

KAAA Board Meeting  
Dodge City Airport Conference Room  
Nov. 29, 2007

Call to order 12:30

Robert Grace  
Randy Hardy  
Tony Martinez  
Doug Chanay  
Kathy Diehl  
John Holzmeister  
Craig Stratton  
Robert Middleton  
Travis Lattin  
Tim Tyree  
Tim Bonnell, Jr.  
Sean Kelley (guest)

MINUTES:

MOTION to approve. Second. Carried

Welcome new board member Travis Lattin and new allied rep and ins. committee chairman Tim Bonnell, Jr.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Invoice from KS Agricultural Alliance – no one seems to know exactly what the alliance does – Robert will check it out with Chris before Kathy pays.

Kathy asked about paying Chris' second lobbying installment. We have repeatedly asked Chris to send us an invoice for her work, but she doesn't/hasn't. We normally just pay her mid year and toward the end of the year when it's thought of. For tax purposes, it would be beneficial if Chris would invoice us. Kathy will ask her again to send an invoice for tax purposes.

Kathy also asked for clearance to forward the funds from the WKAAA auction item to the WKAAA. Approved per the earlier agreement at the Sept. board meeting.

MOTION: to approve the treasurer's report. Second. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative – no report from Tony. Robert discussed the outcome of the meeting he attended in Topeka earlier this week involving both KDA and EPA. For the most part the issues discussed in the meeting didn't apply to ag or KAAA. A lot of the issues discussed had to do with stump removal which requires chemical treatment. Small issues like renaming "damage claim" forms. KDA would like to have more electronic records from all aspects of applicators. Looking at proposing "electronic" records regs in 2009. KDA also proposed raising some license related fees – which met with much resistance because the proposed plan leaves too many loopholes. KDA wanting to be primary enforcement agency on issues mandated by EPA.

Question on containment regs. Same regs still in place – based on loading and storage requirements. Storage based on container size, not overall quantity. One change is that approval of an existing facility can now be transferred, if a facility is sold. Robert doesn't feel it warrants attendance at any future meetings of this "Pesticide Stakeholders" – with the exception of requesting that inspections for containment facilities be done quarterly instead of monthly.

**INSURANCE:** Question as to who was going to give the report, since Tim Bonnell, Jr., has been appointed as the new insurance committee chairman. That led to discussion as to when the terms of officers/committee chairs officially take place. According to our by-laws, terms of officers take effect on Jan. 1, so it follows suit that the committee chairs would serve on the same calendar term.

Randy presented the insurance report. No changes from the Sept. report. PAASS attendance still holds viability with all five of the current ag insurance markets, but only one shows a bottom line dollar amount of discount. The other companies take PAASS attendance and NAAA membership into consideration when establishing their rating structure for a particular insured.

Fire suppression use is not a problem for any of the insurance companies, provided it is the "on-call" or community service work that is being proposed by Dusty's committee. You do need to notify your insurance agent, because the different insurance companies handle the issue in different manners. However, if an operator is doing fire suppression work for hire on a full-time/contract basis, they definitely speak with their insurance agent because the insurance companies look at that use in a completely different manner and it requires special consideration and policy wording.

Randy then turned the report over to Tim Bonnell, Jr., to introduce himself and add any thoughts that he has. Tim brought up the subject of Trevor Edward's "Pro Air" insurance program. Randy then informed the board of the proposed program, based on the information he has been able to obtain through NAAA contacts, so that the board members will have some information on the program, since they will be hearing about it in the near future.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Cary has no report. Deferred to Kathy. Kathy has updated membership information – approximately 50 members from 2007 have not yet signed up for 2008. Kathy asked if the board wanted her to send a follow-up letter. Yes, definitely – to keep the memberships up. Kathy also plans to send an "update" request from the lifetime members to make sure we have up to date information on those. Robert said he has a plan for his Stearman club, and he includes a postage paid post card so that the recipient can simply mark the card and mail it back. It's quick, simple and ready to go.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** No report.

**SAFE/SAFE FLY-INS:** No report.

**FIRE SUPPRESSION:** Dusty not in attendance. Doug spoke with him prior to the board meeting. A meeting is scheduled with the Forestry Dept. for Dec. 1 and 2, 2007. Dusty has put together a "training" syllabus to present to the forestry people for training. The meeting is based around a recertification seminar for local fire depts. so will be about 40 different fire depts. there.

