

Wisconsin Association of FFA

Board of Directors Meeting

Hotel Mead, Wisconsin Rapids

February 18th, 2011

The 2011 February meeting of the Wisconsin FFA Board of Directors was called to order at 8:05 am by President Alicia Hodnik at the Hotel Mead in Wisconsin Rapids. Alicia Hodnik, Mr. Henningfeld, Mrs. Konkell, Amy Kringle, Mr. Kolpack, Samantha Becker, Mr. Wehling, Laura Hornby, Mr. Hardy, Julie Orth, Mrs. Mitchell, Cory Brown, Ethan Giebel, Mr. Hines, Mr. Petrowitz, Anna Pessig, Mr. Wirkus, Mrs. Raatz, Sam Tauchen, Mr. Raymakers, Whitney Barnes, Mr. Friend, Ms. Pionek, Noah Wiedenfeld, Mr. Dykstra, Mrs. Zimmerman, and Mr. Hicken were in attendance. Absent: Mr. Engelke.

Approval of Minutes- Samantha Becker moved to accept the minutes from the January Board Meeting. Julie Orth seconded. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Minutes were accepted.

CTSO Legislative Day- Cory Brown and Samantha Becker presented a report on CTSO Legislative Day, February 10. The day went well and was beneficial in informing legislators at the State Capitol of the importance of Agricultural Education and FFA.

Alumni Convention- Julie Orth and Laura Hornby present a report on Alumni Convention, February 11-13. It was a great way to learn more about the FFA Alumni. The oars that were sold brought in \$2,100 to the Wisconsin FFA Foundation. Next year, the item being auctioned will be mailboxes.

District Speaking Contests- Anna Peissig and Noah Wiedenfeld presented a report on District Speaking Contests. Everything went very smoothly and only one contest had to be rescheduled due to weather. Mrs. Zimmerman passed out the final results from Speaking Contests. The rosters have been reviewed and there are many students in speaking contests who are not yet on FFA rosters. Mrs. Zimmerman will continue to keep track of membership – final deadline for membership is April 1. Next year an electronic system may be used to register for speaking contests. There were no rule violations at this year's District Speaking Contests. Questions about upcoming Sectional Speaking Contests were addressed. Confidential information will be mailed out in time for the first contest.

State Executive Director Report- The Foundation has put together a pamphlet about agricultural education. They are available for \$.75 a piece. Also on the FFA Website is a new tab called 'Advocacy'. This includes key information about agriculture education, resources from DPI and many other resources. If you have anything to include, please send to Mrs. Zimmerman in a PDF. *See attached report for the Wisconsin FFA/FFA Center Update.*

State Advisor Report- Mr. Hicken gave an update on possible outcomes after state budget is unveiled next week. Marty Nowak (WAAE President) has already taken steps to be active with other CTE presidents. He also gave an update on the cutting of Perkins Funding on the federal level and possibilities of what that means. Large cuts to Perkins Funding could be destructive to our organization. This month is CTE month.

Stars and Proficiency Judging- Stars and Proficiency Judging will take place March 11-12 and all advisors are suggested to attend. Star applications will be judged on Friday evening.

Hall of Fame Committee Report- Amy Kringle presented the 2011 Hall of Fame Committee Report. Selected for induction into the Hall of Fame are Kevin Keith, Dick Aide, and Eugene King. Amy Kringle moved to accept the nominations for Hall of Fame. Whitney Barnes seconded. Motion passed, sustained by advisors.

Convention Speakers Committee Report- Amy Kringle presented the Convention speakers report. Jonathan Sprinkles and Aric Bostick were selected as Convention Speakers. Julie Orth moved to accept the recommendations. Ethan Giebel seconded. Motion passed, sustained by advisors.

Convention Tours Committee Report- Samantha Becker presented the Convention tours report. She gave an update on what tours are confirmed and where tours are planned to go to. Samantha Becker moved to accept the committee report. Anna Peissig seconded. Sassy Cow was recommended as a possible tour. Motion passed, sustained by advisors.

Service Committee Report- Julie Orth presented the Service committee report. The original service project of board games for Children's Hospital needs to be reevaluated, as there is not a need for board games at this time. Two service projects were proposed. One would focus on the Children's Hospital and one on Bookfriends, an organization that provides books to students in Africa. Cory Brown moved to accept the committee report, Samantha Becker seconded. Motion passed, sustained by advisors.

Membership Committee Report- Noah Wiedenfeld presented the Membership committee report. It was recommended to change the name of the committee to "Marketing and Membership Committee" and change the purpose to a marketing tool to better promote agricultural education and FFA. Noah Wiedenfeld moved to accept the committee report. There was an implied second. Motion passed, sustained by advisors.

Awards and Programs Committee Report- Laura Hornby presented the Awards and Programs Committee report. Mrs. Zimmerman presented the idea of changing the Program of Activities form required to be submitted to the state to an "Annual Renewal of FFA Chapter Charter". Mr. Hicken presented information on the new online membership system. This would include a Program of Activities section. More research will also be done to review the new online system from National FFA and it was recommended that the Annual Renewal of FFA Chapter Charter be electronic. Amy Kringle moved to accept the Awards and Programs Committee Report. Motion passed, sustained by advisors.

Jag Lake Improvement Committee Report- Mr. Hicken present the Jag Lake Improvement committee report. One improvement needed to be made would be reroofing. This will be for the committee to continue to discuss and prioritize as funds are available for such projects.

State FFA Degree Review Process- The State Officer Advisors put in a lot of hard work reviewing state degrees for minimum requirements. The last will be finished today after the Board Meeting. An electronic version of record keeping is vital to keep moving forward. A community service requirement has been added to the American Degrees. Mrs. Zimmerman will update those who need it with more information. Whitney Barnes would like to see a pronunciation key put on degree applications. This will be looked into.

State FFA Degree Star Applicants- This year there were no Star in Agribusiness applications submitted. Mrs. Zimmerman proposed a policy change in order for a Star applicant to be selected. *See attached proposed policy.* Julie Orth moved to accept the State Star Policy. Samantha Becker seconded. Sponsorship was brought up as an issue. If no applicants are nominated for Star in Agribusiness, sponsors would need to be informed. Motion passed to move forward with the proposed policy. Sustained by advisors. Amy Kringle moved to refer this topic to the SAE Committee. Samantha Becker seconded. Referral died because of lack of main motion. Whitney Barnes moved to reconsider the proposed policy. She was on the prevailing side. Seconded by Julie Orth. Motion passed, sustained by advisors. Amy Kringle moved to refer the Star issue to the SAE Committee. Whitney Barnes seconded. Motion passed, sustained by advisors. Stay tuned to email for further voting and information.

Membership Update- Mr. Hicken updated the Board that membership is very close to 17,000 and should meet or surpass 17,700.

Wisconsin Ag Ambassador Program- No update at this time.

Agriscience Fair Review- Committee met at Half-Time conference. A new rubric was created for judging purposes and the contest rules and guidelines were looked over and revised. The FFA Board members were provided with copies of the recommendations and were asked to review before the next Board meeting in March for further action.

State Officer Ideas/Suggestions- New topics/changes need to be brought up now so that they can be approved at the March meeting. Inspirational Moments will not be included in this year's Convention. Instead, welcomes will be expanded and more emphasis will be put on member recognition. Session 2 is normally a low attendance and should be reevaluated. Proficiencies are highlighted at this session and allow sponsors a chance to meet with the members. This topic should go to both the SAE Committee and Foundation in order to be properly addressed. People voiced that it is important to recognize all Gold applicants.

State President Elections- Mrs. Zimmerman announced that those state officer interested in running for state president must declare their intent by April 15th. No names will be added after this, but you may take your name out at any time. On Friday, April 29th, Mr. Hicken and Mrs. Zimmerman will interview potential candidates and the final decision will be made by the team on Thursday morning, June 16th.

State Convention Housing- Sheets were passed around in order to fill State Officer Parent housing and State Officer Chapter housing.

The next meeting will be March 17th-18th 2011 at the Clarion Suites Hotel.

Anna Peissig moved to adjourn. Sam Tauchen seconded. Motion passed, sustained by the advisors.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Kringle

State FFA Secretary

Wisconsin Association of FFA/FFA Center Report

February 2011

FFA UPDATE

1. Successful Half-Time Conference held in Stevens Point in January – 321 members attended. Highest student attendance.
2. Committee meet to review the Wisconsin Agriscience Fair at the Half-Time Conference.
3. Wisconsin FFA Center Summer Assistant Position – Kimberly Schadrie has accepted the position.
4. Working with Jeff Hicken on membership – 21 chapters selected the new National FFA Affiliation Fee option.
5. Reviewing District Speaking Contest results and Preparing Sectional Speaking Contest materials.
6. National Council and NASAE activities – Finishing terms on both Boards. Jeff Hicken and Cheryl Zimmerman to attend National Council Meeting and National Ag Ed Summit February 28-March 4.
7. Receiving, processing and evaluation of the State and American Degrees and Proficiency Award Applications with the Wisconsin FFA Center Staff.
8. Processing State FFA Honors Band and Chorus applications.
9. State FFA Convention planning has started.
 - a. Hotel contracts are finalized – Online reservations will be ready in March.
 - b. State Officer Committees are underway and plans were developed at December Officer Meeting.
10. Preparing Wisconsin National FFA Officer Candidate selection process for March.
11. Working on the developing of a Summer COLT Conference – many details still in the development stages.
12. Looking to locate information on Native American involved in agricultural education and FFA – National FFA Project for the 2011 National FFA Convention.
13. Andy Moravec, past State FFA Vice President from Clintonville FFA selected as 2011 WLC counselor.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

National FFA Week Activities – February 19-26, 2011.

Eau Claire Farm Show – March 1-2 – Eau Claire – Alicia, Amy and Samantha

Farm Bureau Ag Day at the Capitol – March 9 – Alicia, Sam and Noah – 11:00 a.m. Madison

Wisconsin FFA Proficiency Awards will be judged March 11-12 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, 2011. Call the Chula Vista Hotel at 608-254-8366. Rooms are reserved under FFA. Rates are available for \$70.00 for single; \$95.00 for double.

State Degree Appeal Process interviews will be scheduled for the March 11-12 for those students wishing to appeal their state degrees.

State staff and others will be attending the National Council Meeting in Orlando, Florida and the National Ag Ed Summit the first week of March 2011.

National Ag Day – March 13-15 – Washington D.C. – Alicia

Co-ops YES! Conference – March 14-15 Laura, Sam and Ethan (facilitators) Others attending: Amy, Samantha, Cory, Anna, Sam, Whitney and Noah

Wisconsin Association of FFA Board Meeting – March 17-18 – Madison

FFA Alumni Bucks Game – March 20 or April 9

CDE Assignments :Janesville – March 19 – Cory and Noah

UW-Platteville – March 24 – Laura, Julie and Ethan

UW-River Falls – April 2 – Amy, Samantha and Anna

Fox Valley Tech – April 2 – Sam and Whitney

Belleville CDEs – April 15 – Cory

State CDEs – Madison – April 29 - All

212° Conference will be held March 25-26, 2011 at The Plaza Hotel and Suites in Eau Claire. The EDGE Conference will also be presented for Middle School Students. Registration due online March 1

Six individuals have indicated interest in running for Wisconsin's National Officer Candidate. Selection process will occur over the March 25-26, 2011 weekend.

Wisconsin Public Service Farm Show – March 29 – 30 – Alicia, Sam, Whitney and Noah

STATE FFA CONVENTION

Date & Locations : The State FFA Convention will be held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, June 13-16, 2011

LifeWork Expo: Exhibitors-Contact Nicole Nelson or Amy Ryan at the Wisconsin FFA Foundation.

Proposed Policy:

In the event that a State Star Award Area has no applications submitted or no application submitted that qualifies for recognition in the State Star Award Area, the following process will occur:

Step 1: The SAE Committee Chair will review the State Star Award Applicants to make sure all applications are submitted in the correct area. If it is found that a submitted Star application could qualify in the open State Star Award area, the FFA advisor of that student will be contact. The procedure would then follow with number 3 below.

Step 2: The FFA advisors of the Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors during their state degree review process may recommend state degree applications meeting minimum qualifications that indicate significant records and involvement in that State Star Area.

Step 3: The SAE Committee Chair and the FFA Board can then recommend to the State FFA Advisor and State FFA Executive Director that notification be sent to the advisor and the member indicating that the State FFA Degree application has the potential for star recognition because of the pending situation.

Step 4: The State FFA Executive Director would then contact the advisor of the state degree applicant concerning this matter. The chapter FFA advisor would be instructed that the Star Battery and supporting materials would need to be completed by the applicant and submitted by March 1 to the Wisconsin FFA Center in order to be eligible for the judging to select State Star finalists at the state judging in March.

Step 5: If no completed Star applications are then received in that State Star Award Area after the March 1 deadline, there will be no recognition given to members in that State Star Award Area for that year.

Only candidates that have submitted state degree applications by the February 1 deadline will be allowed for consideration if this situation were to occur. No other individuals will be sought out to apply for this award.

This process would only be allowed if NO applications were initially submitted in a particular State Star Award Area and/or the submitted application in that area did not qualify to be in that State Star Award Area.