National Block & Bridle Club 2004 Business Meeting San Antonio, TX January 19, 2004

President Harold Harpster called the meeting to order at 9:15 PM. Dr. Harpster welcomed everyone to the 83rd Convention and introduced the other national officers.

Dr. Jodi Sterle reported on the convention, adding her welcome to the attendees. A total of 52 chapters and 909 people have registered for this year's convention.

Officer Reports

Dr. Cindy Wood, reporting for Dr. Jeannette Moore, Vice President. Dr. Wood reminded everyone that award information is on the web, and more chapters should submit nominations. Please note the June deadlines.

Dr. Cindy Wood, Secretary/Treasurer, presented the minutes from last year's business meeting, and from the advisor's meeting in Phoenix. The motion was made and properly seconded to accept the minutes as presented. She then presented the Treasurer's Report, which was also accepted. The 2003 convention hosted by VT did end up in the black, thanks to a bill from the hotel that was lower than expected, and some last minute donations. The chapter will send a check for \$15,000 to the national organization.

Dr. Nevil Speer, Editor, reminded everyone that the newsletter usually comes out twice a year, and can be found on the web as well. He indicated that there were 7 yearbook nominations this year, and 6 web page nominations. The National B&B web site address is www.blockandbridle.org

Dr. Harold Harpster, President, reported that there were 7 nominations for Outstanding Senior. Scrapbooks were still being brought in.

Applications for new charters

Dr. Harpster indicated that there is one application for new charter, Eastern Wyoming College's Agriculture Club. Dr. Wood presented the club's credentials, and asked for a motion to approve their acceptance into the National Block and Bridle Club. Motion was made by Matt Hickey (VT representative) and seconded by Dr. Hayden Brown (AR advisor). Motion passed unanimously.

2005 (85th) Convention—Colorado State University

Dr. Celina Johnson presented a report on next year's convention. It will be held in Denver January 12-16, 2005 in conjunction with the National Western Stock Show. A pre-convention

ski trip is planned, along with an industry tour, visits to the stock show, a Saturday business meeting, and a career trade show. The convention web site is bandbdenver.com

CLLI Report

Dr. Jessica Gentry reported on last year's CLLI. She mentioned that 23 colleges have been represented during the 5-year span of the institute, with about 40 students participating. However, there will be no CLLI this year due to budget constraints. She hopes that alternative funding sources will be located to keep the program going. It takes approximately \$20,000 per year to fund the beef CLLI. In the past funds have come from NCBA, ASAS, National B&B, and the universities represented at the institute.

Summer Meeting Report

Dr. Wood presented minutes from the advisors' meeting held in Phoenix during the annual ASAS meeting. Dr. Harpster reminded advisors that there will be a meeting at the 2004 ASAS meetings in St. Louis.

Old Business: none

New Business

Election of Secretary/Treasurer. Dr. Harpster rotates off as President, succeeded by Dr. Jeannette Moore. Dr. Wood takes office as Vice President, and Dr. Speer remains Editor. The nominating committee of past presidents (Drs. Hayden Brown, Ronnie Green, and Tim Marshall) recommended Dr. Jodi Sterle (TX A&M). There being no nominations from the floor, Dr. Sterle was elected by acclimation.

2006 Convention. The convention will actually be held in October 2005 in Columbus, OH. The convention will be in conjunction with the Quarter Horse Congress.

2007 Convention. The University of Florida has volunteered to host the 2007 convention in the Orlando area. Dr. Marshall asked that suggestions be directed his way.

There being further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Wood Secretary/Treasurer