**CONVENTION:** Angie Banz. Kathy provided us with the financial information. Attendance numbers were up greatly this year. There were a few problems with the hotel as far as service and rooms. Those issues were discussed with hotel management and with the Hutchinson CVB. We hope to have better relations with the hotel next year and have the leaky room problems straightened out.

There was much discussion about changing our convention date to later in the year, due to the increasing amount of late crops. Due to other state conventions, NAAA and holidays, the only apparent working date would be to move the date to January. Currently, our by-laws require that our convention be held prior to the NAAA meeting. Tim Bonnell, Jr., proposed that we amend the by-laws to delete that the wording about having our meeting before NAAA, then we can address the date issue with the membership at the 2008 convention. Far-reaching effects would be that there would be one year that a convention would not be held.

By-law changes must be presented to the membership before the meeting so that the change can be voted on at the convention. If we don't want to change the by-law wording, but simply open up the topic of changing our convention date, we can do that without action.

MOTION: to sending notification of a proposed by-law change so that we can vote on the wording at convention 2008. Second. Carried.

WKAAA: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Newsletter. Discussion about putting an article about the proposed convention date change and by-law wording change in a newsletter to come out yet this year.

Robert discussed the fact that a survey of the July newsletter indicated that not a lot of people read the newsletter. Robert mentioned the fact that printing and mailing a newsletter is costly, however, not everyone reads an electronic version. He feels that we should still do both – a printed/mailed version and the electronic version. Craig brought up the fact that the newsletter is a service that the association is to provide to their members, and that we should continue to mail the newsletter and post it on the web. Consensus was to continue to mail a printed newsletter and post it on the website.

PAASS fees. PAASS fees were increased again this year by \$15. This year we didn't increase our registration fees to reflect this increase. Should we raise 2008 convention registration fees by \$15. to cover the PAASS fee increase? Discussion of separating out the PAASS fee as a different line item.

MOTION: To increase our convention registration fee to \$195. to include the PAASS fee increase and a slight increase for KAAA expenses and PAASS will be automatically included in our fee. Second. Carried.

Discussion about lobbying fees – which come from our dues. Not all of Chris' wages are for lobbying. We need to be sure to include the wording on our membership forms about the percentage of dues covering lobbying.

Guidelines change with regard to memorials/flowers from \$30. to a maximum of \$150., then case by case can be determined – whether flowers or a memorial amount are sent. MOTION to the above Second. Carried.

EPA AERIAL CATEGORY TEST: Robert said the test was also given in CO. He later spoke with Chris, she had no knowledge of the test, and KDA had heard something about it, but had no information on it whatsoever.

2009 CONVENTION SITE: Decision has been made to stay at Hutchinson for 2009 due to time constraints and sleeping room rates. If we want to relocate in 2010, we need to start a site committee. Possible locations are Great Bend, Hutchinson or Salina.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

Need nominees for President (Tim Tyree has agreed to take the President position), vice president, NAAA director and two directors. John Holzmeister and Jeff Chanay's terms will be up in 2009.

Robert asked for volunteers. John Holzmeister, Sean Kelley volunteered.

Any voting member can be an officer. Allied members cannot be officers – they can only hold committee positions, or serve as the allied rep/director to the board.

Robert Middleton's service plaque was given to him.

Credit card payment again for 2008? Kathy said about 15% of our financial transactions for convention this year were made by credit card. There was about \$500. of expenses involved with the credit payment this year, however, some of that was initial set-up fees and equipment expenses.

It was board consensus that we accept credit card payment again next year.

Kathy said it costs \$8. per month to keep the account set up all year – board decided to just keep it set up, not shut it down in Dec. or Jan. to save the fees.

2008 fundraising event. Small auction along with raffle. Too many small auction items go too long and don't generate enough funds. A small auction would also generate some entertainment value.

Everyone liked the speaker, it made the evening be more formal.

Small auction either during the social hour on the full day – or on the opening night.

MOTION TO ADJOURN. Second. Carried.

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