

KEAFCS 2011 Board Members

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KEAFCS Business Meeting
April 13, 2011
Spring Action Conference

President Kathy McEwan called the KEAFCS business meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Salina Holidome. An attendance sheet was passed. Thirty-seven members were present. Robin Eubank reminded the group that our bylaws state a quorum consists of the Association members present at the meeting.

Cindy Evans, Secretary, read the minutes of the October 18th meeting. Motion by Robin to approve; seconded by Christine McPheter. Motion passed. Cindy read correspondence that included a thank you note from Tara Solomon for the First Timer's Award; letter from Gary Pierzynski, Interim Dean and Director, thanking the Association for the \$1500 contribution to the KACAA 2011 National conference in Kansas City.

Old Business – None

New Business –

Bylaw changes: Kathy thanked Robin Eubank for highlighting the proposed changes to the KEAFCS bylaws. Nancy Honig moved to approve the bylaw changes related to the operating fiscal year, so that it runs from KEAFCS Annual Meeting to Annual Meeting contingent of being approved by the IRS. (Article II – Section 2) Seconded by Christine McPheter. Motion passed.

Kathy will check on the issue and send further information to the membership by e-mail.

Joann Paschal moved to approve the remaining bylaw changes. *(Article IV - Section 2 – Change VP of Public Affairs to VP of Public Relations; Move Newsletter responsibility from being combined with the annual report to Nominating Committee*
Article V - Section 2 – Changes to Program of Work committee to 1) change New Agent Orientation to Recruitment; 2) combine Marketing and Public Affairs to make a Public Relations committee; 3) Remove legislative event. Additional changes that include cleaning up typos and altering any lines that refer to the above changes. Summary is attached.

Seconded by Jan St. Clair. Motion passed.

*Kathy reminded us the National Ag Conference (NACAA) would be held in Kansas City in August 8 - 12, 2011. Look for an e-mail when details are finalized. There will be a web site to sign up as a volunteer.

Ethel asked what the plans are for annual conference. Northwest Area is in change of Friendship Night (or whatever the gathering is titled this year) sometime between Tuesday and Thursday nights. Belinda said she liked having the social along with the business meeting, but felt like the Association meeting went too long. The group suggested dispensing with an officer installation ceremony.

United Association Conference Report

– Kathy reported the group appreciated Jan Stephens stepping up to chair the conference committee. Participants felt like the conference was extension-friendly. Kathy reminded us that our association benefits financially from the United Association Conference, and that members who attend enjoy a reduction of their dues fee

FACS Trip to Southwest Area. Agents from the SW Area reported the March 26 event was very successful. Christine McPheter shared that she and Kathy Bloom organized the event. 82 youth participated and learned more about the Hispanic culture through tours which began in Liberal at a Hispanic clothing store and grocery store. They also visited Gorditas to Go and enjoyed a canned Mexican drink, vs soft drinks most teens consume. From there they traveled to a dairy in Meade County and visited Southwest Tortilla, a company owned by a farmer who raises his own corn for masa. The final stop was the Dalton Gang Hideout.

Members briefly reported on the health condition of several agents including Diane Nielsen, Diane Burnett, Deb Sellers and Linda Beech.

Robin Eubank moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ethel Schneweis. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Evans
KEAFCS Secretary

KEAFCS Board Meeting August 22, 2011

President Kathy McEwan called the meeting to order. She asked Cindy Evans to give an update on conversations with the IRS in regards to our fiscal year and the effect, if any, it has on our tax exempt status.

Evans reported that KEAFCS is NOT tax exempt. The tax number we may have had in the past was a tax identification number, but the IRS no longer even has a tax ID number for our group. We probably need to apply for a new ID number, as it is a requirement of having a checking account, CD's etc. Since the IRS has no record of us at this time, it is really no issue to change our fiscal year. The association voted at the April meeting to change the KEAFCS operating year to be from "annual meeting to annual meeting" barring no problems from the IRS. Since there appears to be no problems, then we agreed that our association will begin the new year with the collection of dues at the annual meeting held during Annual Extension Conference in October.

Note: Cindy found out from the IRS that it is very difficult to be named a 501c3 organization. NEAFCS has this status, but cannot extend that to the state organizations, according to Dave Beebe, the NEAFCS Executive Director.

Robin will modify bylaws and the constitution to update references to our fiscal year and remove references to our association being tax exempt.

Cindy concluded by saying that Epsilon Sigma Phi and the 4-H Agent association are both having the same dilemma. Stacey Warner is going to try to get a meeting of the associations during annual conference.

Fundraising/Budget

Eleven cookbooks were sold during the National Ag Agent conference in Kansas City. Discussion began about the KEAFCS budget. Kathy suggested the President-Elect attend the JCEP conference.; reimbursement is for actual expenses.

We briefly discussed fund-raising ideas. Belinda suggested a silent auction. Others suggested creating an educational trip – one for eastern Kansas and another for Western Kansas. Members could attend for a nominal fee; non-member fee would be higher. It was suggested to end the day with a K-State basketball game. Tara Sullivan offered to help market the educational trips.

