

# Wisconsin FFA Center Board Meeting Minutes The Plaza Hotel and Suites, Eau Claire, Wisconsin November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kim Houser at 7:31 p.m.

Members Present: Glenda Crook, Kim Houser, Shari Graffunder, Cheryl Zimmerman, Ralph Johnson, Brian Kast, Kristin Hanson, Bridgett Neu, Linda Sattler (arrived later)

Others Present: Jeff Hicken

Members Absent: Clara Hedrich

Motion to approve the agenda with flexibility was moved by Graffunder/Crook. Motion passed.

Motion was made to approve the June minutes made by Graffunder/Crook. Motion passed.

## **FFA Center Operations Update**

- Cheryl presented the group with the Growing Wisconsin magazine. This publication was spearheaded by Ben Brancel and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. The members of Wisconsin Team Ag Ed agreed to put an advertisement in the publication. This ad is located on page 12. Each group that contributed to the ad has received a box of the magazines.
- New website launched August 1<sup>st</sup>. Trying to work out the kinks but it is slowly coming together.
- Membership is at 19,135 members. There initially was an issue with duplicate members. In the end there was an increase in membership but Wisconsin lost a delegate due to the mathematical formula that National FFA uses to determine how many delegates each state receives. Wisconsin still took all four delegates that were selected in addition to the state officers. The concern is that Wisconsin had an increase in membership and lost a delegate and other states had an increase and gained multiple delegates. There is a fixed number of 475 delegates but there is concern about how this process works and is it still fair. Cheryl will continue to investigate. Next year Wisconsin FFA will select one less delegate to take to convention.
- Ag Career Network – Need to work with the teachers to get all the student profiles completed.
- National FFA staff is at the 212/360 conference. Cheryl has been working with them to develop an assessment to analyze if there are behavioral changes in the students as a result of attending these conferences. Wisconsin is a pilot state for this assessment.
- National FFA Convention was a success. (See attachment).
- National FFA Officer Experience Training – The national officer team will be here for a statewide training and then end up doing some presentations at Half-Time Conference. Wisconsin FFA provides transportation, hotels, and meals. A Star Mission grant was applied for through the Wisconsin FFA Foundation and received. The Alumni has also offered to assist if needed. The State Officers will join in for parts of the tour. The local Alumni's are invited to attend local events. Chapters are also invited to participate in these local events.
- Wisconsin FFA is starting to explore more options for FFA membership with distance learning and virtual schools. Cheryl and Jeff are trying to learn more about how virtual FFA chapters work.
- Discovery Barnyard – November 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a conference call to discuss improvements.
- Cheryl has been selected to serve a two year term on the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees.
- Cheryl has started a new teacher newsletter. There have been two "issues" so far.

## **Update on Liability Insurance Case**

The Wisconsin FFA Center has been formally dismissed from the case.

### **Office Rent**

Kim and Cheryl will work on a rental agreement for the Wisconsin FFA Center office space. The history of the rent can be found in the budget. Starting at \$2,000 in 2004 to currently at \$3,600. Comparable office space in Marshfield would be \$12,000-16,000 per year without utilities.

### **Executive Director and Office Staff Update**

The Executive Director contract has been signed and filed. It took longer this year due to circumstances beyond our control.

Executive Assistant Contract – Terry is currently at \$14.25 per hour. It was moved by Crook/Graffunder to increase Terry's salary by 25 cents to \$14.50 per hour retroactive back to September 1st. Motion passed.

### **Summer Assistant**

A copy of last year's summer assistant position description was provided. Last year the Wisconsin FFA Center struggled to find someone to take the position. Some interest has already been expressed for next summer. The position will be posted and Cheryl will keep us posted. Moved to approve the position at the salary of \$3,000 by Hanson/Kast. Motion passed.

### **Financial Report**

- Affiliation Fees – Chapters that have not paid are St. Croix Falls, Turtle Lake, Hudson, St. Croix Central, Black River Falls, Independence, Iowa-Grant, Pardeeville, Rosholt, Almond-Bancroft, Coleman, New London, Oshkosh North, and Hustisford
- Financial Report – There has been a membership increase. Cheryl walked through the financial report with the Board. The office assistant line item was less last year as Terry was out for five weeks when she was injured. Contracted services under the expenses are the weekend in the Dells that Terry is paid and the \$1,000 that Jamie Hagenow is paid to help with state convention and state officers. These dollars are GPR funds. Moved to approve the 2013-2014 budget as presented by Hanson/Graffunder. Motion passed.

The next meeting of the Wisconsin FFA Center Board will be Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in Steven's Point.

Due to the busy schedule of the Region III conference we will have the June Board meeting on Thursday of PDC (June 19<sup>th</sup>) at 9:30 a.m.

