



COLORADO YOUNG FARMERS EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

CYFEA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

April 11, 2019 @ 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Via Teleconference Call

New Conference Call-In Number: (515) 606-5372

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-- MINUTES --

Members in Attendance: Dave Lieber, Julie McCaleb, Steve Olander, Jacqui Larson, and Sharon Pattee.

Members Absent: Darrell Johnston, Danica Farnik, Brad Riemenschneider, Kellie Enns, and Mike Womochil.

Call to Order: The April 2019 CYFEA Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:06pm via teleconference call, by CYFEA Chairman Dave Lieber. Initially, it was noted that there was not a quorum. However, Jacqui Larson joined the call late, so there was in fact a quorum established.

Approval of the Minutes: CYFEA Chairman, Dave Lieber asked if there were any questions or changes to the March 2019 CYFEA minutes and then requested their approval. A motion was made by Julie McCaleb moved to accept the March 2019 minutes as presented, with Jacqui Larson providing a second to that motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

CYFEF Report: Brad Riemenschneider wasn't on the call to provide a report.

CYFEA Executive Team Report: After Jacqui Larson joined the call, she reported that there were four students chosen to be awarded 2019-20 CYFEA Academic Scholarship awards—two incoming college freshman, one sophomore and one senior. There were a total of 19 applications, quite an increase over last year. Jacqui thanked Dave and Sharon for volunteering to review all of the applications, since CYFEA Executive Team members were unavailable.

Executive Director's Report: Sharon presented the March 2019 financial statements, with brief explanations where necessary. Since March represented the first month of the new fiscal year, the monthly numbers matched the year-to-date numbers. Steve Olander moved to accept the financial documents as presented, with Jacqui Larson providing the second to that motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Sharon then presented the 2019-20 CYFEA Budget for review and acceptance. After brief discussion, Dave asked Sharon to forward the document out to every Board member and there would be an email conversation and vote, since several of the Board members were not on the teleconference call.

Sharon said that she was in the middle of compiling the articles, ads, and information for the upcoming Spring 2019 CO Young Farmer newsletter and should have everything ready to print within the coming week. This issue would be assimilated out to the membership as in the past, both electronically and hard copy.

Since no Chapter had volunteered to host the 2020 State Institute, Sharon asked for some direction on how the Board wanted to handle making plans for the annual meeting, as she didn't want to wait too long in picking a location and venue. Direction was given to put something in the next newsletter asking again for a Chapter to host the SI for next year. Sharon indicated that she would take care of the meeting details, in the event that no Chapter steps up to help.

The new website should be up within the next month. Sharon said that Mike has her second set of drafts and that she is waiting to get a new link with these updates from him at any time. When she has that, she will send it out to the Board for comment.

Sharon was on the NYFEA teleconference call earlier in the week, with discussions that included their financial position, the next National Institute in December 2019, and possibly dropping the “Young” out of its title. Gordon Stone (NYFEA Executive) said that a few states have already done this and that they are considering it. The next NYFEA teleconference call would be in a couple of months. The NYFEA group is having similar struggles to us, as far as membership decreases and lack of participation. Registrations were down for the National Institute and that affected the financial end of year’s bottom line. The continue to try to find sponsorships and either federal or state funding. NYFEA is asking for their 2019 membership dues payments to be sent in as soon as possible. This provided a segue for Sharon to state that she had sent out the 2019 CYFEA dues notices and forms out at the beginning of March, but that she had not received any feedback or payments.

This concluded the ED’s report for April 2019.

CYFEA Chairman’s Report: Dave Lieber stated that Mark Sponsler had sent him a letter of resignation and asked the Board for acceptance. Julie McCaleb made the motion to accept Mark’s letter and Jacqui Larson provided the second. A vote was taken and passed. Sharon had already reached out to Jeff Modellmog who was interested in serving on the BOD in Mark’s position as one of the two Ag Industry representatives. Dave asked her to follow up with Jeff in this regard.

There was discussion on the current Board officer positions and vacancies. It was moved by Steve Olander to leave the officer positions as they currently are for the next fiscal year. Jacqui Larson seconded the motion and a vote was taken and passed unanimously—to leave Dave Lieber as Chairman, Darrell Johnston as Vice-Chair, Julie McCaleb as Secretary, and Jacqui Larson as Treasurer for 2019.

Other Discussion Items: Steve Olander brought up using the communication methods of You Tube, Instagram, and Twitter to reach out to the younger membership and potential high school and FFA members. Jacqui agreed that expanding in this area might help bring in new interest. Sharon said that she would contact other ag groups in order to find out how and why they use certain forms of these communications and provide a report for the May 2019 Board meeting.

In closing, comments were made about the good attendance at Jerry Hergenreder’s funeral by the CYFEA and many community members. Some of the CYFEA representatives were: Jacqui and Lelyn Larson, Brad Riemenschneider, Dale McCall, Mark Sponsler, Darrell and Cindy Johnston, Brandon Johnston, Sharon Pattee, Randy and Beth Schwalm, Steve Coleman, Ben Rainbolt, and Dale and Maureen Whittington.

Next Meeting and Adjournment: The next CYFEA Board Meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2019 at 6pm, being either a face-to-face meeting or via teleconference call. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie McCaleb
CYFEA Secretary