

Agenda Items- CCA Meeting March 11, 2016

9: 00 AM Introductions

- In attendance: Thia Walker, Thaine Kramer, Kierra Jewell, Dave Green, Wes Pollart, Bob Leisy, Jeff Tichota, Don Gallegos, Brad Walker, Benny Kitten.

1. Review and Accept last meeting minutes

- a. Motion to accept: Dave
- b. Seconded: Jeff
- c. All in favor, none opposed.
- d. Minutes passed

2. New Board Members

- a. Bob Leisy and Wes Pollart introduced themselves.

3. Committee Reports

a. Exam –Benny : Feb Exam

- i. Two errors were found on key. They were corrected and sent back to Madison for review.
- ii. A cut score should be sent to us next week.
- iii. The coordinator send some suggestions on question improvement that the exam committee will look at.
- iv. We need to review the Performance Objectives for the Nutrient Management section. Tom, Dave, Brad and Thaine will help look over them.
- v. Set review deadline for June 1st.
- vi. If we do change any POs, we need to make sure we update the study materials.

b. Marketing

- i. Need a marketing chair since Ruthanne's term was up.
- ii. Bob was volunteered last meeting. He is also on the board for RMAA could be a good liaison to help us see if there is any way to cooperate with them in terms of marketing.
- iii. RMAA attendance has been down in the last few years. RMAA is trying to figure out how to collaborate with Ron Meyer regarding his meeting.
- iv. Generally left with the idea that if both parties can offer quality meetings then they don't have to share credits. We want to offer our CCAs as many opportunities as possible for credits.
- v. Kierra will continue ordering jackets for members and let the marketing chair just work on CCA marketing.

c. Finance -Tom and Brad

- i. Report is short because the committee did not have extra time to go into the budget. They will give us a full report at the fall meeting with expected changes.

- ii. The Colorado board made more money when lots of people took the test. Not so much anymore.
 - iii. We probably need to raise the renewal fee in order to keep up with expenses.
 - iv. Largest expense is CSU support. CSU support is crucial to the survival of the program.
 - v. Iowa has 1300 CCAs. We have 160. 106 people x \$25 fee is not a great deal of income.
 - vi. If we can't up the fee to \$50 over time and show value then we need to find the value for our CCAs and let them know what it is.
 - vii. Need to write some more online modules. They bring in a small amount of money but also offer options for CCAs to get their credits.
 - viii. In 1995 we thought that a CCA was going to be required by law but it hasn't happened. Need to see if we can encourage companies and agencies to require it again.
- d. Standards and Ethics- Thaine : Non Compliant CCAs
- i. Not many were deficient in credits. 6 total. Five of them were deficient in Crop Management area.
 - ii. Some of the deficiencies may be taken care of by the time Madison sends out the final letter.
 - iii. Two of the deficiencies were out of state. One didn't have any credits at all so they are probably dropping.
 - iv. We used to have the ability for leniency. We don't any more and Madison sent a letter out several times to every CCA to explain it to them. The CCA can now appeal directly to Madison and if they agree, Madison will send the appeal to our board to review.
- e. Education
- i. Once the new POs are approved, we can update the study guide.
 - ii. Looking at writing new modules for online self study.
 - iii. Benny will look into seeing if NRCS has anything that we can use to offer self study for.
 - iv. Thia will talk to Troy about updating his former self study module.
 - v. Thia might be able to get her staff to write some of her programs' things as a self study.
 - vi. Thia will find out what the guidelines are for a self study module.
- f. WPS -Thia Walker
- i. EPA sent out proposed rule changes. They allowed for comment period and then signed into rule for 2015.
 - ii. As of Nov 2015 in the federal register. Starting January 2017 everyone has to comply with new standards.
 - iii. They will now recognize three types of crop advisers:
 - 1. Works for ag establishment. The ag establishment has to provide WPS.

2. Commercial pesticide handling establishment. They are considered handlers and have to train as such and provide WPS.
 3. Self-employed. These are handler activities and have to have handler training.
- iv. All of those three go out the window if you are a certified pest applicator.
 - v. They also recognize certified crop adviser and CCAs are exempt from some activities of WPS. The CCA will need to have approval from the State. Can self-determine equipment for REI. Exempt from having decontamination supplies. Don't have to provide emergency assistance.
 - vi. If there are uncertified crop advisers then they are considered handlers or workers. They need annual training from certified applicator, state designee, or train the trainer program. Employee has to provide decontamination supplies and emergency assistance.
 - vii. What do we need to get exempt? Online "How to comply with WPS component" documents. Can we house this at the CCA website? This might need some money to develop the document/module. We could possibly charge for it.
 - viii. Consider for the future: can we put together a webinar/module for WPS? Can CCA pay for this? See if CSU Online can host the webinar and charge people to watch. Then we can get money from CSU online. This will give us a proposal at the fall meeting for this.

4. New Business

11:00 AM Adjourn

Next meeting: Oct 21st 9-12noon adams county