



University of Florida Block and Bridle Club  
General Meeting  
ANS 156 –1/16/2018

Meeting Called to Order- 7:00 PM

*James Willis Motions to Approve the Minutes*

*Brian Portal seconded the motion.*

*Motion passes.*

### **I. Officer Introductions**

- President: Sam Sullo
- Vice President: Courtney McCreary
- Secretary: Rebekka Brown
- Treasurer: Tina Marksi
- Reporter: Anne Sheerin
- Advisers: Dr. TenBroeck, Dr. Scheffler

### **II. What is Block and Bridle?**

- Block and Bridle is the professional organization for the Animal Science Major. It is a student organization dedicated to promoting the interest and scholarship of animal science and agriculture. This organization provides members with the opportunity for professional development through service, educational, and leadership activities. Members make a positive impact on the agricultural industry through events and service while having fun and enjoying networking with other students, faculty, and industry leaders.
- This year our club will be hosting the National Block and Bridle Convention and we will be hosting students from other BnB clubs from across the country to show them Florida Agriculture. Conventions are good for making industry connections/internships and we will need lots of help to pull it off!

### **III. Treasurer's Report**

- The club has two accounts, one of which is for National Convention.
- National Convention will cost us around \$60,000.
- Convention account currently has \$25,000 in it, \$14,000 of which comes from registration forms we have received.

### **IV. Old Business**

- **UF Livestock Judging Clinic**
  - Several members spent the weekend helping with the UF Livestock Judging clinic. Members helped set up classes, handle registration, and sell merchandise.
  - The club earned \$820 off hats.
- **Industry Representatives**
  - The club is accepting applications for Beef, Swine, Meats, and Equine industry representatives. Industry reps, serve as a liaison between the club and a particular industry. At each meeting they should have a report about current news within their industry. They should also arrange guest speakers or tours within their industry.

### **V. New Business**

- **Points System**

- This year there will be a points system for involvement so we can better keep track of member involvement. This will now be a deciding factor when we choose individuals to send on club trips.
- Minimum Semester Requirements
  - 1 social point
  - 2 attendance points
  - 2 event points

- **National Convention Update- March 1-4<sup>th</sup> Orlando, FL**

- Ashley Franco: We really need help putting on this event. If you are interested in helping, please sign up, also please download the registration form and send to Ashley. To have your registration covered you must be helping.
- -We are also looking for a catchy hashtag for convention
- **TO DO: Get sponsorships!!!**

- **Ropin' in the Swamp- March 17<sup>th</sup>**

- Brian Portal: Roping is the biggest fundraiser for the club. We need a lot of help to put this on. For more info talk to Brian or an officer. This year it will be March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Areas to help: pushing cattle, stripping steers, merchandise, food.

- **Announcements**

- Feb 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a guest speaker talking about grad school and Ag Business Management.
- Anne needs help creating a club scrapbook, if interested please contact her.

*Motion Passes, Meeting Adjourned: 8:01 PM*

## **Important Dates**

- NCBA Convention- Jan 31<sup>st</sup>-Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Phoenix, AZ
- New Member BBQ- Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>
- Guest Speaker- Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>
- Rotary Discovery Fest- Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, Ocala, FL
- Block and Bridle National Convention (hosted by UF)- Mar.1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, Orlando, FL
- Spring Break! Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>
- Ropin' in the Swamp- Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>
- Ray Kempfer Clay Shoot: Apr. 14<sup>th</sup>, OK Corral
- Last day of class- Apr. 25<sup>th</sup>
- Graduation! May 5<sup>th</sup>