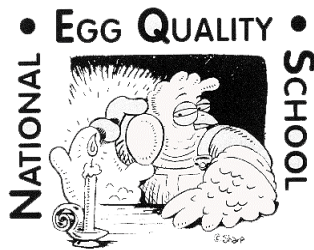

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NATIONAL EGG QUALITY SCHOOL

2018 National Egg Quality School Regular Meeting
January 31, 2018
Atlanta, Georgia

Attendees: Mike Darre, Dianna Sparks, Christine Alvarado, Ken Anderson, Deanna Baldwin, Richard Hoyle, Danny Hughes, Deana Jones, Jacinta LeDonne, Oscar Garrison, Tony Herrera, Ken Koelkebeck, Pat Curtis, Ron Swafford, Darrin Karcher, Yuko Sato, Adell Young, Cary Wise, Cheri Ellis and E. L. Knicely

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

Motion made to dispense with the reading of the minutes, second received, motion approved.

Officers Reports; Diana Sparks gave the treasurers report, she distributed the final 2017 financials and provided a review. Diana said there was a total profit of \$10,812.58 made on the 2017 school and shared that without sponsorship money the school would have lost \$18,921.82. Motion made to accept the report, second received, motion was accepted.

Darren Karcher said that he still needs three more section leaders. Deanna recommended Judy Martin who is a former USDA-AMS and Pennsylvania state employee.

Deana Jones reported on the curriculum committee. She said the carton labeling lecture will be given by USDA-AMS in regards to the federal requirements and NERO will provide someone to give the state labeling requirements. She said brown eggs would make up 20% of the eggs in the lab and on the exam. Deanna Baldwin said she feels the brown eggs will be a challenge for students and make it difficult in the lab trying to teach the defects. Ron Swafford stated the same and said the browns will have more meat spots and will take longer to learn to grade. Ken Anderson said that on the Collegiate level, they are currently doing exterior on browns and will eventually move to the interior grading for contests. Deana said there has been push back from companies who only do browns. Deanna recommended a brown egg table for students who want exclusive brown eggs. Ron suggested doing exterior on browns this year and maybe doing interior next year.

Mike said the executive board had discussed expanding the school from 70 students to 84 students. He asked how that would affect the section leaders in the lab. Deanna feels it will have an effect because section leaders will not be able to get around to all of the students when checking their eggs. Jacenta asked if there could be more lab time. Deana said she would work to trim time in other areas to add to lab time. Diana stated that she needed to check on availability of additional hotel rooms. A motion was made to stay with 70 students for the 2018 school, second received, Mike asked for a show of hands for the motion; eight were for the motion, he asked for a show of hands opposed to the motion; four were opposed and four abstained from voting, motion passed.

Mike said there would be a separate meeting at the 2018 school to discuss the possibility of expanding the school in the future.

Motion made and approved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
E.L. Knicely, Secretary

