



University of Florida Block and Bridle Club  
General Meeting  
ANS 156 –2/21/2017

Meeting Called to Order- 7:06 PM

*Tucker McDaniel Motions to Approve the Minutes*

*Sarah Orrell seconded the motion.*

*Motion passes.*

### **I. Treasure's Report- Sarah Orrell**

- Club is sitting at about the same amount as the last meeting, roughly \$17,000 in checking and savings.
- New members please pay your dues (\$10) by March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **II. Industry Committees**

- Dairy: Victoria Roe- There is a new dairy labeling bill.
- Equine: Nicole Nelson- The biggest issue facing the equine industry is the problem of unwanted horses. There is another, more restrictive bill that prohibits horse slaughter.
- Meats: Nikki- Currently a 3 million piolet project is underway to reduce poultry environmental impacts and research is being done into how poultry waste may be used for energy.  
Dr. Johnson-Center Hill Packing Plant, the largest beef packer in FL, has a new owner and should be re-opening, this will give local cattlemen a place to market Florida beef. It past years it has also served as resource for classes, judging, and research.

### **III. Old Business**

- **Ocala Rotary Discovery Fest**  
Members Rebekka Brown, Miranda Reese, Jubilee Lassiter traveled to Ocala, FL to help with Rotary Discovery Fest. They set up roping dummies for kids to enjoy and assisted GCCW in engraving ear tags.
- **State Fair Judging Contest**  
Block and Bridle members traveled to the state fair in Tampa to assist with the youth livestock judging contest. They acted as group leaders and served as handlers.

### **IV. New Business**

- **Boots on the Hill- March 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, Tallahassee, FL**  
Members will spend the day on Capitol Hill with Florida Cattlemen advocating for the agricultural industry. We will start that morning and be bused to Capitol Hill. Older Cattlemen will serve as group leaders and we will be visiting representatives and senators to lobby. Members do not need to have any previous lobbying experience, they will show you what to do. There will be a street party afterwards and the club will be returning Thursday.
  - Last year we lobbied for the funds to build the new BTU (3.6 Million dollars).
  - As future leaders of the agricultural industry we have a chance to make a difference and get a chance to make industry connections.
  - Members should dress business professional with boots. Gentlemen are encouraged to wear cowboy hats.

- **Ropin' in the Swamp- March 25<sup>th</sup>, HTU**

Brian Portal will serve as chairman for RITS. The club is starting to organize people to work at different jobs during the event. So far the bookkeeping, concessions, and flagger have been taken care of.

- The most important thing for the club to accomplish now is sponsorships. We currently have about \$5,500 and our goal is \$8,000 to cover the cost of awards.
- T-shirts for RITS can be ordered now and the deadline to order will be March 1<sup>st</sup>, a google doc will be going around on Facebook and on the app to order. Those working RITS are encourage to get a shirt to wear at the event.
- A google doc to sign up for shifts to work at RITS has also been sent out over the list serve.

For members interested in helping with RITS, there will be a meeting on Monday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in ANS 156.

- **Ray Kempfer Clay Shoot- April 15<sup>th</sup>**

Eden has brought in pictures of different Shotguns to raffle off at the clay shoot, they range in price from \$1,100 to \$1,900.

- Jorgie Rojas motions for a discussion about which gun to buy, Brian Portal, seconds.
- After discussion the club agrees the best gun to purchase would be the Beretta a400x Semi Auto Shotgun for \$1,550.
- Caroline Osgood motions to approve the purchase of a Beretta a400x Semi Auto Shotgun for \$1,550. Motion seconded by Jorgie Rojas, motion passes.
- The club will have tickets available for the gun to begin selling at RITS and Boots on the Hill

- **2017 Block and Bridle National Convention- March 31<sup>st</sup>- April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Washington D.C.**

The club had 9 applications. It comes down to the clubs decision as to how many we will send and if applicants will be required to pay all or part of the registration. There are several options:

- Option #1: Send all the applicants and the club will cover all expenses (gas, hotel, and registration). The budget for this will be \$4,000.
- Option #2: Applicants can pay for part of the registration.
- Option #3: Ask that the 9 attendees obtain at least a \$100 sponsorship for RITS or the Ray Kempfer shoot to go, if not they pay the \$100.

Sam Sullo motions to approve option 3, seconded by Jorgie Rojas. The club agrees that option 3 would be the best, motion passes.

Those going to National Convention will be asked to obtain a sponsorship or else pay the club \$100.

- **2018 Block and Bridle National Convention- Orlando, FL hosted by UF**

Ashley Franco is chairman for our national convention committee. The club needs more people to get involved with planning. The committee will meet after Block and Bridle Meetings.

Ashley has spoken with the Caribe Royal Hotel to host the convention and they can accommodate us for March 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>. This will cause our convention to coincide with the Strawberry Festival.

It is the opinion of the club that incorporating the Strawberry Festival into our convention schedule would be a good idea.

- The club will need help thinking of a theme for the event, potential tours, and sponsors.

-Dr. Johnson suggested talking with local extension agents to help guide tours and set up events.

- **ACHA National Convention**

The club only had one applicant, and the convention would be during the Kempfer Clay shoot and Easter Weekend, so we will not be sending anyone to ACHA.

## **V. Other Business and Announcements**

- **UF Rodeo Team**

Courtney McCreary spoke with the club about starting a rodeo team as an offshoot of Block and Bridle. The team would pick and choose which rodeos to go to. They would get sponsors for events or pay their own way and they would not be dependent on Block and Bridle for funds. The team would be an extension of Block and Bridle with an appointed representative. There is already interest from several members.

- **Sigma Alpha Corn Hole Tournament- March 31<sup>st</sup>, Flavet Field 5pm-9pm**

All proceeds benefit the Gary Lee Memorial Scholarship. There will be teams of two, the cost to enter is \$15. Shirts for the event will also be \$15. Food will be provided at a cost of \$5. Registration forms can be found on the App and on Facebook, please say that Sarah Orrell referred you. If there are any questions please contact Sarah Orrell.

- **Richardson Hats are in, see Sarah Orrell to pay and Eden Miller to pick up.**
- **Graduation Stoles**  
Seniors can apply for graduation stoles. The deadline to apply will be March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **BnB Social- Bowling**  
There will be a bowling social next Thursday after roping. Check the app for more details when they become available.

*Erin Jones Motions to adjourn the meeting*

*Motion Secoded by Sarah Orrell*

*Motion Passes, Meeting Adjourned: 8:08 PM*

### **Important Dates**

Rotary Discovery Fest- Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>

**New Member Dues- Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Boots on the Hill- Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>

**Deadline for Stoles- Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>**

Ropin' in the Swamp- Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>

National Block and Bridle Convention- Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>- Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Ray Kempfer Shoot- Apr. 15<sup>th</sup>

Last day of Class- Apr. 19<sup>th</sup>

ANS Spring Banquet- Apr. 21<sup>st</sup>

Commencement- Apr. 29<sup>th</sup>