended AM/PIC

Western – Kempisty

- Thanked all who helped with AM/PIC
- New specialist in the Lockport office taking the place of Alan Erb. vegetable specialist
- Looking to Jan-Feb regional meeting
- A. Deming to check with Glenn Applebee to research reimbursement from CCE directors office for members attending.
- Wickswat to send Deming a list of 1st timers who attended AM/PIC and paid the registration.

Annual Meeting – Deming

- Spaghetti dinner
 - To be on Wednesday, November 2 handled by the Ramada
- Deming suggested rounding the cost up to the nearest \$5.00 after getting a cost for the dinner from the Ramada.
- Wickswat moved that proceeds from spaghetti dinner and silent auction, and 50/50 raffle to benefit NACAA Disaster Fund NYASULGC
 - Seconded Westenbroek. Motion carried.
- Silent Auction Chairs – Wickswat and Kempisty
- 50/50 raffle chairs – Cerosaletti and Westenbroek
- Dinner chair – Deming
- Awards:
 - In house – Charlie Mazza

- Out house – Nathan Rudgers
 - Publications: Chair Monika Roth; nominations solicited via email and decided via committee
 - Early Bird – Chair Westenbroek
 - Nate Award – Chair Kempisty
- Annual meeting to held Tuesday, November 1 from 3-5 pm.
 - Nominating Committee – Cerosaletti, Westenbroek, Hadcock, Wickswat

New Business

Budget - Westenbroek

- Suggested 2 new budget line items meeting communications expense and public relations.
- Suggestion was accepted and Deming directed Westenbroek to develop a 2006 budget with these.

Membership - Wickswat

- Need to do more to recruit new agents
- Maybe consider further subsidizing annual dues for first year
- Deming to get NACAA brochure out to all board members
- Cerosaletti suggested that NYSACAA emphasize awards as an important benefit of membership especially in this time of grant funded programming. Also, need to get support from administration for new agents to join their professional association.

Next regular meeting date: December 12, 2005

Steve Hadcock offered to stay on as NYSACAA web master and list serve manager.

Moved Westenbroek to approve minutes of May 11, 2005 meeting. Second Hadcock. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned. 12:15 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Paul Cerosaletti.

