

The April 27, 2023 meeting of the Cornell Cooperative Extension Board of Directors was called to order by Stuart Sammis at 4:30p.

Members Present: Stuart Sammis, Bill Joint, Jason Jordan, Allison Lavine, Gabe Smalt, Beth Walter Honadle, Amey Rusak

Members Absent: Adam Hughes

Members via zoom: Hilda Lando, Fred Potter

Staff Present: Tess McKinley, Robert Shirley, Anne Zschoche, Melissa Edwards

Approval of Notetaker: Discussion on who was taking notes. It was suggested that Anne continued. Beth approved 1st and Allison 2nd. Must say Respectfully submitted by Anne Zschoche at the end of minutes.

Approval of the March 2023, minutes: Bill made a motion to approve the March 2023 minutes. Second by Gabe. There was no further discussion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Public Comment Period: None

Staff introduction: Melissa Edwards-Communication Coordinator

Reports:

Executive Directors Report:

- Bi-weekly has been well received
- Veggie Van updates-2 farmers this year and 6 locations
- Going to look into possibility of “plugin” on website to show location and time of veggie van. Possibility of an interactive calendar
- Fred asked if we could get flyers to the food pantries. Signage to be used so people don’t think veggies/items are free
- Questions came up about 5 openings and thoughts on how to fill them
 - More post on social media
 - More posts being testimonials on working at CCE, state benefits
 - Try to get them to the colleges due to graduation coming up

Program Area Reports:

- Strategic Planning Team
 - May start meeting quarterly

- Next meeting was supposed to be June-but meet and greet between board and staff. Tess will look into another time or via zoom to make it work.
- Finance:
 - Robert presented the report for 2/2023
 - Approved 1st by Amey
 - Second by Allison
- Ag & NR Program Advisory Committee:
 - Will meet again May 9th
 - Discussed email that went out about people (animal activists) sitting outside of farms, going onto property to free/steal animals. Anyone strange around-contact law enforcement
- 4-H Youth Development Committee:
 - Lots of classes going on
 - TSC clover campaign coming up
 - New member enrollment deadline May 1
- Community Health and Well Being:
 - Tess filled in for Amey
 - No meeting since March
 - Most of job openings are around this program area
 - Next meeting May 9th
- State Extension Rep: was not in attendance

Executive Session: Went in: 5:22

- **First: Bill**
- **Second: Allison**

Executive Session: Came out of

- **First: Amey**
- **Second: Jason**

Motion to Approve purchase of 4H Shooting Sports Trailer

- **First: Bill**
- **Second: Amey**

Motion to have request for a Side by Side to work the 4H Horse Ring to be put in writing with quotes and purposes of the request

- **First: Bill**
- **Second: Allison**

Adjourn at 6:17 p.m.:

- **First: Allison**
- **Second: Amey**

The next board meeting will be May 27, 2023 at 4:30 in Annex building

Minutes are respectfully submitted by Anne Zschoche