

**KACDE Conference Call  
February 18, 2009  
10:00 a.m. EST**

Participants in the call:

Brian Hacker – President  
Sandy Gay – Area 9 Rep  
Linda Smith – Past President  
Linda Russell – Secretary  
Debbie Eubank – Area 2 Rep  
Leslie Fourqurean – Area 1 Rep  
Shelley Isenberg – Area 3 Rep  
Stephanie Young – Vice President & Area 8 Rep  
Valorie Floyd – Treasurer  
Cindy King – Budget Chair  
Tracy Yocum – Area 5 Rep  
Martha Newby – Reporter

President Brian Hacker called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. This conference call is our regular meeting for this month.

Linda Russell presented the minutes of the January 15, 2009 meeting and the January 20, 2009 conference call minutes as emailed to the Board members. Debbie Eubank moved to approve the minutes for both meetings seconded by Stephanie Young. Motion carried.

Valorie Floyd emailed the Treasurer's report to the Board members. Linda Smith moved to approve the treasurer's report and file for audit. Debbie Eubank seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**BILLS TO BE PAID:**

- Linda Smith – \$42.18 for mailing fundraising brochures to Area Reps
- Cindy King – \$84.85: \$52.84 for paint for Adopt-a-Room, \$12.00 for balloon weights, \$20.01 for binder combs
- Curtis Trophy – \$29.75 for 5 name badges

Shelley Isenberg moved to pay the bills seconded by Sandy Gay. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Fundraising Committee**

**Tee shirt sales** – Valorie Floyd reported that we have made \$770.00 profit to date on the conservation tee shirts. Knot and Webster counties still owe for the shirts they ordered. Breckenridge County needs to know shipping costs on their order.

**Page's Seeds Fundraiser** – Shelley Isenberg mailed the seed brochures to all Area Reps. The orders need to be back to her by March 23<sup>rd</sup>. We make approximately 60% on this fundraiser. Shelley will contact the Special Projects Committee members and they will set guidelines for receiving the money and the orders. There may be a competition between the Areas and/or individuals for the most sales. The committee will

discuss this and what the prize will be for the winner. Stephanie Young volunteered to donate one gift as a prize. Thanks Stephanie! Shelley will send an email about the details after they are confirmed.

### **Award Committee**

**Kentucky Shine Award** – January’s nomination for Area 4 is Stephanie Young from Boyd County. February’s nomination from Area 5 is Mary Katherine Dickerson from Boone/Kenton County.

**“Super” Star for February** – Brian will contact Jennifer Hardwick to see if she has a candidate.

### **Budget Committee Report**

Cindy King presented the draft budget for the new fiscal year 2009-2010. If anyone has suggestions email them to Cindy and Linda Smith. The budget will be finalized before the KACD convention in July. Donations from the Conservation District sponsors will probably decrease due to budget cuts. The Budget Committee is trying to bring the budget to a more realistic income.

**Public Relations Committee Report/Request** – Martha Newby is trying to get a newsletter ready. She needs information, articles, features and photos sent to her by February 27<sup>th</sup>. Area Reps will send emails requesting information. Directory changes are due to Martha and/or Brian today. Brian asked that the Area Reps please check to see that members get this information. The Directory is sent to KACDE members **only**. That is one of the benefits of being a member.

**Benevolence Committee** – The Benevolence Committee may decide to raffle off a Wii system to bring in funds. Stephanie Young volunteered to purchase the Wii and not get reimbursed until after the sales were completed.

**Special Projects Committee** – Brian Hacker asked for any suggestions for KACDE fundraisers. Linda Russell suggested that a MP3 player might be a good fundraiser. Valorie Floyd suggested a 2-night vacation package at Music Road Inn at Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Tracy Yocum said that Kentucky’s State Parks sometimes give them a pass to use at any of our state parks for a fundraiser. She will check on that and report at our next meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Kentucky Department of Agriculture Legislative Breakfast Update** – Mac Stone of KDA referred us to someone else in the agency about the legislative breakfast. They never contacted us as to what we could do, so no one from KACDE attended. That is the reason we cancelled our regular meeting at 1:00 p.m. which was to be after the breakfast and had this conference call instead.

**Tax Status Update** – KACDE is now state tax exempt. Brian Hacker has also applied for a DUNN number for us which will be used when we apply for grants.

**Travel Guidelines** – Linda Smith sent out an email asking for suggestions and input about travel guidelines. This will be reviewed at the March meeting. ~~The Bylaws~~

~~Committee will be developing guidelines for DOC field rep distribution of KACDE material.~~ The Operations Committee will work on this to present to the Bylaws Committee. The President, Brian Hacker inadvertently referred Travel Guidelines to the Bylaws Committee when it should have been the Operations Committee.

**Operations Committee** – The Bylaws Committee will be developing guidelines for DOC field rep distribution of KACDE material.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**KACD Business Luncheon Preparations** – Brian Hacker will be emailing documents for review to have ready for the March meeting to be approved to present at the July Business Meeting.

**Credit Card** – The credit card balance is \$1972.15. Stephanie Young moved to pay \$1000.00 of the credit card bill when it comes in and the balance to be paid by next month. This will be a one-time variance from our policy pertaining to the credit card. Sandy Gay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Donations Brochure** – The Board agreed to mail the donation brochure to all Conservation District Boards.

**Who's in the Limelight?** – Linda Smith asked if anyone had submitted employees for the Limelight newsletter. We will check with Wanda Gilbert to see if she has any one to submit. The President's Newsletter is on the website now.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Linda Russell  
KACDE Secretary