CCA LOUISIANA BOARD MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2005

TIME: MEETING BEGAN AT 3:30

PLACE: LSUA EXTENSION BUILDING  ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA

PRESENT: Lloyd Glenn, John Fontane, Steve Nipper, Mike Venable and J Stevens

Items Discussed Were As Such:

1) Approved minutes of board meeting on September 29, 2005.

2) At the suggestion of Mike Venable and with the approval of Luther Smith, the board agreed to the following for CCA members that attended the educational session which was held that day. Any CCA member whose cycle for CEU's ends in 2005 and who has already acquired the 40 hours of CEU'S and the minimum in each category, the CEU'S received for the educational session on November 16, 2005 will be used in their 2006-2007 cycle. The board stipulated that this will NOT set a precedent for future educational sessions that occur late in the year.

3) John informed the board that the new Louisiana CCA test was 95 percent complete and will be sent to the international office by December 1, 2005 as required. Steve Nipper will provide the necessary study material for the questions that he and Mike Venable provided.

4) John informed the board that the Louisiana CCA Web site was 95 percent complete. It is waiting for the calendar to be tweaked so information can be inserted in regards to upcoming events.

5) A letter will be sent to Steve Nipper about the Louisiana CCA Board requirements on CEU'S. Steve will forward this letter to area LSU Ag Center District Agents. This same letter will be sent to Paul Coriel.

6) At the suggestion of Tony Goudeaux, the board will approach Steve Linscombe about allowing CCA members to participate in the pre Rice Field Day Session that is given for parish agents. If the agenda for this session meets with the boards requirements for CEU'S, this session will be approved for CEU'S. This is in response to the board not approving the Rice Field Day for CEU'S.

7) The board will approach Paul Coriel with the LSU Ag Center about sponsoring a parish agents meeting where CCA members could attend and this meeting would qualify for CEU'S.

8) The board will try to contact different speakers from different states or different university's in the state to give educational sessions.

9) Steve Nipper and Mike Venable will provide a list of poultry houses and firms providing pelitized litter. This list will be sent to all CCA members by e-mail. This is in response to the presentation by Rick Norman with UARK on Reclaiming Presion Graded Soils. Steve recommended that we provide guidelines suggested by NRCS on Nutrient Management Plans, Soil Testing and Litter Testing in conjunction with this list.
10) Since not enough applications were prepared for CCA of the Year and Ag Educator of the Year if was decided that John will receive applications in the coming week and these will be sent to each board member for voting. Each member agreed not to vote on the applicant that he submits for Ag Educator of the Year.

11) Lloyd Glenn recommended that we provide all applicants taking future CCA exams with as much material as possible to assist them in studying for the exam. The purpose is to expose them to as much knowledge as possible for their future use in crop advising. An addition to the Louisiana CCA Web Site will list sources of study materials. John informed the board that duplicate copies of a DVD will be available to applicants. This DVD was produced by Fran Deville of study sessions with Eddie Funderberg and Bob Thompson.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm