LOUISIANA CCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2008

Place: Holiday Inn and Convention Center, Alexandria, La.

Board Members Present: Rustin Gilder, J Stevens, Marty Pousson, Robert Prince, Mike Venable, John Fontane, Lloyd Glenn

Meeting came to order at 1:30pm

Topics of Discussion were:

1) Approval of minutes of Board Meeting for November 1, 2007.
2) Financial statement for 2007 was distributed and discussed
3) It was noted that corporate sponsors for 2008 were Syngenta Seeds, Robert Prince and Con Agra Fertilizer, Randall Loeffler
4. La. CCA Web site calendar of events is kept updated. It was suggested that all board members look at La. CCA web site and suggest any additions, deletions or links to be added.
5. Marty Pousson updated the board on LDAF. It was noted that Richard Hart, with LDAF, would need to be contacted to see if Marty could still be LDAF's contact for La. CCA Board.
6. It was noted that John F. attended the ASA meeting in New Orleans and spoke to several soon to be graduating students from thru out the U.S. Many noted that potential employers have stated that they need to be a CCA to get a job.
7. CCA February exam had 1 participant. Two others were scheduled to take exam but did not.
8. CCA educational sessions for 2008 include:
   - March 4th in Crowley on Soil, Water and Fertility. Speakers will be Arville Touchet, Dustin Harrell And Jerry Daigle.
   - Rice Production meeting will be held in the fall with John Saichuk. Date not set yet.
9. Potential education session topics include a session on Forage and a session on Interpreting a Soil Test. J suggested we include a session on lime.
10. It was decided that if funds would be available that only one ad be run in La. Farm and Ranch along with a news article about Louisiana CCA's. Rustin suggested that a group picture in the ad was better than one or two CCA's. Lloyd suggested that we push CCA's to put the CCA logo on their business cards.
11. It was noted that some CCA's are still getting others to sign their names at educational event for CEU's. It was noted that this is hard to police and only that person looses something by not being honest. It was decided that we check into getting all CCA's to voluntary resign Ethics Form. CCA's may have lost sight of this issue since some signed several years ago.
12. ICCA now has new toll free number. It is 1-8966-359-9161. Laurie Karr's extension in 4954
13. The new use of scanners was discussed and it was decided that this will not work for Louisiana meetings.
14. ICCA has cut out co-op ads and will instead advertise heavily in Successful Farming magazine.
15. Luther Smith of ICCA contacted John F. and noted that a board member should only hold 2 consecutive 3 year terms. The problem with getting other to serve on the board and be active was discussed.
16. ICCA has created a category of "CCA Candidate" for someone who passed the CCA exams but does not have the experience requirements. There are no fees required for a CCA Candidate.
17. New ICCA board structure will no longer have regional representatives. Instead each board will have 1 seat on the ICCA Board. That person will default to the "board chair" unless local board designates someone else.
18. It was discussed that we look at merging with Arkansas and Mississippi on the state exam. The board voted that we continue to have our own exam. It was noted that in 2005 John Gilmore wanted $2500.00 to write an exam for Louisiana.
19. John F. noted that he now has the ability to check La. CCA's CEU status.
20. ICCA now has new web site design to be more users friendly. Web site will also have a "Discussion Board" which is similar to a "chat room" where member thru out the US can discuss issues and exchange ideas.
21. It was approved that new Louisiana CCA truck decals be ordered.
22. Each board member checked their personal information to make sure it has not changed. (Cell phone Numbers etc). This info. is posted on La. CCA web site.
23. Luther Smith is looking for a "Technology Team" to evaluate products and services.
24. John F. told the board that he will try to redo Performance Objectives in 2008 and update La. Exam.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm