

**National Block & Bridle Club**  
**Annual Business Meeting**  
**November 8, 2001**  
**Louisville, KY**

President Hayden Brown called the meeting to order at 9:00 PM.

The first item of business was an update on the convention from Dr. Fred Thrift. He reported that there are 575 students registered, and he outlined the schedule for the next two days.

Officers then gave the following reports.

Editor (Jeannette Moore): Dr. Moore reminded everyone that a newsletter is published each spring and fall. She also has addresses of all chapters on the web, and encouraged people to check the web every once in a while to make sure addresses are up to date, and to see what's new. Chapter abstracts are encouraged. They are put on the web, and are good ways to share information. She encouraged chapters to submit Published Yearbooks and Web Pages for judging. She also reminded chapters to send updates on officers and advisors to the Editor as needed.

Secretary/Treasurer (Cindy Wood): As of November 9, 2001 then national treasury has a total of \$60,338.77 in a money market account, and \$4,962.80 in checking. The Treasurer's Report was circulated and approved. She reported that minutes from the advisor's meeting held in conjunction with the ASAS meeting is available, as are the minutes from the national convention in St. Louis.

Vice President (Harold Harpster): Dr. Harpster reported that there were two applications for the 2-year scholarship award, and 11 Junior scholarship nominations. He encouraged chapters to keep deadlines for awards in mind as they prepare information for awards.

President (Hayden Brown): Nominations for Outstanding Senior are judged in June and the three finalists determined, along with two honorable mentions. The actual placing of the top three winners will be announced at the banquet. The deadline of June 1 is very strict because of publication deadlines for the Journal of Animal Science. Dr. Brown encouraged chapters to submit nominations. Criteria are on the web. Volunteers are needed to judge scrapbooks.

#### Agenda Items

- 1) Dr. Harpster reported that two colleges are interested in forming new Block and Bridle chapters. One application, from North Central Texas College, has been received and will be voted on at the breakfast banquet Sunday.
- 2) Dr. Tim Marshall presented a report from an ad hoc committee on Scrapbook Competition. After some discussion the proposal was voted on and accepted. New guidelines will be published on the web for next year's competition. Details of the proposal are attached.

- 3) Students from Virginia Tech reported on the 83<sup>rd</sup> national convention, to be held in the Washington, D. C. area January 23-26, 2003. They are excited about hosting the convention, and look forward to seeing everyone there. The convention will open with registration, a reception, the business meeting, and entertainment on Thursday evening. On Friday, an educational program highlighting the role of politics in agriculture will be held in the morning. In the afternoon, attendees can visit with their congressional delegations and tour the Capitol area. Entertainment in the DC area is being planned for that evening. On Saturday, tours showcasing Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania agriculture are planned, followed by the awards banquet and dance that night. The convention adjourns on Sunday morning with Cowboy Church.
- 4) Dr. Brown asked for nominations to host the 84<sup>th</sup> national convention. Chapters are urged to submit proposals as soon as possible.
- 5) Dr. Nevil Speer reported on the Beef CLLI. He reported that the second class completed their work in August. He said that although the deadline was short this year because of when convention occurred, there were 18 excellent nominations. The 2002 participants will be announced at the banquet. They will convene in Reno, NV at the NCA meetings, then travel to Quebec, Canada for the ASAS meetings. Dr. Speer also said that he is looking into funding possibilities for future classes. He would like to see the other species added, and is hopeful that an equine class can start in the near future.
- 6) A report on the St. Louis meeting was presented. It was an excellent convention, but the U of MO chapter did not break even. Although 600+ people attended, that was less than expected, and the extra meal added for the comedy night was expensive. With other factors added in, the convention lost \$42,000. The University of Missouri will not be returning the \$10,000 advance from the national organization, but will make up the remaining deficit themselves.
- 6) Dr. Hayden summarized the summer meeting (minutes available). Officers reported on award nominations, etc. The main items of business were reports on the past (MO), upcoming (KY), and 2003 (VT) conventions. A nomination committee consisting of Drs. Ronnie Green, Ron Lemanger, and Tim Marshall was appointed since a new Editor will be elected at the Louisville convention.
- 7) Dr. Ronnie Green reported that the Nominations Committee recommends Dr. Speer for the office of Editor, Dr. Moore for Vice President, and Dr. Harpster for President. Dr. Wood's term as Sec/Tr continues until 2004. The nomination committee's recommendations were accepted by acclamation.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Wood, Secretary/Treasurer