

N.C.S.T.A.
Board of Directors Meeting
March 19, 2011
Pearce Backhoe
9 a.m.

Opening Prayer: Frank Pearce

Members Present: Jim Lanier, Jimmy Shoaf, Doug Lassiter, Latt Moretz, Jerry Pearce, John Peele, Keith Blackburn, Larry Beam, Gabe Dellinger, Stanley Mills, Connie Stephens, Frank Pearce, Monica Rhea, Ace Potter

Absent: Chris Dobbins (Surgery), David Wallwork (recovering from surgery), David Cooper (hospital).

Minutes reviewed from January 19, 2011. Motion to approve made by Jim Lanier, 2nd by John Peele, approved.

Annual Meeting Minutes reviewed. Motion to approve made by Latt Moretz, 2nd by Jim Lanier, approved.

President Update:

*Currently have 10 scholarship applications 8 are from 336 area code.

*There have been inquiries on how to be on the Board of Directors Form reviewed and will be emailed to Board and voted on next meeting.

*Discussion to eliminate the PO Box in Greensboro. Motion made by Latt Moretz, 2nd by Jim Lanier, approved.

Treasurer's Report: Balance in General Account as of February 28, 2011 was \$71,434.03. Balance in the education fund as of February 28, 2011 was \$3,687.48. The Board discussed budget options regarding scholarships for 2011 and class fees for the remainder of the year. Motion to accept the report with the correction of Stanley Mills name made by Ace Potter, 2nd by Larry Beam, approved.

Administrator Update:

- Name Change ballot results Hickory (176) Against, (73) For , (12) other suggestions

- Name Change ballot results Greenville (50) Against, (14) For, (1) other suggestion.

Hickory 2011 was successful. We have received very positive comments on the event. Overall cost was down from 2010 and attendance was good.

Mixed opinions on Sunset Beach event. Once the numbers are in from Sunset Beach, the Board may want to consider going back to smaller regional classes if the expense is too large.

We still need vendor commitment for Sunset Beach. Rooms are booked for Sunset Beach. Vendor setup is Tuesday June 14th 2-5pm. Classes will run Wednesday and Thursday from 8am. Registration will open at 7am. Red Shirts will need to be onsite by 6:45am. Friday class will be 3 hour land application class. There will not be a Gala. Board will go out to eat Wednesday night as a group. Board had previously discussed providing a lunch, the Board decided not to do a lunch at this time.

Connie needs stands to hold alphabet signs for the certificates at the convention and symposium. Frank Pearce volunteers to make these stands 4 feet tall, and able to be broken down for easy transport.

Lobbyist Update:

- Scholarship update: letter from Member with suggestion and concerns regarding scholarship program and training suggestions for future classes
- NPCA Convention. Good show. We had representation.
- National pumper show. Attendance was down.
- Derrick & Crane Certification. First choice would be exemption, 2nd choice would be NCSTA become an approved education source. Doug is contacting legislatures on our behalf.
- I & E Committee Review
- Board of Directors Candidates
- NCOWCICB Actions and Commission Candidates
- NC Budget provisions. NCSTA will not support the new fee structure proposed by DENR. We need more information as to where the current funds are dispersed.

Other Business:

Connie will email date and time for phone meeting to review and approve scholarships. Next Board meeting will be on Tuesday June 14, 2011 at Sunset Beach. The following meeting will be Saturday September 17, 2011 location to be announced.

Keith Blackburn made a motion to have Doug work preparing a commission to your legislature to make it where the Operation Permit is not released until installer signs off, this would ensure payment to the installer.

Motion to enter into Executive session made by Ace Potter, 2nd by Gabe Dellinger, approved. Doug Lassiter and Connie Stephens are excused.

Regular session resumes.

Motion to adjourn made by Jim Lanier, 2nd by Ace Potter, approved.