University of Florida Block and Bridle Club
General Meeting
ANS 156 –9/5/2017

Meeting Called to Order- 7:07 PM

I. AgriCorps Presentation

- AgriCorps connects American Agriculture professionals to the demand for experiential, school-based, agricultural education in developing countries.
- If you are interested in joining please visit https://agricorps.org/

II. Officer Introductions & Welcome for New Members

President: Erin Jones
Vice President: Caroline Osgood
Secretary: Rebekka Brown
Treasurer: Sarah Orrell
Reporter: Sam Sullo

Merchandise Chair: Ally Marchetti
FCA Membership Chair: Jorge Rojas
Ropin' in the Swamp Chair: Brian Portal
Rodeo Team Chair: Courtney McCreary
National Convention Chair: Ashley Franco

III. Treasurer's Report

- **May- August**
  - Checking: $15, 847.50
  - Savings: $17,012. 67
  - Petty Cash: $425.00
  - National Convention Account: $1,500.00
    - **<u>Grand Total: $33,285.17</u>** (Not Including Convention Account)

IV. Old Business

- **Beef Cattle Short Course**
  - Members helped with set up for the short course and serving dinner. They were also able to attend discussion sections.
- **FCA Convention**
  - A group of members helped with registration and set up for convention.

V. New Business

- **FCA Quarterly & CALS Kickoff Cancelled**
- **New Member BBQ- Sept. 19th @ HTU**
  - Block and Bridle will host their new member BBQ at the UF Horse Teaching Unit.
  - Old members are asked to please bring a side dish or dessert.
  - We are currently looking for suggestions for games!
  - Sign-ups for Little I Teams will occur.

- **Ranch Rodeo Finals- Sept. 29th- Oct. 1st Silver Spurs Arena, Kissimmee, FL**
    - Members are needed to work at Ranch Rodeo, helping with set up, running the concession stand, and any other necessary areas.
    - 10 hotel rooms have been booked at the Quality Inn. We will leave Friday afternoon and return on Sunday. We will have 2 vans leaving on Friday, one at 3:30 PM and one at 5:30 PM.
    - If you cannot stay for the whole weekend, you can still work, just coordinate with an officer.
    - **It is <u>CRITICALLY</u> important for us to help at Ranch Rodeo.** Ranch Rodeo is FCA's main fundraiser and FCA is the backbone of our club. They have always been there to help Block and Bridle when we've needed it. They lobbied on our behalf to get the 3.6 million dollars for the new Beef Teaching Unit as well as sponsored Roping in the Swamp in the past. FCA is also donating to our National Convention, so the least we can do is help them at Ranch Rodeo.
- **Little International Livestock Show- Nov. 4th HTU**
    - Little International is the fall initiation activity for new members. Members are assigned to a species they are unfamiliar with (Swine, Dairy, Beef, or Equine) and they learn how to break and show that species.
    - It is a great way to meet people in the club and become more involved.
    - This is a livestock show and winners will receive prizes: Grand and Reserve win buckles.
    - Caroline Osgood proposes a $400 budget to purchase new halters, swine whips, and show sticks.
        - Motion by Jorge Rojas
        - Seconded by Brian Portal
        - Motion passes
    - Signup sheets will be available at the New Member BBQ. Practices will begin the week of Sept. 25th.
- **Industry Representatives**
    - We are looking for Industry Reps for Dairy, Beef, Meats, and Equine industries. Industry reps give updates of industry news at meetings, in addition to organizing speakers, tours, or events for members to participate in.
    - There will be an application process which will be sent out via email.

VI. Other Announcements

- Guest Speakers: Deseret Ranches- Oct. 3rd
  Suwanee Valley Feeds- Oct. 17th
- NCBA Convention 2018 in Phoenix, Arizona
    - BnB is considering sending members to NCBA Convention. There will be an application process for those interested.

Erin Jones Motions to adjourn the meeting
Motion Seconded by Jorge Rojas
Motion Passes, Meeting Adjourned: 7:55 PM

Important Dates

New Member BBQ- Sept. 19th
Florida Equine Institute- Sept. 21st
Old Florida Jackpot Show- Sept. 22nd-23rd
Deseret Dinner- Oct. 3rd
Homecoming- Oct. 7th
Suwanee Valley Feeds- Oct. 17th
Sunbelt Ag Expo- Oct. 17th-19th
Halloween Meeting/Fun Night- Oct. 31st
Little I- Nov. 4th
Meeting- Nov. 21st
FCA Year End Quarterly- Nov. 30th