

Florida Farm Bureau Collegiate Chapter
At the University of Florida

General Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2008

I. Call to Order and Welcome

At 7:03 PM Kelvin Moreno, Collegiate Farm Bureau President, called the meeting to order. The meeting was held at the Florida Farm Bureau building. Kelvin commenced with the introductions of our special guests.

The following special guests were present:

Rachel Kudelco- FFB YF&R, Women's, and Collegiate Programs Manager

Pat Cockeral – FFB Executive Director of Organizations and Programs

Dr. Brian Myers – Collegiate Farm Bureau Advisor, Professor at the University of Florida

Allen Sheffer – FFB Field Services Staff District 1

Dan Buchanan – FFB Field Services Staff District 2

Todd Martin – FFB Field Services Staff District 3

Greg Harden – FFB Field Services Staff District 4

Ray Crawford – FFB Field Services Staff District 5

Andrew Neuhofer – FFB Field Services Staff District 6

Tom Hill – FFB Field Services Staff District 7

Eva Webb – FFB Field Services Staff District 8

II. Roll Call and Approval of the Minutes

Lydia Masterson, Collegiate Farm Bureau Secretary, took roll of the officers present. The following persons were present:

Officers: 8

Members: 14

Special Guests: 11

The minutes from the previous meeting were read by Lydia. Andrea Andrews moved to accept the minutes as read and Tori Lyons seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed unanimously.

III. Officer Reports

A. Kelvin Moreno began by presenting information on the upcoming YF&R Conference this year. It will be held July 19-20 in Orlando, FL. He reintroduced the idea of the Discussion Meet which will be held during the YF&R conference. He impressed upon the members the importance of this event and that our chapter show good representation. Should anyone become interested in participating, the instruction manual is posted on our website or you may contact one of the officers. Also, the officers wanted to let our members know that the membership is still growing! Because of our growing membership we will be conducting a program for our members that we call the "Agriculturalist Spotlight." This will be to promote our members and their

personal operations. At every meeting the members may nominate another member and the winner will be announced at the following meeting.

B. Lydia Masterson presented the upcoming dates on the Florida Farm Bureau calendar. Those events are:

- CALS Solutions Seminar – March 1
- Farm Bureau Day – March 18
- Ag Literacy Day – April 10
- Gator Encounter – April 12
- Field to the Hill – May 12-15
- YF&R Conference – July 19-20

C. Hannah Rogers presented the Treasurer's Report which included a \$300 sponsorship from the CALS Council. This may be used for hotel rooms and fuel. We are also selling T-shirts now to help repay some of the money that we borrowed from the CFFA.

IV. Committee Reports

- A. Finance Committee – Andrea Andrews stated that we would be selling T-shirts after the meeting for \$10. We will also make them available for members that are making county visits.
- B. Public Relations Committee – Becca Hamilton announced once again that any members who are interested in attending Farm Bureau Day in Tallahassee are welcome to join.

V. Special Presentation

Kelvin had two videos that he wanted to present to us. The first was the video that we presented at the Kickoff Bash back in November and the second was a new informative video. It contained several surprising statistics and lots of interesting facts.

VI. Old Business

- A. Farm Bureau Day – Our goal is to get 10 members present for both the dinner on Monday and the events on the following day. Ben Parks has offered to pay for our dinner and we would like to have a good turn out.
- B. T-shirts – We now have t-shirts for sale with our logo and name on them. They are \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. If anyone is attending an event where they think that they could sell t-shirts please let us know.
- C. County Visits – Officers are visiting counties all around the state. If any members are interested in attending just let the officers know. If the State Staff knows of any events taking place across the state it would be great for them to let us know so that we can be sure to attend.

VII. New Business

- A. Officer Elections – Dr. Myers announced that officer applications are now available. All applications are due by April 2nd and the elections will be held at our general meeting on April 16th. Officers elected for the upcoming term will serve as officer-elects until August 1st.
- B. AFBF YF&R Conference – Mike Rogalksy spoke about the conference that the officers attended. He told of the workshops that we went to and about our meeting with Lauren Lewis, the discussion meet contestant from Clemson University. Lauren was a past Florida FFA State officer and she made it to the final four of the discussion meet. He also spoke of the farm tours that we went on. The first stop that we made was at Bonita Farms which is a Thoroughbred breeding / training facility, the second stop was at Waffle Hill Farms where they are testing a couple of new ways to make beef production more successful. Our final stop was the Baltimore Orioles stadium where we took a tour of all the underground workings. Mike did not forget to mention our photo opportunity with the infamous Bill Clinton. It was actually just a hoax, he was just impersonating Mr. Clinton, but it was fun to think that we met someone famous. He also emphasized that Florida should be well represented next year at Sacramento, CA.
- C. Second Advisor – Dr. Myers announced that he would like to have a second advisor to help. He will not be stepping down, just wants someone to help with the paperwork. Any university faculty or staff member is eligible.
- D. Meeting Place – We realize that changing meeting rooms is very frustrating so we asked for suggestions as to where our members would like to meet. The Animal Science building was the only suggestion from the members.
- E. Pat Cockeral made a special speech complimenting the CFB. He wanted to let us know that he is very proud of us and wants everyone to get a copy of the current F.L.A.G. periodical which has the CFB officer on the front cover. Do not forget to keep the State Field Staff involved as they are here to help us. Also, the IFAS budget cuts are becoming a hot topic all across the state. There will not be across the board cuts, rather the cuts may be “cherry-picked.” FFB has been in contact with the UF faculty and staff so most of the information is out in public domain.

VIII. Adjournment

Kelvin Moreno adjourned the meeting at 8:06 PM.