

SAME BUSINESS MEETING

**July 22, 2010
Gatlinburg, TN
DRAFT MINUTES**

Call to Order

Chris Verlinde called the meeting to order.

November Meeting Minutes

Chris passed out minutes from the November 2009 meeting.

Discussion:

Several changes were brought up in the meeting minutes.

MOTION: Sharon Walker motioned to approve the November 2009 meeting minutes with discussed changes.

Second by Tina Miller-Way

VOTE: Passed unopposed

Financial Report

Dianne went over the financial report checking account balance is \$2,752.08 and Total Assets are \$11,617.01 which includes the CD.

Scholarship Recipient

Chris announced, introduced and congratulated our 2010 NMEA scholarship winner, Amy Yarborough who teaches at Nicholson Elementary School in Carriere, Mississippi.

Highlights of the NMEA Board Meeting

Chris gave an overview of the NMEA Board meeting.

- NMEA next year will be in Boston on the Northeastern University campus. Dormitory rooms will be available until July 5th for approximately \$55 a night.
- NMEA 2011 is in Boston at Northeastern University from June 29 to July 3, 2011.

SAME Hosting NMEA 2013

Chris reported that the NMEA Board requested that SAME host the 2013 NMEA instead of the 2014 because another chapter is interested in 2014. We are already booked at Springhill College for 2013.

Discussion: A discussion about the feasibility of the hosting the meeting earlier covered questions concerning dates, housing and ability to get planning done in the time period. Chris found that Springhill College was available July 20-26, 2013 and their negotiations with them for 2014 would apply. A meeting of planners needs to occur at the end of August to solidify 2013 plans. Chris was confident that it was doable.

MOTION: Sharon Walker motioned that we agree to host NMEA 2013 for July 20-26, 2013 at Springhill College Mobile, Alabama.

Second by Shelia Brown

VOTE: Passed unopposed

Lloyd thought that a face to face meeting for the NMEA conference was necessary and offered his office as a location to meet.

ACTION: Chris will discuss this with Lloyd and will conduct a Doodle poll, suggested dates are August 25 or 26th

SAME Committees

Chris announced that all of the SAME Committees are now listed on our website.

Chapter Basket Auction Items

Chris reminded everyone to get their auction items in and their contribution to the SAME basket. Baskets will be raffled off this year instead of being a part of the silent auction.

SAME Annual Conference 2010

The November conference will be held November 12-14, 2010 at the USDA/NRCS Golden Meadow Plant Materials Center in Galliano, Louisiana. Address is 438 Airport Road, Galliano, LA. 70354.

New Business,

No new business

Announcements

- Jennifer B announced that National Estuaries Day is the third Saturday of September (the 18th) and offered to help those who want to participate pull something together.
- Amy offered the use of her marine mammal kit.
- Lloyd announced that the Environmental Center has an open house in November 6th at 10-2:00.
- Amy Yarborough thanked everyone for the scholarship
- Hazel commented how much she enjoyed seeing the SAME and the scholarship program grow

Adjourn

Motion: Sharon walker motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Lloyd

Vote: Passed unopposed

Meeting adjourned

In Attendance

Johnette Bosarge

Jenny Cook

Dianne Lindstedt

Ika Porter

Margaret Sedlecky

Amy Yarborough

Mitzi Reed

Shelia Brown

Jessie Kastler

Charlene Mauro

Judy Reeves

Brian Sedlecky

Lee Yokel

Brooke Saari

Jennifer Buchanan

Tricia LeBlanc

Tina Miller-Way

David Lloyd Scott

Hazel Wilson

Valerie Kleinschmidt

Erika Poarch

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