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ETGRA BoD Mtg 9/13/2022

Minutes of Meeting

Officers attending: Tony Thomas, President; Pat Thomas, Treasurer; Andrea Thompson, Secretary;

Directors attending: Gwen Vandermartin, Charles Johnson, James Kyle

Members attending: Lee Owens

Directors/Officers absent: Curtis Shoemaker (wife medical), Dempsey Walton, Donnie Driver (wife medical)

Meeting called to order 6:40 pm by Tony Thomas

**Minutes** –August minutes emailed/mailed by Andrea Thompson. Charles Johnson-motion to approve minutes as written, Pat Thomas, 2nd, minutes approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:**  -emailed and presented by Pat Thomas-GF -3 expense checks sent out-insurance, Farm Bureau dues, youth award reimbursement-$4592.93. Building fund-portion from renewals added- $6340.49, Youth fund-2 renewals $1402.58, Scholarship fund $2580.07, Disaster fund $700. Total in all accounts $15,615.05. Motion made by Andrea T, Gwen Vandermartin 2nd, motion approved

**Membership:** Gwen- 36 total members, 25 regular, 7 Junior, 4 lifetime memberships.

No Newsletter or Website-no volunteers

**Building:** Will contact AJ and Kevin Ford re: mowing prior to next general membership appointment.

**Dairy-**Gwen-no volunteers to take over. Gwen has contacted Corsicana and they are processing refund of $500 deposit. They have offered use of facility again “if you ever decide to do another dairy show”.

**Sale:** Gwen-will start working on mail outs and other matters now that she has time due to family member who was on hospice.

**Education:** Andrea-at last meeting, commercial realtor or non-profit lawyer requested for October 22. Tony will try to contact a realtor to see if they would make presentation, Century 21 in Nacogdoches has submitted contact information to represent for sale.

**Scholarship:** Andrea T-after closing of application deadline, only 1 application received. Application was reviewed by Kim Keplar and Richard Myers, Charles Johnson was also given a copy at July gen. membership meeting. Per Andrea’s contact from Kim and Richard, applicant qualified for and deserving of scholarship award. James Kyle voiced dissention with new agreed scholarship rules. Andrea stated that ETGRA is a non-profit organization, scholarship money has been sitting unused for over 8 years. Multiple youth members have been encouraged to apply, when rules limited to Senior year only, but no applications ever received. Lee Owens interjected that youth are not aware of organizations or scholarships-she recommended sponsoring classes or awards at local fairs to get organization presence to greater audience. Lee agreed to present a proposal for award scholarship at fairs at the October 22 meeting if she is able to come to the meeting.

Agreement to award scholarship to single applicant, will ask if she is able to attend Oct 22 meeting. Pat Thomas will reach out to her parents.

**Youth:** Lee Owens asked about making presentation about youth fair sponsorship at October meeting. Tony asked her to make presentation for discussion Oct 22. Andrea T will send list of current membership locations to Lee, she will make a list of fairs, etc local to members in the area. Lee Owens volunteered to take over youth. Andrea will provide information about current point system.

**Old Business:** Survey of property has been ordered by Curtis as approved-anticipate 3-4 weeks to complete. Gwen and Andrea will check on Curtis to see if he needs assistance in any way.

**New Business:**  Tony Thomas-states former member Valre Leger contacted him regarding upcoming heart surgery planned for grandson. Andrea asked Tony if he could find out if a Go Fund Me account has been created for the family.

Next conference call meeting 10/11 at 6:30 pm

Motion made by Gwen to adjourn, 2nd by Charles J, meeting adjourned 7:20 pm.

Submitted by Andrea Thompson, Secretary