**NEBRASCOE Board Meeting Minutes**

**Buffalo/Sherman FSA Office – Kearney, NE**

**March 23, 2019**

The NEBRASCOE Board held their meeting at the Buffalo/Sherman County FSA Office at Kearney, NE on March 23, 2019.

President, Jessi Colgrove, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. with the following board members present:

District 1 = Raela Brandt

District 2 = Joni Johnson and Windy Ingram

District 3 = Lisa Wiese

District 4 = Niki Dittmer

District 5 =

District 6 = Shawna Mitchell

District 7 = Anne Kelley and Anne Rexroth

Jessi Colgrove, president, was also in attendance at the meeting.

The Minutes of the November 2017 meeting were reviewed along with the Secretary’s report to approve State Convention. Lisa Wiese made a motion to approve the minutes and Secretary’s report as read and Joni Johnson seconded that motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s report – The current checking balance on hand is $23,889. The value of our Certificate of Deposit is $10,922.18. Shawna Mitchell moved to approve the Treasurer’s report and Niki Dittmer seconded to her motion. Motion passed.

Jessi discussed the need for new members on the various committees due to the new NEBRASCOE members. She stated that if any members were interested in a committee, to let the new president know. Jessi gave a brief discussion on the following committees:

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Programs/Emblems/Shirt and Jacket Orders**

-submit suggestions on NASCOE website

-negotiation items are filtered to Programs

**PAC/Legislation**

**-**this committee was very active during furlough

-they provided the legislative tool kit used to contact the representatives in D.C.

-New Farm Bill Implementation – they are trying to define how grass farms are reduced with base acres

-very important not to perform any work for this using our Government email

-set up email groups at work and home

-Email verification

-create email for Board Members to send out for an email drive

-possible email survey?

**Publicity**

-Send bio and picture to Anne by April 5th

-New member dues if 444 was completed

**Scholarships – Cindy**

-Seth Studnicka received the Traditional Scholarship

**-**Skyler Ingram received the Open Continuing Scholarship

-Tanner Ourada received the Open Continuing Scholarship

**Benefits**

-National Emblems Provider

-15% goes toward the scholarship funds

**Awards**

-Sick leave awards – employee receives a plaque at certain levels

-Continuous Membership Award is handled by Joni Johnson

-Distinguished Service Awards:

 -Service to Community

 -Service to Agriculture

 -Service to NASCOE

**Elections - Lisa**

-Report

**NAFEC – Lisa**

**-**$1 per PP; complete 444 to become an Associate Member

**WEB – Joni Johnson**

-updates ledger

**-**this committee currently needs pictures of the new members

-shares to Facebook page happenings: retirements, births, deaths, etc.

-send pictures to Joni (or current member of this committee) from around the state

**Membership – Joni Johnson**

**-**membership cards – emailed to CEDs instead

-early birds for getting 444’s submitted

-around 70% membership

**Emblems – Shawna Mitchell**

-complete inventory on coasters

Raela B. moved to approve committee reports. Lisa W. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**New Hires –** Discussion was held on paying membership dues for new hires and what is considered a “new hire”. Joni moved to have NEBRASCOE pay first year dues for new hires from current date to July with membership to be effective July 1st. This would remain in place indefinitely if NEBRASCOE has proper funding and would need to be re-evaluated on an annual basis. Shawna seconded the motion. Motion passed

**NWA Rally – Idaho Falls –** Jessi discussed the Auction item for the NWA Rally and stated she has purchased a Nebraska-Made gift basket in the shape of the State of Nebraska which contains several items made in Nebraska along with wine from a Nebraska winery. All present stated this was a good auction item for the rally.

Jessi stated we need delegates for the NWA Rally. Niki moved to send Raela & Lisa as delegates, Shawna seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Discussion was held on having NEBRASCOE provide travel costs for all four members that are attending: Raela, Niki, Cindy & Lisa. Joni made a motion to approve travel costs for these attendees, Windy seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**2019 NATIONAL CONVENTION**

**-**First Timer Essay – Cash Club

-Get registrations sent in.

-Nine rooms are currently reserved.

Include in newsletter: Pay rooms for members, but member must attend all meetings, write a report, have 2 people in their room. Would submit their room bill for reimbursement after the convention. This money comes from cookbook sales. Any member who chooses to room alone or with a spouse would only receive half of the room reimbursement. Lisa moved to approve this discussion, Raela seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

President – Raela Brandt Non-Cease & Election by Acclamation

 Shawna moved, Joni seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Vice President – Lisa Wiese Non-Cease & Election by Acclamation

 Windy moved, Joni seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Secretary – Windy Ingram Non-Cease & Election by Acclamation

 Anne Rexroth moved, Joni seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer – Shanna Non-Cease & Election by Acclamation

 Windy moved, Shawna seconded the motion. Motion passed.

With no further business to discuss, Raela moved to adjourn the meeting, Lisa seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for at the .

Respectfully submitted by:

Anne Kelley,

Acting Secretary