

Epsilon Sigma Phi  
ALPHA KAPPA CHAPTER BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, September 23, 2020  
10:00 EST  
Zoom Meeting

The meeting of Alpha Kappa Chapter Board Meeting was called to order by President Jeremy Teal. Board members were introduced. Those present were Katie Alexander, Sally Mineer, Jeremy Teal, Amanda Hardy, Matti Cornelius, Erika Wood, Lyndall Harned, Tyrone Gentry, Vicki Wynn, Jenny Cocanougher, Jennifer Bridge, Nellie Buchanan, Dr. Allison Young, Lisa Hagman, Steve Musen, Ray Tackett, Tony Rose, Amanda Dame, Owen Prim and Rita Smart.

Minutes were presented by Amanda Hardy from the February 2020 meeting. Minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Tony Rose to approve minutes as presented. Elizabeth Coots seconded and motion passed.

Treasurer's report was presented by Tyrone Gentry. As of today, 9/21, here is the state of the ESP fund financials- Principal Value: \$77,139.59, Market Value: \$133,771.92, Spending Account Balance: \$11,415.07, Projected 12 Month Earnings: \$4,863.81. A motion was made by Steve Musen and second by Nellie Buchanan to approved motion. Treasurers report will stand as approved.

President Elect Tyrone Gentry reported that the national meeting is coming up and hopes that everyone is excited to be online this year.

Past President Sally Mineer reported that she completed the chapter annual report and submitted to National Office. She worked with the web master on updates needed after our annual meeting. She is working with the Retiree's chair on life member updates and submitting to National Office. Continue to work with the current President on any concerns or questions. Registered to attend the National ESP meeting.

Professional Development Chair Katie Alexander has just gotten in roll of new chairmanship and will be working on upcoming meeting details.

Scholarship, Grants and Recognition Chair Mindy McCulley will be checking on awards. Wondering if they have gone to past chair. She hasn't heard anything as of today.

Marketing Chair Amanda Dame reported that the National ESP Marketing Committee is developing a video highlighting the organization and the benefits of being a member. They are asking members to submit photos or a short video that will be included in the video. An email was sent out from the National Marketing Committee. She will follow up on this email by sending out an additional email encouraging our members to submit photos/video. The email will be sent to Jeremy for review and distribution.

Resource Development Chair Debbie Shepherd was not present and no report.

Retirees Sally Mineer reported that Rita Smart sent her a couple of mail corrections and she sent them to national office. Rita reported that they promoted information on giving day for scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded \$13000 this fall to a winner. Normally there would have been a luncheon for the winner.

Membership Recruitment Chair Jenny Cocanougher reported that she is grateful to Lynette Allen who will continue to assist as a co-chair for the membership committee with her. They continue to update membership information. A snail mail contact was made with life members who do not utilize email – spring newsletter was mailed to these members as well as invite to support #OneDayforUK. Questions for Exec committee National ESP continue to send dues invoices around October 1. Current dues are \$55 for members, \$35 for new members and \$275 for life members. We will use this information to recruit new members.

Public Issues Chair Paula Jerrell not present and no report

Chapter Relations Chair Clint Hardy was not present but submitted a report.

Global Relations Chair Steve Musen reported that he applied and received a \$1,800 travel grant from the American Forage and Grassland Foundation to attend the Joint International Grassland Congress/International Rangeland Congress in Nairobi, Kenya on October 24-30, 2020. Unfortunately, due to the worldwide COVID19 pandemic, the Joint IGC/IRC has been postponed to October 2021. He plans to attend the Joint Congress in 2021 where he will be presenting a poster on the Kentucky Equine Forage and Facility Field Days and representing the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service and ESP-KA Chapter.

Newsletter Chair Nellie Buchanan reported that she wants information by October 15 to get newsletter ready by end of October.

Reports from Area Chairs:

Administration Natasha Lucas was not present but did send report. Since we just had District Staff Meeting, we probably do not have much to add. Just to reiterate some exciting news: We are so very excited for Dean Cox for taking on the additional role of Vice President for Land-Grant Engagement. In Dean Cox's new role, she will be reporting directly to Dr. Capilouto. The Extension Transition process is moving forward. The Area Extension Director Search Committee Chairs have been named. The committees are in the final stages of being formed all across the state. Our goal is to have all AED's in place by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The search committee for the ANR Assistant Director have been named and the process of finding a permanent ANR Asst. Director are moving forward. Thank you to all of you that have shared your program successes through the online submission form. These successes are being utilized and shared daily so keep those coming. We are looking forward to attending

the ESP National Virtual Conference in October. I have enjoyed serving on the National ESP Resource Development and Management Committee. I encourage each of you to think about applying for ESP National Committees in the future. Thanks to everyone that donated to or shared the One Day for UK information promoting our ESP-Building Extension Professional Leadership Fund on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Hopefully, we will hear details soon on the amount raised for the fund.

Bluegrass Area Ray Tackett reported that there is a new ANR Agent in Powell Co: Jason Vaughn (transferred from Campbell Horticulture Tech in March, new 4-H Agent in Estill County: Taylor Miles (just started last week). Resignations from this summer include Valerie Stewart (Powell 4-H), Patton Slusher (Bourbon ANR)

Fort Harrod Area Elizabeth Coots reported currently 1 agent vacancy – Anderson County FCS. Personal personnel: Karli Giles, formally Karli Jessie, Jessamine FCS, was married on May 23. Adam Leonberger, Franklin Hort, welcomed a son, Henry Stewart, who was on June 28. Elizabeth Coots, Woodford FCS, welcomed a son, Henry Isaac, who was born July 3. Tamera Magee, formally Tamera Thomas, was married on August 1.

Green River Lisa Hagman reported that Allie Brasher had a baby girl and Annette Buckman has started as the Union Co 4-H agent after being the assistant.

KSU Dr. Allison Young reported Dr. Johnnie Westbrook has been appointed to serve as the Associate Research Director for the College of Agriculture. There has been restructuring at KSU in terms of academic organization. The new College of Agriculture, Community, and the Sciences houses Land-grant activities at KSU. However, FCS and 4-H now have an academic home in the College of Education, Human Development and Consumer Sciences. Joanne Bankston has retired as State Leader for FCS. Allison P. Young is serving as the Interim State FCS Leader. Dr. Christina McManus resigned from College of Ag. Dr. Courtney Owens has shared that his newest arrival, a daughter that was born on August 27, 2020.

Lake Cumberland Tony Rose reported a personal update: Chelsey Anderson- Ag. Agent Cumberland County, resignations: Danielle Barnett- McCreay FCS / 4-H Agent, Audrey Myers- Taylor County FCS, 9 vacancies- 1 ag, 5 SCS, 1 FCS/4H, 2 4-H, 1 Hort. Anna Porter Mom passed away.

Licking River Nellie Buchanan reported Licking River Area report: Biweekly staff -Amy Konopka, office assistant resigned Bath Co. August 2020; New program assistant in Morgan Co. Jordan Craft 8/31/2020. Saddened at the loss of Donna Fryman former ESP treasurers' husband Tommy Fryman on September 4, 2020 Fleming County.

Lincoln Trail Jennifer Bridge reported Misty Wilmoth started sabbatical on August 1 to complete her doctorate. FCS vacancies in LaRue and Marion. ANR in Washington. A couple of agents are expecting. Whitney Carman- third child due on Dec 10, Dayna Fentress Second child due March 22!

Northern Kentucky/ Louisville Owen Prim reported Granville King, former 4-H Agent in Jefferson County is turning 90 and cards would be appreciated. Need to contact the Jefferson County Extension Office for his address. Judy Hetterman, FCS in Owen County retired in May. We have two new 4-H Agents, Casey Townsend in Campbell County and David Gabbard in Owen County. We have three new babies, Shelley Meyer, Pendleton County 4-H, Sherri Broderick, Gallatin County FCS and Christin Herbst, Carroll County Ag

Mammoth Cave vacant position and no report

Northeast Lyndall Harned reported on personal updates. Agents: Rebecca Hayes, new 4-H agent in Carter County, Lacy May 4-H agent, resigned in Magoffin County Aaron Boyd, 4-H agent, resigned in Greenup County, Biweekly Staff: Shellee Wilson, new office assistant, in Boyd County, Kayla Shaffer, new farmer's market manager, in Greenup County, Megan Goble, new office assistant, in Johnson County, Sandra Arrowood, new FCS program assistant, in Johnson County Jordan Craft, new program assistant, in Morgan County, Amy Konopka, office assistant, resigned in Bath County, Valerie Lemaster, 4-h program assistant, resigned in Johnson County, Robin Workman, program assistant, resigned in Lawrence County, New Babies, Laura Maggard – Lawrence County, Courtney Jenkins – Magoffin County Andrea Slone – Floyd County, Lingering Vacancies: FCS – Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Martin ANR – Rowan, 4-H – Greenup, Magoffin

Pennyrile Erika Wood reported that Livingston 4-H is filled – Sharee Rushing Hopkins ANR, Hopkins FCS, Livingston FCS, Muhlenberg FCS, Lyon 4-H are all vacant

Purchase Vicki Wynn reported The Purchase Area currently has the following vacancies: Calloway 4-H, Carlisle 4-H, McCracken 4-H (2), McCracken FCS, Graves ANR. Congratulations to Melissa Goodman, Hickman County FCS, who passed the exam to proceed with her doctorate dissertation.

Quicksand Crystal Osborne reported that Vicki Boggs transferred from Leslie 4-H to Leslie FCS.

Specialist Martha Yount- not present no report.

Wilderness Trail Matti Cornelius reported they have seven vacancies, with the most recent being Laurel County 4H, Rockcastle 4H Agent, Whitley 4H Agent, Whitley Horticulture Agent, Jackson County FCS Agent, Knox Co FCS Agent and Bell ANR Agent.

Unfinished Business

ESP Professional Development Fund/ Annual Giving Day- one day for UK September 16. We don't have final numbers right now but as of this week we know we got at least \$5000.

ESP LEADS Jennifer Bridge gave an update on program. We would have met next week in person but instead we are meeting with virtual appointments to talk about projects with Dr. Jones and Dr. Young. We have extended it from graduating in March 2021 to State Extension Conference in December of 2021. We will have members from first program go on to be on committee.

Other Sally reported that new members have to work at least three years. They have to wait until after December to become a member.

In new business Jeremy reported that the Professional Development Fund can be up to \$5000 annually for extension needs. He has reached out the Dr. Stephenson to work on this. Jeremy asked that executive board to be on the committee to work on this and if anyone else would like to be apart let Jeremy know and he will add to professional development fund committee. Jennifer Bridge suggested that Rita Smart should serve on this. She agreed to be apart.

Jeremy brought up the 2021 Annual Meeting/In-Service training. We need to be thinking about this. Katie will need some help with this. She can form a committee if she would like. Things to think about locations and speakers to make a success meeting and in-service. We may have to have a virtual meeting. We need to set the dates and plan to send out in December. It will be less money for a speaker if we do virtual. Tony Rose made a motion for the state meeting to be virtual in 2021 and Lyndall Harned seconded motion. Motion passed. Katie now can plan accordingly.

Other- Tony volunteered to help on this committee. Tony brought up guidelines for the state and how different they are. It would be nice for the guidelines to be posted for everyone on the covid-19 link. Jeremy will go to JCEP and communicate that we need guidance across the states.

Jennifer Bridge made motion to adjourn and Lyndall Harned seconded.

Minutes by: Secretary Amanda Hardy