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NATIONAL EGG QUALITY SCHOOL

2019 National Egg Quality School Regular Meeting (Amended)
February 13, 2019 Atlanta GA

Attendees: Mike Darre, Diana Sparks, Christine Alvarado, Ken Anderson, Deanna Baldwin, Richard Hoyle, Danny Hughes, Deana Jones, Oscar Garrison, Tony Herrera, Darrin Karcher, Paul Patterson, Cary Wise, Cheri Ellis, Jamie Guffey, Adell Young and E. L. Knicely

Mike Darre called the meeting to order and declared a quorum.

Mike asked for reading of minutes from the May, 2018 Regular meeting; Darrin Karcher pointed out his first name was misspelled in the minutes E. L said he would amend the minutes and resubmit. Motion received to approve the minutes as amended, second, motion passed.

Officers Reports; Mike had distributed his Directors report by email and said he needed to make an edit. He will resubmit an updated report.

Cary Wise said the Section Leaders letter was sent out and Ron Swafford would be getting the eggs for the school.

Tony Herrera had no report.

Diana Sparks handed out the 2018 financial report and reviewed the report with the group. She said that the hotel confirmed that they could provide additional lodging rooms for 84 students. The 2019 school filled up in four days and has 25 on the waiting list. Deana said she has had multiple people express concern about having problems getting students into the school. There was discussion regarding how to meet industries demand for the school. Darrin said he sent out a needs assessment to the industry and said NEQS came up often as a need for the industry. Danny Hughes asked if people on the waiting list could be automatically put in the next school. Diana said she notifies the people on the waiting list a month prior to the next school to let them know the date the school will be accepting registration. Darrin suggested the school look at investment opportunities. A motion was made to accept the report, second received, motion approved.

Diana said she filed two applications on the school trademark, name and logo. The logo went out on January 22, 2019 for notice of opposition and the name will have to go out as well.

Curriculum Committee; Mike stated we need to make sure what that what is on the exam is being reflected by the speakers.

Mike said that Cary Wise retired December, 2018 and the Board needed to appoint someone from a State Department of Agriculture to complete the term through 2021. Adell Young, Utah Department of Agriculture was nominated. A motion was made to appoint Adell, second received, motion approved. Adell Young will complete the term.

Comments about 2018 school; Danny Hughes suggested brown eggs be in training but not on final test. Mike said he is going to send a copy of the exam to all board members and would like for everyone to review the exam to assure it covers what is needed. It was suggested that the USDA-AMS presentation include more information on brown eggs. Deana said that AMS now has more pictures of brown eggs.

Curriculum for next school; no comments received.

Future school sites; Harrisburg Pennsylvania will be the site for the 2020 school. Diana has a proposal from the Crown Plaza and Hilton. It appears the cost between the two hotels is similar and is leaning to the Crown Plaza. Utah and California both has an interest in hosting the 2021 school. It was suggested to Tony Herrera and Adell Young to submit proposed school sites to the Board members and we would have a discussion regarding the two potential sites at the May Board meeting.

New Business; E. L. Knicely read a proposed resolution in memorial of the late David Steen. E. L. asked the Board if it was in favor of making the resolution a part of the official minutes. A motion was made to make the resolution a part of the official minutes, second received and motion was approved. The resolution was placed in the Appendix attached to these minutes.

A motion was made to adjourn, second received, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

E.L. Knicely, Secretary

APPENDIX

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
THE NATIONAL EGG QUALITY SCHOOL**

(ADOPTED the 13th day of FEBRUARY, 2019)

WHEREAS, David Steen passed away on May 6, 2018 in, West Lafayette, Indiana;

WHEREAS, David Steen served the National Egg Quality School for 23 years;

WHEREAS, David Steen faithfully represented the National Egg Quality School in educating individuals in the areas of egg quality and safety;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the National Egg Quality School wishes to acknowledge gratefully the valuable service that David Steen gave to this Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution be made a part of the official minutes of the Board and that a copy be circulated to the staff on the Board