

KAAA BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, OCT. 24, 2008
GRAND PRAIRIE HOTEL
HUTCHINSON KS

CALL TO ORDER:

Robert Grace
Dave Faust
Tim Tyree
Doug Chanay
Jeff Chanay
Travis Lattin
Terry Jordan
Jill Jordan
Kathy Diehl
John Holzmeister
Craig Stratton

Guests: Rick Boardman
Sean Kelley
Dr. Wolf
Jenny Faust

MINUTES: Amend the minutes to reflect that Doug and Jeff were present at the last board meeting. Their names are mentioned in the minutes as taking action, but they were omitted from the roll call.

MOTION to approve as amended. Second. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

This year's initial convention figures look very favorable compared to last year – totals will be calculated next week.

Raffle ticket totals appear to be around 700 – generating roughly \$7,000. Income. Sponsorship is up from last year, with the new level of sponsorship plan the board enacted.

Kathy has not received an invoice from Chris in order to be able to pay her. Angie was instructed to contact Chris about that invoice, which needs to be broken down to reflect lobbying versus other cost.

Kathy said that one CD coming due next week. Rates aren't great right now. The last CD Kathy obtained had a 4% rate, which is about the best we can get

now. That CD can be added to, if we'd like to add this current expiring CD to that account.

The 4% CD is a two year CD, maturing on 2010, however, we do have other CDs maturing sooner with roughly \$50,000 of available funds on shorter terms. If we add this new maturing CD to the two year CD, that's half of our available funds tied up for two years. Doug asked if there was a shorter term CD that we could move those funds to for now, to see what happens with rates. Kathy said we can add to the 4% CD at any time, and there is a 13 month CD offering 3.69%.

MOTION to put these new funds to a 13 month CD for now. Second. Carried.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGISLATIVE: No Report

INSURANCE: No further report from that given at the annual meeting

MEMBERSHIP: No Report

NAAA: NAAA putting up billboard near DC to advertise the association.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: No Report

SAFETY / SAFE FLY-INS: No Report

FIRE SUPPRESSION: No report

WKAAA/SCHOLARSHIP: No WKAAA report. Scholarship: The scholarship committee is enacting some changes to the award process based on a rating system. The basis of this plan being that heaviest weight will be given to the criteria of a major study interest in agriculture, aviation, agri-business or engineering. Other criteria will be: Background in agriculture or aviation, grades or ACT scores/transcript, personal recommendation, written statement from the student about his/her work or school activities. The committee members will not be involved in the selection process if they have sponsored an applicant.

There is an opening on the scholarship committee.

Discussion by the board as to why the appointed committee is not the same group of people who selects the recipient. Why is the committee chair appointing another selection committee?

Dave said the committee is going to meet to work up a point-based rating system to award the scholarship. Question about whether or not KAAA member-related applications should be given preference.

Robert would like to see the committee meet prior to the next board meeting and submit a preliminary report to the board prior to the board meeting, so that this issue could be discussed more at the board meeting, with a little enlightenment prior to the meeting.

CONVENTION: No formal report ready, however, roughly 225 total attendees. 35 allied companies / 39 booth spaces. KSU Salina was very excited about being here and want input from our membership about ag related items. Andrew Smith from KSU Salina has asked that we keep him in touch on association matters and he wants to try to promote more ag related education in the KSU aviation school.

OLD BUSINESS:

Combined convention. Rick Boardman and Dale Bittner from NATA came to convention to speak informally with our members about combined conventions – along with other matters. Rick said he and Dale were going to bring a combined convention concept to the NATA general membership at their Feb. convention, to get a feel from their membership whether or not a combined convention would be warmly entertained, or needs to be left alone for the time being.

Discussion about the fact that recertification requirements from each state could be the major issue. Perhaps the board members need to meet with NE, OK, CO and KS departments of ag and see if they would be willing to work toward a common recertification program that would apply to all the states in common.

Angie advised the board that Jeanne Fox came to her during convention questioning the “aerial category” to the recertification or pesticide application process. Jeanne said that if the KAAA sees the need for an aerial category in our state pesticide applicator law, just let KDA know – if we approach them, they’ll be more than willing to entertain the idea and work with us. KDA will not take any action toward this idea on their own, but will work with us if the association approaches them.

Date for our convention – lots of discussion about moving our convention date back. Moving back into November is now going to be an issue because Colorado moved their convention up to the second week of Nov. for the next five years, to keep away from the KARA convention. Sean Kelley said he polled the allied members about moving back to a date that might conflict with KARA and the allied were adamant that they would attend KARA if it meant having to not be at our convention.

Board directed Angie to book with the Grand Prairie for 2009 for the week of Oct. 26, preferably a Wed-Fri concept, the 28th – 30th, but if need be, book for Oct. 26-28th, Mon – Wed.

NEW BUSINESS: Tim Tyree asked Sandy Wells from the Oklahoma association what her tasks/duties and compensation from OK were. Doug asked Tim to ask if Sandy can come to our next board meeting to talk with the board about what they might be want in an executive director position.

Angie had relayed to the board that the full duties of our executive director position is becoming a bit of a burden and she suggested that the board might want to look at hiring someone who would only work for the association, instead of trying to work a regular job and squeeze in KAAA duties.

Sean Kelley said he had a lot of input from allied members about being more involved with product seminars. A lot of them would really like 5 minutes to talk about their products/employees.

Breakfast – Allied really liked the food, would like the airwall between the exhibit hall and the “meal room” during all meals. Also, felt a little tight on space, due to number of booths – perhaps we can re-arrange the setup? This might also take care of itself with more companies combining or going out of business.

Would like some different entertainment from the banquet. Not necessarily an auction – Allied liked the ease of the raffle – but would like something more entertaining. The auction began to take up too much time. Perhaps we can do a “managed” auction?

Doug said a lot of people like the Cosmosphere event again and asked if we could bring that back. The Board decided to schedule the Cosmosphere event on the opening night of convention for 2009.

Rick Vrbas was re-elected as the chemical allied industry rep.

In summary, the Board consensus is that we want the Cosmosphere on opening night, a small raffle, some form of live entertainment, and perhaps a combined raffle and limited auction.

ADJOURN.