It moved to adjourn the meeting by Graffunder/Crook. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bridgett Neu

### **FFA Center Board Representatives Term**

Sections 1&2 Kristin Hanson 2012-2015

Sections 3&4 Brian Kast 2013-2016

Sections 5&10 Ralph Johnson 2013-2016

Sections 6&7 Glenda Crook 2011-2014

Sections 8&9 Clara Hedrich 2011-2014

Kim Houser WAAE Past-President 2011-2014

Shari Graffunder WAAE President 2012-2015

Linda Sattler WAAE President-Elect 2013-2016

# Wisconsin FFA Center, Inc. and Wisconsin Association of FFA 2013-2014 State Theme: *Ignite the Passion, Live with Passion*

## NOVEMBER 2013

### What's Happening In FFA

As of August 1, new website design and getting items reorganized.  
 Membership increase!!! 19,135 members!!! Issues with duplicate members on the roster. Loss in a delegate at National Convention from 15 to 14.  
 National Affiliation Fee Program – 42 chapters have signed on to participate during 2013-14 school year.  
 Working with Ag Career Network through National FFA – Review at SLW with teachers....more work needed to get teachers to have all students complete their profiles. New features added to Ag Career Network....hope there will be additional training for state staff to understand all the features.  
 Growing Wisconsin Magazine Advertisement is now published.  
 Working with National FFA Staff to develop and test a new Assessment Tool for the 212 and 360 conferences.  
 Very Successful National FFA Convention!!!  
 Developing schedule for National Officer Training in January 2014  
 Half-Time Leadership Conference and State Convention Planning – State officers meeting in December. Redesigning some items with the Half-Time Conference to include National Officer team.  
 Exploring FFA membership options with distance learning and virtual FFA chapters.  
 Discovery Barnyard at State Fair – Beginning discussions for improvements  
 Cheryl Zimmerman elected to serve on the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees for a two-year term starting January 2014.  
 Email Updates to New Teachers About FFA Topics...just started....wanting feedback if they are useful.

### Upcoming Events

Farm Bureau Annual Meeting – Dec. 7-8 – Wisconsin Dells - State Officers in Attendance  
 State FFA Officer December Meeting - December 9-12 – Marshfield  
 National Officer Experience State – January 5 - 12  
 FFA Half-Time Conference – January 10-12 – Stevens Point  
 First District Speaking Contest – January 20  
 School Board Convention – Milwaukee – January 22-23  
 CTSO Night with the Milwaukee Bucks – January 25  
 National Ag Ed Summit – Indianapolis – January 28-30  
 CTSO Legislative Day – February 6 - Madison  
 State FFA Alumni Convention – February 7-8 – Elkhart Lake  
 FFA Week - Feb. 15-22, 2014  
 FFA Board of Directors Meeting - Feb. 20-21 - Hotel Mead, Wisconsin Rapids  
 FFA Farm Forum - Feb. 21-22 - Hotel Mead, Wisconsin Rapid  
 Eau Claire Farm Show – March 4-5  
 State FFA Proficiency Award Judging – March 7-8 – Wisconsin Dells  
 State FFA Board Meeting – March 13-14 – Madison  
 National Ag Day – March 23-25 – Washington D.C. – Logan  
 Janesville CDEs – March 15  
 Co-ops YES! Conference – March 17-18 – Eau Claire  
 UW-Platteville CDEs – March 27  
 212° and EDGE Conferences - March 21-22 – Stevens Point  
 WPS Farm Show – Oshkosh – March 25-27  
 UW-River Falls CDEs – March 29  
 FVTC-Appleton CDEs – April 4  
 State CDEs – April 25 - Madison  
 State FFA Convention – June 9-12 - Madison

<u>Leadership Conference Attendance</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Sectional Leadership Workshops	1919	2103	2173	2086	2028	2075	2192	2077	2159	2131
FIRE Conferences	635	755	677	663	703	616	646	719	609	740
Fall 212 and 360 Leadership Development	376	361	339	484	487	489	619	635	481	625

### 2013 Business and Industry Visits During Sectional Leadership Workshops

Oxbo International Corporation – Clear Lake	Advanced Food Products – Clear lake
ConAgra Foods - Menomonie	Fairmount Minerals - Menomonie
Habelman Cranberry Company - Tomah	Star Blend - Sparta
Gumz Muck Farms – Endeavor	Brakebush Brothers, Inc. - Westfield
National Farm Medicine Center - Marshfield	H & S Manufacturing - Marshfield
CRI – Shawano	Twig's Beverage Company - Shawano
American Foods Group – Green Bay	Jim Golf Cars - Reedsville
Montchevre-Betin, Inc. - Belmont	Ritchie's - Darlington
NASCO International – Fort Atkinson	Tyson Prepared Foods - Jefferson
MacFarlane Pheasant Farm - Janesville	Kerry Ingredients & Flavours - Beloit

