

**National Block & Bridle Club
Mid-Year Advisors' Meeting
June 25, 2003
Phoenix, AZ**

President Harold Harpster called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM and asked all those attending to introduce themselves. He asked that attendees consider signing up to help judge awards, and sent around a sign up sheet.

Officer Reports

Vice President (Jeannette Moore): Dr. Moore reported that there are 7 nominees for Junior Scholarship, 1 nominee for the Sophomore Award, and 10 chapter activities nominations. Results will be reported at the national convention in February 2004. She reminded everyone that the deadline was June 15.

Editor (Nevil Speer): No report available. Dr. Harpster indicated that 6 Chapter Web Page nominations were received.

Secretary/Treasurer (Cindy Wood): The minutes from the 2003 national convention were handed out for review, along with a current treasurer's report. As of June 20, 2003, there is \$56,779.49 in the Money Market account, and \$8,885.49 in the checking account. Virginia Tech did not have to borrow money from national for the convention, and although the books are not yet closed on that event, it looks like it will at least break even. Dr. Wood also reminded everyone that names of new members (and their lifetime dues of \$10.00 each) need to be sent in to the national office. Not only does that help continuity, it also makes chapters and individuals eligible for national awards.

President (Harold Harpster): Dr. Harpster reported there are 7 nominations for Outstanding Senior. He also reminded everyone about the new rules for judging scrapbooks, and again asked for volunteers to judge scrapbooks on site at the convention.

CLLI Report (Jessica Gentry): The 2003 class consists of 9 students, all of whom have graduated but one. Five plan to attend graduate school, 1 is in vet school, 2 are working, and 1 is a rising senior. Funding for CLLI comes from national B&B (1/3), NCBA/ASAS (1/3), and universities (1/3). There was some discussion of trying to get pork and equine classes up and running. Drs. Jodi Sterle and Julia McCann will be asked to help with that effort.

Convention Reports

2003 National Convention (Cindy Wood): The 2003 convention was a big success, and the Virginia Tech chapter was very pleased to host the convention. As mentioned, there

are still a few loose ends, but the convention should end up in the black. The VT chapter will be sending every chapter a copy of the picture CD shown at banquet.

2004 Convention (Jodi Sterle): The 2004 convention will be held Feb. 19-22, 2004 in San Antonio, TX. The HQ hotel is the Adam's Mark on the River Walk, with room rates of \$119 + tax/night. They are trying to keep registration under \$150.00. Dr. Sterle gave a quick rundown of the schedule: Thursday will be entertainment and the business meeting; Friday will be tours of TX agriculture (King Ranch, a conservation tour, a beef/horse tour, and an allied industry tour) followed by the stock show and rodeo; Saturday will be the educational sessions in the morning, free time in the afternoon, and a banquet and dance that night. Sunday will be the traditional "cowboy church".

Future conventions (Harold Harpster): The Ohio State University has volunteered to host the 2005 convention in conjunction with the American QH Congress, followed by the University of Florida in 2006/2007 (March), and Colorado State after that. After some discussion, it was determined that OSU was planning for October 2005, which would create a large gap, followed by a very short time period until the Florida convention. CSU then agreed to move their convention up to January 2005 to get the schedule back on track.

Other business

Dr. Moore reminded everyone about the NACTA meetings, which this year were held just before the ASAS meetings. The meeting next year will be in Florida in June.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Wood
Secretary/Treasurer