

**Wisconsin Association of FFA January Board of Directors Meeting
Holiday Inn, Stevens Point, Wisconsin
January 8th, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Sally Albers at 1: 20pm on Friday, January 8th.

Attendance:

Cheryl Zimmerman.....Executive Director
Jeff Hicken.....State Advisor
Sally Albers.....State President
Kim Houser.....Wisconsin Heights Advisor (Sub for Mr. Talford)
Brenna Bays.....State Parliamentarian
Becky Grabarski.....Adams-Friendship Advisor
Abby Sabel.....State Reporter
Amy Thielman.....Chilton Advisor
Taylor Halopka.....State Treasurer
Aime Long.....Colby Advisor
Melissa Ploeckelman.....Colby Advisor
Joelle Liddane.....State Sentinel
Nelda Bailey.....Tomah Advisor
Jared Retzlaff.....State Vice President
Keven Busse.....Omro Advisor
Kaitlin Konder.....State Vice President
Maddi Colbeth.....State Secretary
Dani Schott.....Clear Lake Advisor
Bryce Krull.....State Vice President
Richard Dykstra.....Lake Mills Advisor
Jason Roth.....State Vice President
Ralph Johnson.....Juda Advisor
Beth Zimmer.....State Vice President
Bret Iverson.....River Ridge Advisor

Mrs. Zimmerman gave a welcome to everyone and covered how the meeting is going to go.

Reports

State Officer Report – Sally

Sally gave a report of how the State Officers are doing this year. Everything is going good. We changed the way we look at and set up Half Time Conference to implement the FFA Mission and Motto. Looking forward to a successful second half to our year.

Wisconsin FFA Center Report – Mrs. Zimmerman

Mrs. Zimmerman gave an update with a lot across the board. Refer to handout for more information. Thank you for all of your great work.

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DPI Update – Mr. Hicken

Mr. Hicken gave an update with the DPI. There are seven positions open in the state of Wisconsin.

State Officer Committee Report – Sally

Sally and the state officer team spent some time putting together a presentation concerning potential convention speakers.

Budget total is about \$6,000

Decisions will need to be on made about speakers by the February meeting

Everyone covered the presentation and narrowed it down to the following individuals.

- Sam Glen (\$4,000 + Travel)
- Dave Roeber (\$ up for discussion...\$6,000)
- Landon Schaffert (\$1,250)
- Kat Kohl (Bryce is working on it)

Old Business

Ratification of WAAE Committee Recommendations

Bryce moved to ratify the decision to increase the CDE fee in Dairy Cattle judging to \$35 per team and Floriculture to \$50 per team. Beth seconded the ratification.

Motion passes.

Jared moved to ratify the decision to replace 10 sectional contests to four regional contests for the safe tractor operators contest held each year in Clear Lake, Sauk Prairie, Plymouth and Fox Valley and each region winner will advance to the state competition, along with the next top 10 scores from all area contests combined, for a total of 14 finalists. Brenna seconded the ratification. Motion passes.

Easter Seals Project

State officers have been in contact with sectional advisors and Mr. Hicken to set up pick up points for everyone. Critical for State Officers to lock in dates within the next week.

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New Business:

National Affiliation Fee Payment...Those who have not submitted chapter fee to the DPI within the next week will be placed on a probationary list, which would be a “slap on the wrist” or warning.

Brenna moved to approve the probationary chapter list. Taylor seconded. Motion passed.

Jason moved to approve to give the Algoma, Alma, Benton, Fall River, Frederic and Green Bay West chapters until September 1st before revoking their chapter charters unless they show effort towards replacing the Agricultural Education advisor. Bryce seconded. Motion passed.

A list of chapters who have not submitted their Program of Activities and Constitutions had been handed out to everyone. State officers should work on regularly emailing those advisors with missing information.

Wisconsin FFA Hall of Fame Selection Criteria – Mrs. Zimmerman & Mr. Hicken

Everyone was provided with a handout of criteria and ways that we can edit the document to revise everything.

Review the changes by the next meeting in February. Have any ideas of how we can further implement changes for the criteria.

Sectional Speaking Contests

Handouts were given out to everyone from Mrs. Zimmerman.

Be sure to review the “Steps in Setting up a Sectional Contest” handout!

Planning should begin now with recruiting judges.

Make sure to remember all manuscripts and resumes are received

Judges meeting should be set up to take about an hour to answer questions.

Brenna moved to research potential reserve money funds. Jared seconded. Motion passes.

The meeting was adjourned by Sally Albers at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maddi Colbeth
State FFA Secretary
Wisconsin Association of FFA