

Arkansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents Spring Meeting

Galaxy Conference

March 16, 2017

C.A. Vines 4-H Center

Introductions and Call to Order – Diane Mashburn, President

- Review of agenda

Treasurer's Report – Sara Beth Johnson, Treasurer

- Discussion of State O'Rama pizza sales

Membership Report – Sara Beth Johnson, Treasurer

- 59 members (8 new)

NAE4-HA Southern Region Report – Tamera (NAE4-HA Southern Region District Director)

- Updates:
 - o Award portal will open after national meeting to create more time for submissions
 - o National meeting: Nov. 12-17, 2017 in Indianapolis, IN
 - o 2018 meeting: October 7-11, 2018 in Columbus, OH
 - o 2019 meeting: November 2-9, 2019 at The Greenbrier in West Virginia

Committee Reports –

- **Professional Development:** Sara Beth Johnson reported that the committee is planning the EXCEL program for Association members in November. Other ideas included training on ES237, record book judging, camps/4-H center programs, and technology like one drive and google drive.
- **Research and Development:** Renee Myers discussed utilizing one drive shares for NAE4-HA conference info and other materials and offered zoom sessions for agents needing help accessing the info.
- **Marketing and Outreach:** Lauren Cannon reported on t-shirt and pizza/drink sales. A t-shirt design contest will be held again March 20-April 14 allowing April 14-May 1 for editing the design and orders to go out May 1-May 26. T-shirts will be distributed during District 4-H O-Ramas. Other discussion included letting agents know they can join multiple associations as they may not think they can.
- **Finance and Operations:** In the absence of committee chair, Anna Goff, Rich Poling reported on the financial audit and resolutions. The financial records of the Association were reviewed by an audit subcommittee of Shea Wilson and Jackson Alexander. The financial records were found to be in order with proper financial procedures being followed. The audit report was filed with the Association secretary. Resolutions - No resolutions had been submitted for presentation to Extension administration yet. The resolution meeting is normally held in April or May, so anyone wishing to submit a proposed resolution or commendation to be submitted by the Association needs to contact the Policy and Resolutions chair, Anna Goff, soon. There was a brief discussion about funds that are received from Tractor Supply Company and how they can be used.
- **Member Services:** Pia Woods shared that we received a lower number of communicator awards and emphasized the importance of applying. It was also suggested that the AR

awards deadline be moved up to mid-January in order to allow members to submit awards earlier and receive feedback from judges with time to make edits before submitting to Nationals. She also shared challenges: finding committed judges. This year there were 4 service award winners, 2 communicator, and 8 specialty. Pia also reported the newly gifted responsibility of the “Best of the Year Awards” (agent, PA, specialist, volunteer) and discussed the need to create a line item in the budget for this. Lynn Wooten has a template for the award and the committee will review and update the application and send to the membership.

- **State Relations:** Jackson Alexander reported on updating the handbook (only one change). He also suggested adding association dates to the master Extension calendar and updating the association flyer.

National Conference Report – Diane Mashburn, President

First Timer’s Report – Valerie Turner

JCEP Report – Shea Wilson, President-Elect

New Business – Diane Mashburn, President

- Update to membership guide: Jackson Alexander, Vice-President
 - o Remove Rich Poling as the Agent for Service and replace with Angie Freel
 - Motion to approve: Valerie Turner
 - Second: Pia Woods
 - Motion passed
- Awards presentation: Pia Woods
- Budget Report: Sara Beth Johnson, Treasurer
 - o Budget reported to general membership and audited by Jackson Alexander, Vice-President and Shea Wilson, President-Elect
 - Motion to approve: Rachel Bearden
 - Second: Pia Woods
 - Motion passed (budget approved)
- Nomination of new association officers
 - o President: Shea Wilson
 - o President-Elect: Jackson Alexander
 - o Vice-President: Hope Bragg
 - o Secretary: Rachel Bearden
 - o Treasurer: Sara Beth Johnson
 - o Ozark District VP: Anna Goff
 - o Ouachita District VP: Tori Copeland
 - o Delta District VP: Elizabeth Easley
 - o LRSO District Director: Priscella Thomas-Scott

- Past-President: Diane Mashburn
 - Motion to close nominations: Renee Myers
 - Second: Jesse Bocksnick
 - Vote to close: Nominations closed
 - Motion to approve slate: Sara Beth Johnson
 - Second: Jesse Bocksnick
 - Vote to approve: Motion passed

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: Sara Beth Johnson
- Second: Rachel Bearden
 - Vote to adjourn: Motion passed