

Elizabethtown Service Center

August 24, 2017

4:30 pm ET

Present: Adam Haggard, Dana McKinney, Kay Barton, Patti Karn, Kelli Rouse, Runita Rice, Kellie Samuels, Micki Crider, Karen Evans, Kenni Crane, Katie Taylor, Gera Ferguson, Diane Dunn, Debbie Beehn, Dawn Ovesen, Lindsey New, Laura Howell, and Meghan Edwards.

Documents provided to begin meeting: Agenda 8/24/17, Travel Claim, Financial Report, Membership Report, and Minutes of 4/27/17.

President Kay Barton called the meeting to order. Alternate PT Director, Micki Crider was seated to serve at the meeting for Carla Harper. Motion was made by Dawn Ovesen, second by Karen Evans. All in favor with no opposition.

Minutes of 4/27/17 were reviewed, as well as actions between meetings, which included approval of the Embassy Suites in Lexington contract for the SEA Rally by email on 6/12/17, Adm Leave requested for two delegates and approved on 6/5/17, and Dues postcards mailed to members not on payroll deduction and non-members on 7/7/17. Minutes and said actions were approved. Motion was made by Dawn Ovensen, second by Diane Dunn. All in favor no opposition.

Financial Report was given by Treasurer, Patti Karn, with a noted ending checking account balance of \$11, 762.98, Motion made by Karen Evans to accept the Financial Report as submitted, seconded by Runita Rice. All in favor with no opposition.

Secretary gave Membership Report. It was noted that membership is 84.5%, with 180 members of 213 on board employees. Three more employees have given notice that FSA-444 has been submitted to HR for payroll deduction. However, these three employees have not shown up on report, so they are not included yet in the 180 members.

Programs Chair, Dawn Ovesen noted that some recent posts have been made on the NASCOE website for some submissions that have been answered by National Office. She reminded members if they are not signed up to receive the direct emails from NASCOE, they should and can do so easily by clicking the follow pop up on the website.

Emblems Chair, Micki Crider, gave a report noting that NASCOE by Superior, our emblems provider, intends to set up at the SEA Rally in April at the hotel. She reminded directors that emblems has a Facebook page, and you can keep up with new merchandise in this manner by "liking" the page. She reminded us that 8% of emblems sales goes back to NASCOE for National Scholarship. From Aug 2016 to July 2017 \$50,000 in emblems was sold nationwide.

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Kenni Crane, Legislative Chair, gave a brief report and stated that August 31 contacts lists are to be in to AREA chairs.

Second reading of scholarship update to By-Laws was read by President Barton. Motion was made and seconded at the 4/27/17 meeting for Kentucky By-Laws to be updated to reflect the following: KY will award one traditional scholarship of \$500 for regular member and one traditional scholarship of \$250 for associate member and any other categories as determined according to available funding, with all policy following that policy set forth in national policy that governs scholarship. Applicants can only receive a scholarship one time per category. Applicants must submit all documentation at the time the scholarship is submitted. Applicant's parent or legal guardian must be a member in good standing. Member in good standing means dues must be paid and membership kept current for the past 5 years, or if less than 5 years employment, continuous membership has been maintained since becoming a KASCOE members within the first 12 months of becoming a permanent employee.

Key PT positions were discussed by President Barton. Duties listed for this position were read from the original vacancy posting for the current 2 positions which are CRP and Disaster Programs. It was noted that a new Program Chief has been hired (Travis Chick) to begin soon, and certain issues with the Key PT positions will be addressed when the new Chief is on board. Directors determined to table the issue of requesting a Key PT be hired for Price Support.

Katie Taylor, delegate to the 2017 National Convention in St. Charles, MO, gave a report about convention. Katie had previously prepared notes and shared with Directors prior to this meeting. She did reiterate that there was much discussion at the convention by the National Office panel about recording time worked, and requesting comp time for extra hours worked. Reports are misguided and appear that we are fully staffed because we are not logging extra hours we work. We have dedicated employees who come in early and stay late and don't record the time or request comp time and this makes staffing reports be untrue.

Dawn Ovesen gave a report of work she has done in preparation for SEA Rally to be held 4/11-4/14/17. It was noted the meetings will be held on Thursday and Friday, with tour day being Wednesday. KACS and Retirees have been expressed an interest to hold their meeting at the Rally. Tour stops discussed included Woodford Reserve, Wild Turkey, Buffalo Trace, a local horse farm, and maybe a winery. The Castle was mentioned as a venue. Dawn shared a letter she prepared for sponsorship and discussed how important it is for everyone to get on board and ask local ag business to support the Rally regardless of the amount. It was decided to invite Warren Beeler to be a speaker at the Rally, and also James Comer if he is available.

President Barton asked Debbie Beehn if she had any news to share from the STO. She confirmed a new Program Chief had been hired and will begin September 17. She also stated she would check with Winnie Breeding concerning the KASCOE link that no longer is available due to the change in the intranet page.

Laura Howell have a report from the Retirees. Associate Dues are payable for the year at \$5. There is a luncheon scheduled for November 2 at the Embassy Suites in Lexington (same hotel that the Rally will be held) and rooms available on Nov 1 for anyone wanting to stay the night before. All are invited.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Diane Dunn, second by Karen Evans, with no opposition at 6:15 pm ET.

Next scheduled meeting: To be determined

Respectfully submitted,

Dana McKinney, Secretary