

MAB Meeting
May 26, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Zoom meeting called to order by Barbara Wood at 6:04 pm. Michael Canales called roll. There were representatives from 7 clubs in attendance. A copy of the January 16, 2020 minutes was handed out for review. Each member reviewed on their own. Floor open for discussion. No comments, minutes accepted as read.

Treasurer's report of financial activity was read. Amounts in respective accounts was discussed. Report submitted for record.

Committee Reports

BCYF – Michael Canales reported that the BCYF General Membership meeting was going to be held on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 6:30 pm. Meeting will be in the outdoor area of Johnny's Steaks and Bar-Be-Que in Salado. \$10 membership dues will be collected. Nominations for new board members for Precincts 2, 3, and 4 will be taken. Only paid members will be allowed to vote. Suggestions for 2021 will be taken from paid members. Masks are suggested but not required. Social distancing guidelines will be followed.

County Council: Luke Read reported that the virtual elections are being worked on. Several Zoom meetings have been held to discuss the process. Sheryl asked that Club Delegate names be emailed to her by Friday.

FCH: Jackie McLaughlin provided updates.

Fashion Show – contest was held on 3/5. There were 6 judges. 30 participants signed in with 19 entries, 3 natural fiber entries, and 3 storyboard entries. Jammie Payne donated the awards.

Next FCH Coalition meeting will be on June 23rd.

HTYA – Ambassador applications due June 1st. There are at least 5 applicants right now.

Jackie thanked all who assisted as Fashion Show – Ambassadors, the Pohls, and the older youth. No District Contest will be held this year.

Bell Livestock Coalition: W. Grantham. Next meeting will be on June 2nd. Livestock Committee will discuss validation and changes for safety. Sheep/goat validation for State Fair will be on 6/22 behind the office by appointment. Hogs will be on 6/23 – meeting at all houses. Steers/heifers will be on 6/30 at the Expo. Expect a different process this year for safety. Turkey order will be the same as in the past. BCYF and major show due 6/30.

New Business

Review Bylaw Proposals: Finance Committee met on 4/23 to review bylaws and financial guidelines. No proposed changes to bylaws were presented. Nothing to vote on.

Financial guidelines were discussed. Changes were presented in red.

Page 1 – No changes

Page 2, #11: Proposed to amend “...no checks are to be made payable for cash” to add “with the exception of 1 check for annual fundraiser.”

Page 3, #20: Remove “prepare” and replace with “submit”. Add “initial” to “...annual initial budget...”

Page 3, #24: Add (if funded) after Travel Reimbursement Policy.

Motion to accept changes to bylaws made by J. Payne. Seconded by D. Brown. Motion to accept changes passes.

Officer Elections: Committee has discussed possible names for the 2 positions that need to be filled – Kristi Dague for Vice Chair and Jammie Payne for Secretary. No other names brought up for consideration. Both were on the call. Since only one nomination for each position, no vote needed as both accepted each respective position. Kristi Dague will be the new Vice Chair, and Jammie Payne will be the new Secretary.

Scholarships: Sheryl stated that the applications have been reviewed by the Committee. There were 6 applications received. The Committee voted on 5 applications to receive scholarships. Typically, the top 2 get the same amount but more than the others. In 2018 and 2019, the top 2 received \$2,500. Recommendation was made to award the top 2 with \$2,500. The 3rd applicant to receive \$1,500, and the last 2 receiving between \$500 and \$1,500. With the budget situation, a vote is needed to move funds around. There is currently \$4,480 available and there are funds coming back from HLSR. There is also money available in other line items that are not being used because of closures. Congress and Leader Lab funds are also available. Estimated need of \$9,000. It was agreed that funds would be moved around as needed to award the scholarships in the amount of \$8,000. The first 2 would receive \$2,500 each. The third will receive \$1,500. The last 2 will receive \$750 each. Sheryl will send out the award letters.

Regarding the budget, a question from a parent came up about County Camp and if the fee would still be paid. The camp incentive is still available. The parent was advised of the current 4-H and AgriLife restrictions. Normally ½ of the camp fee is paid. D. Brown clarified the specifics. There is hesitation on agreeing to pay for camp given the current restrictions. Sheryl will visit again with the parent expressing the concerns. The financial guidelines state that the camp fee would be paid if the line item is funded (which is still is). The amount will also depend on anyone else asking for the payment to attend the camp.

Outstanding Leader/Friend of 4-H:

A nomination was received from Tigertown 4-H to recognize H. Cutwright as an Outstanding Leader.

For the Friend of 4-H, Sheryl gave a list of the previous winners. Suggestion was made to have the big donors as nominees for this year: Academy, Don Ringler, WC Tractor. Either 1 or 2 nominees are an option. Discussion was held regarding the amount of donations and support received from the nominees. Motion made by K. Dague to select Academy and WC Tractor as this year's Friend of 4-H. Seconded by M. Canales. Motion carries.

4-H Fundraisers:

Fundraising activities have been restricted by COVID-19. We need to come up with other ideas. Sheryl will put out a Doodle Poll to see what fundraisers would be turned in. Several options include the annual Hunters Spectacular, Hunters Spectacular with changes – dinner/no sponsors/virtual/silent auction changes, a 30 gun/30-day raffle, asking \$150 from each family and no other fundraisers, or a wine tasting and silent auction.

It was mentioned that our donor would donate \$10,000 only if the event was held at the Expo. Also discussed the effect COVID-19 may have on CTX State Fair and Clover sales. Need to think about our options.

We jumped ahead on the agenda

Club Chartering: Club Charter packages due on 6/19 to Sheryl.

Awards Banquet: Scheduled for Monday, August 3rd, unless other restrictions are imposed for gatherings.

Other discussion: For now, the COVID-19 cancellations are: Leader Lab (now online), Lead Academy (now online), District 8 Horse Show, Texas 4-H Dog Show, County Council meetings are online. Council elections will require a 2-minute video. Award interviews will also be online.

AgriLife is limiting face to face meetings to 10 or less after 6/1.

Sheryl is working on June newsletter.

Back to agenda item – Fundraising

Discussion on having Hunters Spectacular online with no actual event at Expo, with the hope that we could have it in person next year with the donor's support. We could have the silent auction also online. Discussed other fundraising option possibilities. K. Ide suggested limiting to 20 guns. Whitney mentioned using Event Bright as an option for ticket sales.

It was decided to have Hunters Spectacular in a virtual format. Will have 20 guns and use Event Bright. A sub-committee is established to discuss: K. Ide, D. Brown, B. Wood, J. Payne, Canales (silent auction). Sub-committee will meet weekly on Thursdays at 5:30 via Zoom meeting.

Next MAB meeting: August 20, 2020, at 6:00.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Michael Canales