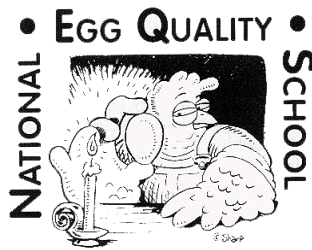

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NATIONAL EGG QUALITY SCHOOL

2024 National Egg Quality School Regular Meeting
January 30, 2024 Atlanta GA

Attendees: Diana Sparks, Ken Anderson, Paul Patterson, Cary Wise, Dianna Bourassa, Ken Anderson, Mike Persia, Shari Yeatts, Jeff Hendricks, Elisa Maloberti, Elizabeth Myers and E. L. Knicely

Paul Patterson called the meeting to order and asked E. L. Knicely if there was a quorum. E. L. said he received eight proxies. With the Board members present and the proxies submitted, Paul declared a quorum.

Paul asked for reading of minutes from the May 2023 Regular meeting held in Minneapolis Minnesota. Motion received to dispense with the reading of the minutes, second received, motion passed.

Treasurers Report; Diana Sparks provided a 2023 financial report and reviewed the report with the group. She reviewed total income received and expenses with net profit. A tuition cost review was provided with the report, if not for sponsorships the school would have lost \$38,000. If sponsorships remain at the current levels, there is no need to adjust tuition. Overall school finances are very healthy.

Diana said we currently have 35 students registered with four state employees pending for 2024 school. Ken suggested developing a brochure and distribute. Paul said he would write up something about the 30th anniversary and could possibly use that as a promotional item.

No Committee reports provided.

Paul reported that the 2023 school held in Minneapolis MN was successful and student evaluations reflected positively.

Curriculum for 2023 school; Paul said he and Elizabeth Myers have been working on determining the speakers and progress was being made. Elizabeth said she is rearranging lectures to group the subject matters together. She said if anyone had speaker suggestions to let her know. Jeff said AMS would do the labeling lecture.

Future School Locations: for the 2025 school, Elizabeth suggested considering a Southeast location. Dianna suggested Indianapolis due to its convenience. Bryan said he was willing to be the contact if the school is held in South Carolina. Greenville SC was recommended as a potential location. Jeff Hendricks said the city of Greenville a very walkable city. Bryan said he would get some quotes from hotels in Greenville on his personal time. Diana said she would contact venues in Indianapolis to find out their availability.

New Business: Paul asked for update on candling lights. Diana said she reached out to AHPharma about the light failures we had during the 2023 school. She pointed out the concerns and needs for the lights they had provided to NEQS. They told her the concerns could be corrected. AHPharma shipped lights with updates to Deana. Jeff Hendrix tested the lights and said they had issues, and they were sent back to AHPharma. They now have the lights ready to send back, with the exception of power supplies. Once they get the power supplies, the lights will be shipped back to Deana and Jeff will test them again.

Jeff said he is very concerned with AHPharma's quality and as a result has reached out to some large equipment companies about them possibly manufacturing candling lights but hasn't had any luck. He plans

to reach out to some technical schools in Georgia to ask if they would be interested in building candling lights. Paul said Penn State has an Ag Engineering club and he would talk with them to ask if they would be interested.

Paul shared information about the planning meeting conducted to discuss the NEQS 30-year anniversary. Nadia, who is with U.S. Poultry & Egg will work on designing a pin. She is utilizing the NEQS logo as a basis to develop the pin and has a draft put together that she shared with Diana. The estimated cost to manufacture the pins would be an \$80 artwork fee and would cost approximately \$4.30 per pin. Tervis cups are also a possibility, the cups would cost an estimated \$30 per cup. Deana said she has a vendor who could do them for possibly \$16 per cup. She said she would check with the vender on what the cost would be for a bulk order.

A discussion was had about possibly purchasing a collapsible bulk container pallet to use when shipping lights and other materials from one location to another. Diana said Michael shared some information with her and E. L. After reviewing the information, it was decided it would be risky to order something without having a better understanding of how much equipment would fit inside of one. Deana said she had a staff member who was very good with estimating how many items could fit inside of an established space. She said she would ask him to provide an estimate on how much equipment would fit inside of a collapsible bulk pallet and if we would need two of them.

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

Respectfully submitted,

E.L. Knicely, Secretary