# 2013 Wisconsin National FFA Award Results

## American Star in Agricultural Placement

Trenton Bemis, Lincoln-ACHM FFA Chapter

## National FFA Proficiency Award Winners

Agricultural Communications - Aaron Zimmerman, Spencer FFA

Equine Science - Entrepreneurship - Camber Sannes, Amherst FFA

**National Chevron-Delo Tractor Restoration Competition** - Riley Hanson, Melrose-Mindoro FFA - National Winner

## Honorary American Degree Recipients

Jeff Hicken, State FFA Advisor, DPI

Kevin Champeau, Ag Instructor/FFA Advisor, Freedom High School

Don Dipprey, Retired Ag Instructor/FFA Advisor, Turtle Lake High School

Al Ott, State Representative, Wisconsin State Assembly

Janet Keller, Director of Communications/Public Relations, World Dairy Expo

Pam Jahnke, Farm Broadcaster, Wisconsin Farm Report

## National Career Development Event Results

### GOLD RATED TEAMS

**Ag. Mechanics:** Arcadia FFA – Gold 5th place team

Damian Wolfe, Arcadia FFA – Gold 7th place individual

Nick Schank, Arcadia FFA - Gold Individual

Jake Pronschinske, Arcadia FFA - Gold Individual

Mitchell Sendelbach, Arcadia FFA - Gold Individual

**Dairy Cattle Evaluation:** Seymour FFA – Gold 8th place team

Cody Moeller, Seymour FFA - Gold 10th place individual

Kayla Moeller, Seymour FFA - Gold Individual

Bethany Marcks, Seymour FFA - Gold Individual

**Veterinary Science:** Badger FFA – Gold 8th place team

Taylor Kundert, Badger FFA – Gold 4th place individual

Rebecca Kamps, Badger FFA - Gold Individual

Chandler Carlson, Badger FFA - Gold Individual

### SILVER RATED TEAMS:

**Agricultural Sales:** Portage FFA – Cody Carlin, Portage FFA – Gold Individual

**Agronomy:** Osceola FFA - Michael Murphy, Osceola FFA - Gold Individual

**Dairy Handling:** Jordan Siemers, Howards Grove FFA

**Farm Business Management:** Kickapoo FFA

**Floriculture:** Oskosh West FFA

**Food Science and Technology:** Arcadia FFA - Geena Whalen, Arcadia FFA - Gold Individual

**Horse Evaluation:** Fort Atkinson FFA

**Livestock Evaluation:** Amery FFA

**Poultry:** Brillion FFA - Paige Bastian, Brillion FFA - Gold Individual

### BRONZE RATED TEAMS:

**Ag. Communications:** Cochrane-Fountain City FFA

**Environmental Sci./Natural Resources:** Waterford FFA

**Forestry:** DC Everest FFA

**Meat Evaluation:** River Ridge FFA

**Ag. Issues:** Mosinee FFA

**Milk Quality and Products:** Hillsboro FFA

**Nursery/Landscape:** Oshkosh West FFA

## National Quiz Bowl

Spencer FFA - 9th place team

Katelyn Zimmerman, Spencer FFA - 16th place individual

## National Agriscience Fair GOLD RATED:

**Animal Systems** - Division 3 - Kendall Bentley and Rachel Vande Voort, Wrightstown FFA - Gold 3rd place

### Environmental Services/Natural Resource Systems

Division 2 - Carlie O'Donnell, Big Foot FFA – Gold 4th place

Division 3 - Brianna Beseler and Riley Ruehmann, Cochrane-Fountain City FFA - Gold 3rd place

Division 4 - Brittany Rambatt and Citaly Leon, Big Foot FFA - Gold 2nd place

### Food Products and Processing Systems

Division 2 - Katy Vacula, Big Foot FFA - Gold 7th place

Division 3 - Tina Gordon and Sierra Huser, New Auburn FFA - Gold 4th place

**Plant Systems** - Division 3 - Deanna Wiersgalla and Hayley Duellman, Cochrane-Fountain City FFA - Gold 8th place

### Power, Structural and Technical Systems

Division 1 - Whitley Harelstad, New Auburn FFA - Silver

Division 2 - Monica Heath, Big Foot FFA - Gold 6th place

Division 3 - Tony Gordon and Zach Rehder, New Auburn FFA - Gold 2nd place

## National Agriscience Fair SILVER RATED:

**Animal Systems** - Division 1 - Faith Carpenter, Big Foot FFA - Silver

**Environmental Services/Natural Resource Systems** - Division 1 - Hunter Contant, Tomah FFA - Silver

### Food Products and Processing Systems

Division 1 - Mikayla Grinnell, Big Foot FFA - Silver

Division 4 - Ally Vande Hey and Mariah Seiltz - Wrightstown FFA - Silver

## Speaking CDE Participants

**Job Interview:** Eric Coddington, Montello FFA – Silver

**Creed Speaking:** Ally Magnin, Oconto Falls FFA - Bronze

**Extemporaneous Speaking:** Sydney Endres, Lodi FFA - Silver

**Parliamentary Procedure:** Amery FFA - Bronze

**Prepared Speaking:** Jennifer Rynes, Brookwood FFA - Bronze