Louisiana CCA Board Meeting Minutes for October 29, 2008

Place: Rapides Extension Building, LSUA Campus, Alexandria, La.

Board Members Present: J Stevens, Mike Venable, Robert Prince, John Fontane, Marty Pousson
Meeting Came to Order at 1:30 pm
Topics Discussed were:

1) Financial Statement for 2008 thru November 15th.
2) Members present agreed to allow up to $800.00 of excess funds be used each year for educational meetings to cover expenses that exceed income. This issue was revisited because board members Robert Prince and Mike Venable were not at the last board meeting.
3) Update to board on new agreement with the LSU Ag Center on our CEU fees for educational meetings put on by the Ag Center. LSU will now charge $5.00 per CEU hour instead of $10.00. This is for all that attend the meetings except LSU Ag Center employees.
4) John F. requested to the members present to try to suggest speakers for 2009 educational sessions especially on the subjects of Nutrient Management and Soil and Water. Mike V. said he will try to have an educational meeting in N. La. in 2009.
5) Marty informed the board that one person took CCA exam in August.
6) Fran Deville was elected La. CCA Board Chair and John Fontane was designated the La. Board "Contact Person"
7) John gave a list of names of potential CCA's that were sent an email about the CCA program and the 2009 test. Several LSU Ag Center persons have stated that they will take the test in August because the February test interferes with the livestock shows. Two Ag Industry persons have stated they will take the test in February.
8) There are 81 La. CCA's in 2008. There are at least 5 current CCA's that are behind on CEU's for the 2008 cycle and may be dropped from the program for lack of CEU's. The board will make an effort to requote new members.
9) John asked the board to consider teaming up with Ark. and Mississippi on the state test. He told Members present that he does not have the time and is not capable of redoing the La. test. Robert Prince asked that we get the cost and revisit this issue.
10) Steve Nipper sent a request that we invite a landlord from La. to speak at an educational meeting to give the land owner's perspective on farm leases and farm policies.
11) John thanked J Stevens for the information on Web Cast CEU educational opportunities. This may be another way for CCA's to receive CEU's.
12) The board by email approved the 2009 budget to be submitted to ICCA.
Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm