

Wisconsin Association of FFA

## Board Of Directors Meeting

Ramada, Stevens Point, Wisconsin

Minutes Recorded by State FFA Secretary: Alicia Hodnik

### **Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

BJ Chrisler, State FFA President called to order the 2010 Wisconsin Association of FFA Board Of Directors Meeting at 1:03 pm at the Ramada in Stevens Point. BJ Chrisler, Mr. Talford, Leah Christenson, Mr. Meyer, Kirsten Konder, Mrs. Jagielo, Jessica Klinkner, Mr. Heinberg, Adam Moore, Ms. Berget, Tyler Franklin, Mr. Kvalheim, Caitlin Roberts, Mr. Gefvert, Jeanie Untiedt, Mr. Wirkus, Mrs. Raatz, Mr. Heinbuch, Kim Schadrie, Mr. Kilsdonk, Alicia Hodnik and Mrs. Konkel were in attendance. Mrs. Zimmerman and Mr. Hicken were also in attendance.

Absent: Andy Moravec.

This meeting was held in conjunction with the 2010 Wisconsin Association of FFA Half-Time Conference.

Mrs. Zimmerman gave a brief welcome and overview of the agenda for the meeting. The Wisconsin FFA Center Report was presented by Mrs. Zimmerman. See attached report.

The summer intern position was announced as still being open to individuals who are passionate about FFA. It was stated that the individuals do not necessarily have to be Past State Officers.

BJ Chrisler then reported on the past events of the State FFA Officer Team. He also thanked the advisors for their assistance in helping with successful Sectional Leadership Workshops.

Wisconsin FFA Foundation - A written report was provided from Wisconsin FFA Foundation Executive Director Nicole Nelson. See attached report.

**Membership Rosters**-Mr. Hicken provided updates on the 2009-2010 FFA Membership Rosters. The current Wisconsin FFA Membership is 15,925. It was stated that the 2010 Supplemental Rosters due in April will hopefully bring higher membership numbers for the Association.

The Redcliff-Bayfield FFA and Hudson FFA chapters have not submitted their rosters for the 2009-2010 year. Other chapters have submitted their rosters or given reason for the delay in submission.

Kim Schadrie moved to place the Redcliff-Bayfield and Hudson FFA chapters on probation. This motion was properly moved and seconded. The motion was passed by the State Officers and sustained by the Advisors.

Mr. Hicken stated that chapters on the unpaid list for the 2009-2010 Membership Rosters have two weeks to pay their membership fees. If they are not paid, the chapter will then go on probation.

Kirsten Konder moved to put chapters on probation if membership roster fees are not paid within the two week grace period. The motion was properly moved and seconded. The motion was passed by the State Officers and sustained by the Advisors.

***Program Of Activities***-The Program Of Activities has an unclear purpose and impact on the reason for submission but is currently a requirement that every chapter submit a copy to the Association as stated in the Wisconsin Association of FFA Constitution. At this time, Mrs. Zimmerman and Mr. Hicken opened the floor for discussion from the Board Of Directors. Mrs. Zimmerman allows the State Officers to use the Program of Activities as a reference. It was stated that most chapters do not put a lot of time into these documents, so it was suggested that advisors fill out form one of the National Chapter Award. Other ideas were also suggested.

Tyler Franklin moved to refer this motion to the Program of Activities Committee. The motion was passed by the State Officers and sustained by the Advisors. The Program Of Activities Committee is chaired by Tyler Franklin and Kirsten Konder. They will provide recommendations for action with the Program of Activity requirement at the March Board Meeting.

***Sectional Speaking Contests***- Mrs. Zimmerman reviewed with the Board the procedures for conducting the Sectional Speaking Contest in March. The Sectional Host Handbooks and plaques were handed out. Final results of the District Contests must be sent to the Wisconsin FFA Center for final review of membership and eligibility. Final results will be forwarded from the Wisconsin FFA Center to each of the Sectional Hosts.

***Membership Transfer Deliberation***: Mr. Gasche from the Brillion FFA presented to the Board for discussion about a member who wanted to transfer FFA chapters in order to run for State FFA Office. The student would still be in the same section, but assisted by another chapter. Discussion was open at this time.

It was suggested that membership issues similar to this will be settled on a case-by-case basis. It was suggested that the Board not take action at this time because there is not enough information on this issue. The Board also asked for information from the advisor from the Chilton FFA, where the potential State Officer candidate is currently a member.

An agreement will be needed between advisors from Brillion FFA and Chilton FFA on the terms of a settlement. These individuals will also be offered to present in front of the Board Of Directors at the February meeting. It was suggested by Jeanie Untiedt to get documentation from the member desiring to run for State Office.

**Award Proposals-**Mrs. Zimmerman explained proposals for the four award areas for approval. The four award areas are as follows: Morrison Safety Award, Chapter Safety Award Program, Farm City Award, and the Food For America Award Program.

**Proposal #1: Morrison Safety Award**

**Recommendation:** Award the Morrison Safety Award money as scholarships to the top three winners of the State FFA Safe Tractor Operators Contest.

**Proposal #2: Chapter Safety Award**

**Recommendation:** Create a “Health and Wellness Grant Program” that would provide money to chapters to conduct programs that promote health and wellness as well as safety programs. This would eliminate the trophy and cash award recognition currently given to chapters. This would then be a program that can provide chapters grant money to develop programs that promote safety, health and wellness.

**Proposal #3: Farm/City Award**

**Recommendation:** Change the Farm/City Award Recognition into a grant program that chapters can apply for money to support and develop local Food for America programs. The chapters will no longer be awarded plaques and cash awards to the top 5, but instead will be judged for the awarding of grants to build Food For America programs.

**Proposal #4: Food For America Award Program**

**Recommendation:** Continue the Food for America recognition program, however, create it’s own separate application so as not to be confused with the National Chapter Award application and implement changes recommended by a past judge of these applications.

Kim Schadrie moved to accept all four proposals as read. This motion was properly moved, and seconded. The motion was passed by the State Officers and sustained by the Advisors.

**State FFA Degrees-** Mrs. Zimmerman reminded the Board about the updates on the State FFA Degrees and the appeal process for 2010.

**National FFA Week-** National FFA Officer, Randa Braune, will be in Wisconsin during National FFA Week. The agenda for the week will be finalized by the beginning of February.

**National FFA Affiliation Fee** - Mrs. Zimmerman provided a handout for the Board to review concerning the National FFA Affiliation Fee. Mrs. Zimmerman will be on a conference call January 14th to continue discussion about this issue and prepare action to be presented to the National FFA Board of Directors at their January Meeting. Mrs. Zimmerman will keep the Board updated as to National FFA's action on this item.

**10 x 10 x 2010**-BJ Chrisler led an update on the program 10 x 10 x 2010. At this time, curriculum developers are being finalized and progress on this program is continuing. More updates will be announced at the February Board Of Directors Meeting.

The next meeting of the Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors will be February 26 in conjunction with FFA Farm Forum in Wisconsin Rapids.

Adam Moore moved to adjourn the 2010 Board Of Directors Meeting. This motion was properly seconded by Kim Schadrie. The motion was passed by the State Officers and sustained by the Advisors.

The 2010 Wisconsin Association of FFA Board Of Directors Meeting in Stevens Point was adjourned at 2:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alicia Hodnik  
State FFA Secretary

## Wisconsin FFA Center Report January 2010

### FUNDING

#### 2009-10 Chapter Affiliation Fee Summary

Total Chapters Paid: 239 (As of Jan. 7, 2010)

Breakdown: Option 1 (\$300.00) – 239

Option 2 – (No one has indicated specifically they will use this payment option)

Waiting for payment – 8

One payment received at DPI – Check to be sent

#### 2008-09 Chapter Affiliation Fee Summary

Total Chapters Paid: 240 (As of Jan. 7, 2009)

Breakdown: Option 1 (\$300.00) – 240

Option 2 – (No one has indicated specifically they will use this payment option)

No Response – 8

Two inactive chapters this year – Madison and Horicon

#### 2007-08 Chapter Affiliation Fee Summary

Total Chapter Paid: 242 (As of Jan. 3, 2008)

Breakdown: Option 1 (\$300.00) – 242

Option 2 - (No one has indicated specifically they will use this payment option)

No Response – 8 (Horicon will not be paying this year – program inactive for 2007-08 school year)

First quarter financial statements were presented to the FFA Center Board at Half-Time meeting.

### WISCONSIN FFA CENTER UPDATE

1. Funding to be provided to the Wisconsin FFA Center through DPI again this year to assist with degrees, proficiencies and convention assistance. Contracts have been submitted to DPI, waiting for review of contract, amount available - \$20,667.00. Meeting held with DPI Staff members to understand new procedures, contracts and requirements set forth by DPI.
2. Committee meeting to review Job Interview CDE.
3. Developing FFA Week Activities for National FFA Officer and National Staff who will be traveling Wisconsin.
4. Wisconsin FFA Center Summer Assistant Position has been announced and posted. Resumes due February 17.
5. Working with Jeff Hicken on membership.
6. Preparing District and Sectional Speaking Contest Materials – Contests begin January 18.
7. National Council and NASAE activities – See upcoming events.
8. Preparing for the handling, processing and evaluation of the State and American Degrees and Proficiency Award Applications with the Wisconsin FFA Center Staff. These applications will all be coming to the Wisconsin FFA Center again this year.
9. State FFA Convention planning has started.
  - a. Hotel contracts received and ready to review.
  - b. Continuation of School Officials Lunch and Program.
  - c. Continuation of Change Lives Teach Ag Workshop.
  - d. State Officer Committees are underway and plans were developed at December Officer Meeting.
  - e. Planning 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of Service Activities with help of Past State Officer Beth Rieth.
10. Preparing for upcoming FFA Alumni Convention, State Officers conducting workshop and reflections.
11. Preparing for FFA Board meetings and Farm Forum.

## **WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION of FFA UPDATE**

1. Late membership rosters and payment were discussed at the State FFA Board of Directors meeting Friday – action was taken by the FFA Board of Directors.
2. Other items the Board discussed included – FFA Program of Activities, Award Revisions, State Officer Activities, National FFA Week and other FFA items of business.

### **STATE FFA CONVENTION**

Date & Locations : The State FFA Convention will be held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, June 14-17, 2010.

Housing: Official Housing will be posted online in early March - Hotel negotiations in progress

Activities: Second year of High School Quiz Bowl Contest  
Day of Service continued with some revisions in schedule  
Kick off day for convention in Madison – BJ looking into ways to have a parade, fun games and activities to start off the celebration of state convention.

LifeWork Expo: Exhibitors-Contact Nicole Schmidt or Lois Flee at the Wisconsin FFA Foundation.

### **Upcoming Activities/Calendar of Events:**

State FFA Officer team is traveling to California - January 12-16, 2010.

National FFA Affiliation Fee Conference Call – January 14, 2010 – Review progress made.

Two State Officers are scheduled to attend the Wisconsin School Board Convention - January 20-21.

District FFA Speaking Contests to begin January 18. Sectional contests in March at the state officer's home schools.

NASAE Board Conference Call – February 1, 2010.

National Council Record Book Meeting – Indianapolis – February 2-3, 2010 – Cheryl Zimmerman.

CTSO Legislative Day – February 11 in Madison – State Officers to attend with Jeff Hicken.

Wisconsin FFA Alumni Convention - Feb. 12-14, 2010 in Manitowoc. State Officers will be assisting and presenting a reflections program and a workshop. The sawblades from State FFA Convention will be auctioned off at the Alumni Convention.

National FFA Week activities with National Officer and National Staff Member – February 20-26, 2010.

FFA Board of Directors will meet on February 25-26 in Wisconsin Rapids to conduct the review process for State FFA Degrees. The Board will meet again in March in Madison for convention planning.

FFA Officers will be assisting with the FFA/Farm Bureau Farm Forum Feb. 26-27 in Wisconsin Rapids.

Wisconsin FFA Proficiency Awards will be judged March 12-13 in Wisconsin Dells at the Chula Vista Hotel. Cheryl Zimmerman is coordinating the arrangements and details for the judging. Anyone interested in judging is invited to attend. Reservations should be made by February 20, 2010. Call the Chula Vista Hotel at 608-254-8366. Rooms are reserved under FFA. Rates are available for \$70.00 for single; \$92.00 for double.

State Degree Appeal Process interviews will be scheduled for the March 12-13.

Cheryl Zimmerman will be attending the National Council Meeting in Alexandria, VA March 4-7 and the National Policy Seminar March 8-10 as President of NASAE. January 20, National Council Executive Committee Conference Call.

Made for Excellence will be held March 19-20, 2010 at the Ramada Stevens Point. The EDGE Conference will also be presented for Middle School Students.

Two individuals have indicated interest in running for Wisconsin's National Officer Candidate. Selection process will occur over the March 19-20, 2010 weekend.

Next fall's MFE/ALD conference will be November 12-13, 2010 at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay.

2011 Half-Time Conference set for January 7-8 in Stevens Point at the Ramada of Stevens Point.

## January 8, 2010 – Wisconsin FFA Foundation Report – Nicole Nelson

### 2009-10 Campaign

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- As of Dec. 30, we've achieved 66.5 percent of our annual goal to raise \$285,000.
- We are confident that we'll hear positive responses very shortly regarding an additional \$17,500, which will bring us to 72.6 percent.
- Chapter and Alumni mailing went out this week. The majority went via email and the remaining ones will be sent via regular mail.

### Raffle

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- Annual raffle will kick off at the FFA Alumni Convention in February. You can pick up tickets there or by contacting Lois Flee at [lflee@wisconsinffaoundation.org](mailto:lflee@wisconsinffaoundation.org) or 608-831-5058.
- Prizes will include a 50" TV, Blu-ray Disc Player, Chula Vista hotel package, Green Bay Packer tickets, and more
- **State officers' ticket sales goal?**

### Golf Outings

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- 2010 golf outing dates are set:
  - Northwest (Eau Claire) – July 12
  - **NEW** Northeast (Wrightstown) – July 14
  - Southern (Cottage Grove) – July 26

### Wisconsin FFA Scholarships

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- 2010 application is available online
- List of available scholarships will be sent out within the next several weeks
- Applications must be postmarked by April 26 (April 25 is a Sunday)

### SAE Grant Recipients

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- One aquaculture SAE grant (\$500) was granted
- Dairy SAE grants (totaling \$17,500) were granted to 19 FFA members from 13 FFA chapters
- One organic agriculture SAE grant (\$1,000) was granted

### Questions/Comments/Suggestions

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BJ, Mrs. Zimmerman and Mr. Hicken all representative the Association on the Foundation Board of Directors. Feel free to contact them with ideas and suggestions you may have.