

**National Block & Bridle Club
2003 Business Meeting
Washington, DC
January 23, 2003**

President Harold Harpster called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM. Dr. Harpster welcomed everyone to the 83rd Convention and introduced the other national officers.

Dr. Cindy Wood reported on the convention, adding her welcome to the attendees. She went over the schedule briefly, indicating where events would take place in the hotel. She also reviewed the alcohol policy; she encouraged everyone to have a great time, but be aware of other guests at the hotel.

Officer Reports

Dr. Jeannette Moore, Vice President, reminded everyone that award information is on the web. She said that there were 7 entries for Outstanding Junior and 13 entries for chapter activities. She asked that more 2-year programs consider nominating their outstanding students.

Dr. Cindy Wood, Secretary/Treasurer, presented the minutes from last year's business meeting, and from the advisor's meeting in Quebec (attached). The motion was made and properly seconded to accept the minutes as presented. She then presented the Treasurer's Report (attached), which was also accepted. The 2002 convention hosted by KY broke even, and Virginia Tech did not need to borrow any money from national.

Dr. Nevil Speer, Editor, reminded everyone that the newsletter usually comes out twice a year, and can be found on the web as well. There was not one this past fall, but there will be one this spring. There was some discussion about the web site award. Rather than send the information to the Editor on disks, it was decided (by a 27-4 vote of delegates) that chapters wishing to enter their web sites into competition would freeze their web sites for a designated period of time to allow for judging. Specific protocols will be worked out. Dr. Speer also said that there were 7 nominations this year for Published Yearbook, and for the Web Site competition.

Dr. Harold Harpster, President, reported that there were 10 nominations for Outstanding Senior, and that it looked like there would be 12 or 13 scrapbooks to judge the next day. Judges this year include advisors, but also a professional graphics artist from the Northern Virginia branch of Virginia Tech.

Applications for new charters

Dr. Harpster indicated that there were no applications for new charters. He noted that there are 80 chapters nation wide, and 44 are at the convention. He encouraged everyone to recruit new chapters.

2004 Convention—Texas A&M

Dr. Jodi Sterle and two of her students, Bethany Tolman and Kristin Hoges gave a report on the next convention. It will be in San Antonio, TX February 12-15, 2004 at the Doubletree Hotel near the River Walk. There is a stock show that weekend, and the students are busy lining up all the details for another great convention.

CLLI Report

Dr. Speer reported that although the number of nominations was down this year because of budget woes, the quality was excellent. He gave a brief history of the program, indicating that the original idea was to have beef, swine, and equine institutes. It has been very difficult to secure funding for all species, but the officers continue to work on the problem. For the Beef program, the NCBA has been great to work with, as has the ASAS. There has been some discussion of the ASAS Foundation helping to fund a portion of the cost. Graduates of past CLLI classes have done well. Dr. Speer will be transitioning out of the position, and Dr. Jessica Gentry will be taking over. Delegates suggested that the National Cattlewomen might be a funding possibility.

Summer Meeting Report

Dr. Harpster reminded advisors that there will be a meeting at the ASAS meetings in Phoenix, AZ. The CLLI group will be there as well.

Old Business: none

New Business

Delegates suggested that the National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY might be a good place to promote Block and Bridle. There is a trade show, but the fee for a booth is \$1,000. Club members from UK, Murray State, and Western KY could probably help man the booth. In addition, there are probably a lot of FFA alumni who are Block and Bridle, too. It was decided that if they want to pursue the idea, the KY chapters would submit a proposal to the National Officers.

Dr. Harpster reminded everyone that a host for the 2005 convention needs to be identified soon. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Wood
Secretary/Treasurer