



**CO Young Farmers Educational Association  
CYFEA Board of Directors Meeting  
4:00pm February 7, 2019  
The Strater Hotel, Durango**

**MINUTES**

**Members In Attendance:** Dave Lieber, Mark Sponsler, Jacqui Larson, Dale McCall, Darrell Johnston, Brad Riemenschneider, Julie McCaleb, and Sharon Pattee.

**Members Absent:** Danica Farnik, Kellie Enns, and Mike Womochil.

**Guests:** Lelyn Larson and Maureen Whittington (CYFEF); Dale Whittington and Tyrell Williams, (CYFET)

**Call to Order:** The February 2019 CYFEA Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 4:19pm, by CYFEA Chairman Dave Lieber. It was noted that a quorum was established.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Dave Lieber asked if the CYFEA Board members had read through last month's minutes and then requested their approval. Darrell Johnston moved to approve the January 2019 minutes as presented, with Brad Riemenschneider providing a second to that motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

**CYFEA Executive Team Report:** Jacqui Larson, as President of the CYFEA Executive Team, reported on her attendance at the 2019 CO Farm Show in Greeley, two weeks past. She stated that the CYFEA booth looked good, being updated by the new banner and sponsor posters, as well as numerous handouts. Jacqui reported that the on-the-spot cookies were a big hit by Farm Show attendees and that there were some old and new faces that visited the booth.

Jacqui then touched on the State Institute's Awards Banquet and presentations to be made on Saturday evening, there in Durango. She felt that everything was in place for a fun, memorable event, giving a brief outline of how the evening would go.

Lastly, she said that although the 2019-20 CYFEA Academic Scholarship criteria was in place, that Dale Whittington had some strong feelings that things needed to be re-evaluated for the 2020 fall academic year. Jacqui had had some discussion with Terry Weber at the CO Farm Show about how they do their scholarship awards and wanted to bring those to the Executive Team for consideration. After this review, the E-Team would make a recommendation to the CYFEA Board of Directors about any changes/updates.

**CYFEF Report:** Brad Riemenschneider provided an update on the Foundation's latest efforts related to the 50/50 fund raising event. Although no additional money had been raised since the evening of November 17<sup>th</sup>, he felt things were headed in the right direction.

Lelyn Larson (and Sharon) reported that the CYFEA's 2019 "Tractor Hours' live auction event was held at the CO Farm Show on January 31<sup>st</sup>. A total of \$14,100.00 was raised in this effort, with proceeds going to the CYFEA's Academic Scholarship Program. Lelyn and Brad indicated this was the most ever made during a CYFEA Tractor Auction event and also that 4 Rivers threw in an additional block of 25 hours to help us out.

**Executive Director's Report:** Sharon Pattee presented January 31, 2019 CYFEA financial statements to the Board. These financial statements were briefly reviewed and discussed, and then a motion was made by Dale McCall to accept them as presented. The motion was seconded by Brad Riemenschneider, a vote was taken and it passed unanimously.

Sharon then reported on a few more details about the Farm Show “Tractor Hours” that hadn’t been covered earlier. She sent out a press release and will be sending out thank you notes with follow up information to all of the buyers. Sharon also brought to the Board’s attention that Brian Allmer (BARN Media) and Lorrie Boyer (1010 KSIR) have been doing really well advertising our events and providing Sharon with informational interviews. She asked that when we see these people, please give them our thanks and appreciation.

Sharon reminded us that she would not be able to attend the FFA/Farm Credit Banquet on February 27<sup>th</sup>, during the Governor’s Forum on Agriculture and asked if anyone else was planning to go, to let her know and that she would RSVP for them.

Sharon gave an update on the Winter 2018 newsletter, along with the new website that Mike Macklin/Agrow Design is working on. She has seen his preliminary draft and, as soon as she has time after the State Institute wrap up, she will focus on this project and send the Board a link to take a look, before it goes live.

Sharon briefly went through the schedule for the SI. She reported on the Sponsorship funding, over \$20,000 that she has collected to date, and that there were a few more that have been promised but not yet received. She thanked both Lelyn and Brad for their outreach to 4Rivers and Bank of Colorado that brought in \$5K each. After a few questions, she reminded the group that the morning would start with a brief Business Session and then we would need to board the DSRR train by 9:15 in the morning. The Thursday evening “Welcome Social” would be happening in the Strater Hotel’s Oak Room.

**CYFEA Chairman’s Report:** CYFEA Board Chairman, Dave Lieber reminded the Board members about their terms as Directors. Dale McCall reminded us that he would be leaving the Board in April.

Chairman Lieber also thanked everyone for turning in articles for the Winter 2018 newsletter, for their help with the “Tractor Hours” auction, along with the State Institute. Dave stated that he hoped that the Friday and Saturday morning’s Business Meeting sessions would be constructive and positive.

**Other Business:** It was brought up by Tyrell Williams that the Southwest Chapter was on the hook for the total cost of the DSRR train ride. He reported that his Chapter didn’t find any sponsorship funding, so the \$1500.00 would be coming out of their Chapter’s own pocket. This issue was then discussed by the CYFEA Board, noting that Tyrell knew about the expense and had promised to provide the total funding for the DSRR train ride last September/October. They had had ample time to find a sponsor since then, like they had indicated they would. They also had plenty of opportunity to report to the CYFEA Board that they were in need of help, but failed to do so until now. A motion was made by Brad to pay Tyrell the \$250.00 in sponsorship funding that was paid to the CYFEA by the local La Plata Electric Association, to help offset their SI expenses. This motion was seconded by Dale McCall, was voted on and passed unanimously.

At this time, it was then moved by Darrell and seconded by Dale to go into Executive Session. Executive Session was started at 5:20pm with the CYFEA’s Executive Director’s contract being discussed. The Executive Session was adjourned at 6:20pm.

**Adjournment:** The next meeting of the CYFEA will be planned for March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Fort Lupton, at Aims Community College. The February 2019 CYFEA BOD meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie McCaleb  
CYFEA Secretary