 Maryland Agriculture Teachers Association

 Board Meeting Minutes

 August 2, 2017

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The MATA Board meeting was held at University of Maryland, College Park, MD on Wednesday, August 2, 2017. President Mike Harrington called the meeting to order at 9:40 A.M. Those in attendance were:

* President – Mike Harrington
* Past President – Diane Safar
* President Elect – Lori Mayhew
* Secretary – Quinn Cashell
* Reporter – Tom Mazzone
* Membership Chair – Bridget Nicholson
* Treasurer – Roy Walls, Jr.

**Reflections**

Mike Harrington provided reflections. He shared a story that shared a message that even though we may encounter boulders as a team this year, we can use them to better ourselves and our association.

September Reflections will be presented by Diane Safar

Diane Safar moved for flexibility, Bridget seconded, motion passed

**Secretary’s Report**

Quinn presented an electronic and hard copy of the June MATA Board Meeting Minutes. Discussion occurred, Lori Mayhew moved to accept the minutes as presented, Bridget seconded, motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Roy Walls provided his detailed report.

Total Income: $5,589.45

Total Expenses: $8,561.66

Fiscal Year Total: -$2,972.21

Overall Total: $27,668.91

Diane Safar moved to file for audit, Tom Mazzone seconded, motion passed. Mike Harrington thanked Roy Walls, on behalf of the MATA Board, for his hard work as Treasurer throughout the year.

**Budget**

Roy Walls reviewed the proposed budget for the 2017 – 2018 fiscal year. Lori Mayhew moved to accept the budget, Bridget Nicholson seconded, motion passed.

**Membership Report**

Roy Walls sent the membership update:

MATA Active: 22

MATA Affiliate: 1

MATA Associate: 1

MATA Life: 19

NAAE Active: 16

NAAE Life: 18

ACTE Active: 5

NAAE Magazine: 3

**Unfinished Business**

2017 Summer Conference

Diane Safar and Bridget Nicholson presented final conference updates. Bridget Nicholson is working on finalizing the conference proceedings. The conference evaluations were summarized and reviewed by the Board.

The MATA Board has asked Lori Mayhew to pursue State Professional Development grants to further our impact for our members.

**New Business**

Goals

* Increase Membership will be our overarching goal this year. Ideas were discussed on how to make this happen.

Appointment of Board Representatives

* MAEF Board – Tom Hawthorne
* FFA Foundation – Lori Mayhew
* Maryland Council of Ag Education – Fred Doepkens
* FFA Board – Diane Safar, Tom Mazzone, Mike Harrington
* FFA Alumni – Bridget Nicholson

MATA Calendar

* September 20 @ Boonsboro, 5:00 PM
* October 18 @ Mid Atlantic Farm Credit, 5:00 PM
* November 15 @ Winters Mill, 5:30 PM
* January 10 @ Mid Atlantic Farm Credit, Frederick Office, 5:00 PM (Lori – Dinner)
* February 6, phone conference, 4:15 PM
* March 14 @ Brunswick High School, 5:00 PM
* April 18 @ Mid Atlantic Farm Credit, 5:00 PM
* May 16 @ Catoctin, 5:00 PM
* June 20 @ Harford Tech, 10:00 AM

2018 Summer Conference

* Naomi Knight called in to update the Board on the current standings with the 2018 Summer Conference. Naomi suggested a name change to “Maryland Agricultural Educator’s Technical Update” to be more inclusive of non – MATA member dues.
* The Conference Committee would like to establish a mission for the conference.

New Officer Training

* Officer Binders were distributed to new officers.
* The Program of Work was addressed and officer duties were pointed out.

State Fair FFA Day

* August 25
	+ FFA members must have the most recent FFA membership card to receive free admission at the State Fair.
	+ The Sign Up was sent out over the listserv and has received no response.

MATA Fall Meeting

* September 30 at Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT)
	+ The Board discussed several options to pursue in planning for the Fall Meeting. Tom Mazzone and Quinn Cashell were appointed the task of developing an activity to follow the meeting.

Good of the Order

Tom Mazzone shared his plan to revamp the website.

Diane Safar moved to adjourn, Tom Mazzone seconds, motion passed. Motion adjourned at 1:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Quinn Cashell

MATA Secretary