

AGENDA

2015 Spring Colorado CCA Board Meeting

Adams County Conference Center

9755 Henderson Road

Brighton, Colorado 80601

Friday March 13, 2014 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

- Introductions and Welcome
 - In attendance: Thia Walker, Troy Bauder, Kierra Jewell, Don Gallegos, Don Graffis, Thaine Kramer, Tom Hall, Terry Kohler
- Approve minutes from the fall CCA Board Meeting
 - Motion to approve minutes: Tom. Second: Thaine. All in favor, none opposed.
- Budget Report
 - Kierra will ask Lacey for last year's copy and send it to Tom. He will update it and send it around to the board electronically for approval.
 - Might need to put a revision for the study guide in next year's budget.
 - Tom wants to make sure that Kierra's salary is covered
 - Exam expenses: stats are a budget item already but Madison does the stats every year and sends them to us. (more on this topic later in the meeting)
 - Need to have crop clinic help line item
 - Probability to upgrade the building location for the crop clinic. That would be a good use of money. Perhaps NJC, plainsman grill. Fort morgan might be an option.
- Exam Committee
 - CCA Test Results
 - Cut score recommended at 67. Gives us a 43% pass rate. 14 total people took the test.
 - We did not get a distribution report like usual. Troy will be checking in with the Madison exam committee as to why we didn't get those stats and if we can have them sent to us.

- Motion to approve cut score (reluctantly since we don't have all of our stats): Don Graffis. Seconded: Thaine. All in favor, none opposed.
 - Typically our cut score is somewhere in the upper 60s so this isn't entirely unusual, but without stats we don't have as clear a picture.
- Standard and Ethics Committee Report
 - Thaine will get Brad's files from him soon. He will have more information on what needs to be done after getting the files.
 - There are two applying for retirement status. Means they don't have to take CEUs but must use the word "Retired" after their CCA title. Thaine will talk with Lacey and get them approved. They are in good standing and have been for years.
 - 1 new applicant. Thaine will talk with Brad and Lacey about testing for the person. Review with committee to approve.
 - Should we have the list of CCAs w/o enough credits yet? Thaine will check with Lacey.
 - Kierra will get a list of all CCAs in Colorado from Lacey.
- Marketing/Promotion Committee
 - Need to use the CCA banner more. Terry will take it to a few conferences. We can find ways to meet up and trade the banner so it can get to more places.
 - Kierra will check with Erik to see if there are any promotional materials like pens or other swag.
 - Thia will check into pins or name tags for CCAs to wear. Then we can just send them to members once we get contact information.
 - We will check into adding a CCA ribbon to name tags at RMAA/CTAA conferences.
 - Might want to participate in the new fruit and vegetable growers conference next February.
- Education Committee
 - Short on nutrient management credits according to last year's CEU approval sheet.
 - Approving CEUs guidance request from Troy
 - Last year's Conservation Tillage conference submission had about a 50% rejection rate for requested CEUs. Based on topic and speaker.
 - How should the education committee approve credits? Do they need to be regionally appropriate? Do we need to make sure there is balance in the program? Should they be science based? Should someone else approve them? We do use the national guidelines for topics but some

speakers do not seem to regionally relevant or even appropriate for the talk.

- For instance: crop insurance companies often have their conferences here. There is a PO for crop insurance but some of the talks appear to be company business and not anything related to what the PO might mean.
- Board suggestion: if not enough information to approve, deny the session or CEU. We have to be confident that in case of an audit, we are telling our members that their CEU credits are worth something.
- Review Committee Memberships
 - Ted not able to continue- Tom will take over for board chair
 - Tom will be the chair until end of 2016 when his term is over.
 - Thia will contact Independent crop consultants for a new member to replace Brad who left last year.
 - We need one more CCA at large. Troy will talk to Ron Meyer about finding a volunteer. It would be good to have someone from the Stratton area.
 - Don Graffis will work on his replacement
 - Jessica Freeman might be a good replacement for Ruthanne.
- Other Topics?
 - Crop Clinic with Ron
 - Ron would like help with: names and contacting speakers. Date and place.
 - Potential dates: Dec 1-3. 9am-4pm and 9am-3pm. Gives us 11 credit hours to offer.
 - Kierra will make new save the dates and flyers once more information is known.
 - Who can help with getting speakers? Jeff has helped in the past. We can have a teleconference later in the summer to decide speakers.
 - Need NM and SW credits most.
 - Brian Domenico, Nolan Doesken, Troy Bauder = 3 SW credits potentially
 - Meeting Check-in for CEU credits
 - The check in app doesn't give any feedback so members don't know if it submitted or not. It also doesn't allow check out.
 - Can we get options for a ½ day sign in sheet rather than each session or all day?
- Fall Meeting Date: Oct. 16th. 9-12noon adams ct fairgrounds. Kierra will reserve.