Belinda is going to work on the budget to make it balance. She will e-mail a proposed budget to the board and have a proposed budget printed in the newsletter.

Friendship Night

The group discussed moving the awards from the business meeting back to Friendship Night, which will be at the new Ramblers (used to be Kites.) There will not be an officer installation ceremony at either; we will simply pass the gavel at the end of the business meeting. Linda suggested Kathy make a contact with Nichole Burnett to make sure Northeast plans to do the

newsletter and get a slate for officer nominations. Suggestions for the newsletter contents included: tidbits from national meeting, webinars (NEAFCS and archived); List of upcoming webinars, etc.

Anndee Biltoft of Nzone will be awarded the Friend of Extension FACS award. Christine will see that she is invited and Cindy will get an engraved platter.

It was decided to introduce new agents during the business meeting, but that the recognition of new KEAFCS members will be at Friendship Night. Not all that attend the agent meeting are paid members.

Our next board meeting will be at Annual Conference in October. It will be Tuesday, October 18th @ 1:00 in the cafeteria. Kathy will send a notice.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Evans
KEAFCS Secretary

KEAFCS Board Meeting
October 18, 2011

President Kathy McEwan called the meeting to order. Members present were Robin Eubank, Belinda Oldham, Diann Gerstner, Linda Beech, Ethel Schneweis, Cindy Evans, Christine McPheter, Andrea Wood, Kylie Ludwig and Tara Solomon.

Kathy reviewed items we would discuss during the meeting:

- 1) Discuss budget
- 2) KEAFCS Fun Day
- 3) Discuss moving awards recognition to the Spring
- 4) Identify committee to count ballots during business meeting

KEAFCS Budget:

Belinda Oldham reported that our budget is nearly \$4,000 in the red. \$1500 of that is the one time expense for a donation to the Ag Association for their national meeting. We cashed a CD. *may need to cash*
The association still needs to receive payment for some of the Living Well cookbooks. Belinda shared a powerpoint and recipe cards she created for an idea she saw called Traveling Across America using the Living Well Cookbook. She feels we need to help national sell the remaining 14,000 cookbooks, or they will likely raise dues again. We have 25 cookbooks left at this time.

The plastic sleeves for the recipe cards can be found at Hobby Lobby in the recipe aisle 100/\$2.00.

2) Fun Day – Kylie and Tara said they are planning a fun day in Wichita on March 7th, which is the day before United Association Conference. KEAFCS members would get a reduced price to attend.

3) Robin shared that she wanted to move awards recognition to the spring. By the time our members are recognized at annual conference, the national meeting is over and it's anticlimatic. Local media don't want old news. A discussion pursued on when to do the recognition. Members suggested Spring Planning Conference, or perhaps during a KEAFCS business meeting, either at February Agent Update or during United Association Conference. Linda moved to give the awards in coordination with a spring association meeting. Seconded by Diann Gerstner. Motion passed. Linda will mention this discussion and ask for discussion from the members as when it would be best to schedule the spring association meeting.

4) A committee was named to count ballots during the business meeting, as there is a contest for president-elect between Nancy Honig and Kylie Ludwig. The committee will be Diann Gerstner, Andrea Wood and Christine McPheter.

Meeting Adjourned.

**KEAFCS Business Meeting
October 18, 2011**

The business meeting of KEAFCS was called to order at 2:00 pm by President Kathy McEwan. Kathy asked members to recite the creed. Roll call was passed and members were asked to sign in. Roll was signed by 62 members.

Cindy Evans shared the minutes of the April 13th business meeting at Spring Action Conference. Robin Eubank moved to approve the minutes. Kathy Lupfer-Nielson seconded. Motion passed.

Cindy read correspondence which included several thank you notes from members who had received awards.

Belinda Oldham gave the treasurer's report. She passed around a sheet so members could see how much they owe for dues this year. Dues need to be to the treasurer by December 1, as a check needs to be to NEAFCS by January 1. If we miss the deadline the state is not allowed to apply for awards.

Belinda explained that National offers a "lifetime" dues option for retired members. It is three times the national dues amount, which is currently \$85. Kansas doesn't offer a lifetime dues option at this time.

Belinda shared a copy of the proposed budget for 2012. She explained that NEAFCS used to pay for JCEP conference, but no longer does so.

Election of KEAFCS Officers

President Kathy asked for nominations from the floor to add to the ballot. Crystal moved nominations cease; seconded by Kathy Lupfer-Nielson. The committee was dismissed to count the ballots.

Kathy thanked Sheryl Carson for completing the annual report. It will be posted on the KEAFCS web site and send to members electronically.

The election committee reported that 2012 officers would be:

President: Linda Beech, Ellis County

President Elect: Nancy Honig, Stevens County

Secretary: Cindy Evans, Shawnee County

Treasurer: Belinda Oldham, Wichita County

Parliamentarian: Kathy McEwan, South Wind District

Vice Presidents

Awards and Recognition: Robin Eubank, Barber County

Member Resources: Christine McPheter, Meade County

Public Affairs: Tara Solomon, Neosho County

Professional Development: Ethel Schneweis, Ford County

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Area Counselors:

Northeast: Kathy Tharman, Doniphan County

Northwest: Jamie Rathbun, Ellsworth County

Southeast: Kylie Ludwig, Labette County

Southwest: Andrea Wood, Kingman County

Immediate Past President Kathy McEwan, South Wind District

President's Report:

Kathy encouraged members to be leaders – get on board to sign up for committees and serve as you can.

