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2. Minutes Read			2. Minutes were approved
3. Treasurer Report	3a. Low Rate of Return on some investments		3a. Randy will explore other places to invest and make recommendations and email to the AAEA membership list for input.
	3b. Only those who actually attended the Mexico trip used their NACAA scholarships.		
	3c. Financial report on Mexico Trip	3c. \$350/person NACAA Scholarship \$280/person actual cost \$500/person charged to VA group Made approximately \$5,200	
4. Membership Report	Randy Norton made Membership Report		
5. Program Recognition Council Reports			
5a. Communication	5a. Rob Call reported 7 entries in State Competition, 6 were sent on to Region.		
5b. Extension Programs	5b. Tom DeGomez reported for Jeff Schalaus. One entry in horticulture.	5b. Tom DeGomez was a national judge. The biggest problem was people did not follow the rules.	
5c. 4-H	5c. Dean Fish, Not Present, No Report		
5d. Professional Excellence	5d. Mary Olsen,, Not Present, No Report		
5e. Public Relations	5e. Kim McReynolds, Not Present, No Report		
5f. Recreation & Awards	5f. Rick Gibson, Not Present, No Report		
6. Scholarship	6a. Robin Grumbles reiterated what Patrick pointed out. Scholarship dues are a good investment.	6a. Member pays \$30 and AAEA pays the other \$10.	6a. All must pay dues by March 15 a year in advance of when you hope to apply for a scholarship.
	6b. There is an Arizona Account at NACAA from which the \$10/member support for scholarship dues is paid.	6b. Motion was made, seconded and passed to add \$100 to the Arizona Account at NACAA to ensure there is money present to cover the \$10/member commitment of	6b. Randy will send a check for \$100.

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7. Professional Improvement Council Reports.		support to scholarship fund.	
7a. Agronomy and Pest Management	7a. Eric Norton - No Report		
7b. Ag Economics and Community Development	7b. Barry Bequette- Community Development Training		
7c. Animal Science	7c. Jim Sprinkle - No Report		
7d.. Forestry and Natural Resources	7d. Tom DeGomez - No Report		
7e. Horticulture and Turf	7e. Jack Kelly, Not Present, No Report		
8. Life Members Report	8. Robin Grumbles for Woody Winnans.. Woody sent out flyer to announce meeting.		
9. Extension Development and Ag Issues	9. Ed Martin, Not Present, No Report		
10. Early Career Development	10. Lucy Bradley encourage all to review the new criteria for APRs developed by the professional development team		
11. Administrative Skills Development	11. Deb Young, Not Present, No Report.		
12. Teaching and Educational Technologies	12. Dave Langson, Not Present, No Report.		
13. Old Business	13a. Professional Improvement Tour to Mexico. Rob Call reported on adventures & feasts. 7 AAEA members went. Saw forestry, horticulture, vegetables, cattle, etc.	13a. Interest was expressed in a follow up trip to Chihuahua to see cattle, copper canyon, forestry, etc. Shoot for Sept. 04. Invite NACAA members in the Western Region and life members.	13a. Rob Call will do some research on feasibility and cost and report back to the group. Committee appointed: Rob Call Chair, Randy, Chris, Eric, dom, Dean. AAEA will pay per diem for meetings of the team and pre tour scouting. The Committee will be prepared to report back to the Western Region Meeting.. Patrick will get

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14. New Business	14a. Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) met in Billings MT to examine policy issues impacting 4-H, Ag, and FCS	Barry attended and represent AAEA	the list of State Presidents to Rob Call.
	14b. How to handle retirement of AAEA members.	14b. 1) AAEA pay life membership dues to the National Association for the retiring member. 2) The group expressed a desire to get a gift for the retiree.	14b. 1) Randy will pay life membership dues for retirees. 14b. 2) The AAEA Vice President and Secretary will select a gift to honor the retiree. The gift will be reflective of the interests, discipline and personality of the retiree with a monetary limit of \$50.
	14c National Meeting. Barry asked for guidance from the group on how to vote on the dues increase. Proposed increase is for \$10 which would make the national dues \$50/yr. There are 3,800 - 3,900 members. Dues go to support the Executive Director, Board Travel, and The County Agent publication.	14c. Patrick pointed out that there was an attempt to raise the dues by \$25 last year but on ly \$15 was approved. Need the additional increase to deal with dwindling state budgets and the reduction in the number of agents and thus fewer potential and actual paying members. Concern was expressed about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cost of Board travel to expensive destinations • fear of membership dropping in response to increased fees 	14c. Barry will ask questions, but vote for the increase.
15. Election of Officers		Support for keeping organization solvent. President: Pat Clay Vice President: Jim Sprinkle Secretary: Kai Umeda Treasurer: Randy Norton	