She discussed we were looking for ways to increase funds in the association. Ideas include a silent auction, raffle, to discontinue drawings for dues discounts and to discontinue the dues break (currently \$20) for members who attend United Association Conference.

She reported that Melinda Daily will serve as our association's officer in KEAA.

She encouraged members to attend the United Conference in Wichita in March.

President Elect

Linda Beech reported that she had planned the state's night out at National meeting in Albuquerque. She encouraged members to write one or two thank yous to an exhibitor of their choice. She shared that the 2012 national meeting will be in Columbus, Ohio. She also shared the KEAFCS committee list for 2012. All active members were placed on a committee. She identified committee chairs and chair-elects.

We are looking for a volunteer to serve as an alternate liason for KAFCE and the State 4-H Advisory. The VP of Member Resources serves as liason to both groups, but it creates a lot of meetings. It is helpful to have at least one alternate. Deanna Sweat volunteered to be the alternate for FCE. We are still seeking an alternate for the state 4-H Advisory.

Robin Eubank has agreed to be the webmaster for KEAFCS.

VP of Awards and Recognition:

Robin Eubank shared a color handout to help members learn more about awards they can apply for. She reported that NEAFCS has announced there will be fewer cash awards; now they will award stipends for winners to attend national meeting. There is now an online application (entering a 30-word summary of the award). Members will still need to do a paper award application.

Robin suggested we present awards at Spring Action Conference.

Member Resources

Christine McPheter reported that new members will be honored at Friendship Night.

VP of Professional Development

Ethel shared that NEAFCS puts on excellent webinars; they are archived to view when convenient. She reminded members that the United Association Conference will be March 8 & 9 in Wichita.

SW Counselor – Andrea Wood – Thanked Sheryl Carson for doing the annual report.

NW Counselor – Diann Gerstner - Welcomed Amy to the Golden Prairie District and reported that Linda Beech is transferring to Ellis County. Northwest is hosting Friendship Night tonight at Ramblers Steakhouse.

NE Counselor – Laura Weiss-Cook was welcomed as a new agent at Ft. Riley.

SE Counselor – Kylie Ludwig shared information about the Aging with Attitude Expo.

Retirement Committee – Pat Gerhardt reported the committee needs to acknowledge eight retirements from September 2, 2009 to August 31, 2011. The association may need to adjust the proposed budget to allow enough money for the retirees to select the books to be donated.

United Association Conference – Anna Mae Brown is conference chairperson for the United Conference. Their theme is creating Healthy, Sustainable Families, Communities and Careers.

Unfinished Business:

*Belinda asked if there were any bills to present. None presented.

*Drawing for \$10 off dues. Nancy Honig voiced that perhaps the drawing was unnecessary in light of our budget problems.

*Belinda shared resources for using the *Living Well* Cookbook with Traveling Across America. Cookbooks are \$18.

Kathy asked if any members had fundraising ideas. A member shared that we could do something similar to the Crop for a Cure (scrapbooking party). Lexington, Kentucky is selling the Living Well cookbooks to raise money to host the 2014 national meeting.

New Business

*Adoption of 2012 budget.

Discussion: \$1391 of income was received from the 2011 United Association Conference. The group decided not to continue the dues reduction for those attending in 2012. This does not require action, because the previous motion that created the dues discount for 2011 read that it would need to be renewed every year. Without a motion, the dues discount will simply not happen.

Melinda Daily asked if JCEP required that we send two representatives. The group determined it was most beneficial to send the President-Elect. Cindy Evans moved to send only one delegate to JCEP and pay up to \$1000. Discussion: Melinda Daily suggested that if the President Elect cannot go, the President would be the next delegate considered.

Melinda moved to amend the motion to pay for JCEP expenses up to \$1500 for one delegate. Cindy withdrew her motion.

Melinda moved to send the President - Elect to JCEP paying up to \$1500 for expenses. If the President-elect cannot attend, the President could serve as the delegate. Seconded by Kathy Tharman. Motion passed.

Kathy Lupfer Nielson moved to let the KEAFCS board decide the best time to schedule a spring business meeting. Seconded by Melinda Daily. Motion passed.

Nancy Honig moved to pass the 2012 budget as amended; seconded by Kathy Lupfer Nielson. Motion passed.

Carol Ann Crouch suggested we reconsider the \$50 gift to retirees. Kathy said that would need to be a bylaws change.

There did not appear to be any support for a silent auction.

Announcements:

*November 5 – Cotton Gin Tour

*Sharolyn Jackson announced there would be a 6 am walk with administrators opportunity on Wednesday.

Robin Eubank moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Linda Beech. Motion passed.