

Wisconsin Association of FFA

**State FFA Board of Directors Meeting**

**Minutes Recorded by State FFA Secretary: Alicia Hodnik**

**Tuesday, June 30, 2009:**

The meeting was called to order at 4:45pm by BJ Chrisler.

All advisors and officers were in attendance except Mrs. Lisa Konkel-Big Foot, Mr. Derrick Meyer-Amery, and Mr. Gary Wirkus-Colby.

**FFA Calendar-** There are no changes to be made by any State FFA Officers or sectional advisors. Andy Moravec moved to approve the 2009-2010 FFA calendar. Kim Schadrie Seconded. There was no debate. Motion was passed by BJ Chrisler. There was no debate made by sectional advisors. The motion of approving the 2009-2010 FFA calendar was passed by Mr. Jeff Hicken.

Mrs. Zimmerman passed out the Program Outline.

BJ proceeded to announce the 2009 Sectional Leadership Workshop theme-“Toon into Excellence.” The executive board was informed that instead of a large booklet, story boards will be created from the workshops that each member attends. Blank cards will be added with information that they learn from each workshop. A small resource book called a sketch pad will be made containing opening ceremonies, a calendar, and contact information.

Mrs. Zimmerman explained page one of the Program Outline to the executive board. She explained that topics for Sectional Leadership Workshops have been decided. It was announced that Riley Branch, Regina Holliday, and Nessie Early will be attending the Sectional Leadership Workshops with the State FFA Officer team. It was suggested that the national officer be housed at the sectional officer’s house when in town for the Sectional Leadership Workshops. It was asked that each section find a school sponsor or significant individual to address the attendees of the Sectional Leadership Workshop.

Mrs. Zimmerman announced that no more than twelve rooms will be needed for workshops. Sound systems and microphones will have to be secured before the event so that attendees can hear the program clearly. Food suggestions were made: If the sectional school is hosting a meal, be prepared to have attendees come early so that the program can start on time.

State FFA Officers will be sending out invitations to their sectional chapters. Advisors were asked to find host families that can house one to two officers for Sectional Leadership Workshops. Jeanie Untiedt will be hosting officers for two nights. Hosts will be housing officers

the night of the event. It was suggested that a meal should be provided for the state officers after the event.

Andy Moravec confirmed that business and Industry tours will be the morning before the Sectional Leadership Workshop. BJ Chrisler suggested that the tours start around 7:30am so that the officer team can be at the host school to begin setting up by 1:30pm.

Mrs. Zimmerman wants to meet with Miss Nicole to determine suggestions for visits next week. Mr. Talford suggested that chapters should be ready to help state officers because the day of will be very busy.

Mrs. Zimmerman would like that business and industry tours should know a general count of officers attending the tour and that the duration of the tour will only be one hour.

Mrs. Zimmerman explained to the executive board the importance of the educational experience that helps the officers understand industry. Visiting businesses and industries have the potential to spark interest in potential sponsors.

Mrs. Zimmerman asked that chapters supply pencils for attendees of the Sectional Leadership Workshop.

Andy Moravec asked Mrs. Zimmerman how long the administrators address should be, Mrs. Zimmerman confirmed a length of three minutes.

***Appeal Process for State FFA Degrees-*** The goal is to determine if a degree should be accepted right away. Mr. Heinberg announced that some of the degree applications only contain the minimum, even though they were accepted. It is suggested that applications should be checked for thoroughness. Mr. Heinberg also suggested that more than one set of eyes look at State FFA Degrees with a suggestion towards State FFA Officers.

Mr. Hicken thought that the suggestion made by Mr. Heinberg was a good idea. It was said that advisors should meet at Farm Forum to take care of any misunderstandings and get additional directions for State FFA Degrees.

Mr. Heinberg is in favor of having assistance from more than one individual in critiquing State FFA Degrees for the purpose that fewer mistakes will be missed.

Mr. Henningfeld asked about the process of appeal for State FFA Degrees. Mrs. Zimmerman answered saying that groups can meet in sections to decrease the amount of travel per advisor and sectional officer.

Mr. Brad Gefvert asked what items make an application unacceptable. Mrs. Zimmerman confirmed that numbers, changes in SAE's, and signatures can forfeit the approval of a State

FFA Degree. Major problems were discussed by Mrs. Zimmerman and Mr. Gefvert. It is hoped that applications will be done the first time around to avoid an interview to confront the applicant about the quality of their work.

Mr. Henningfeld asked if food service hours count as state degree hours. Mr. Hicken confirmed that those hours will be accepted. The largest discussion is about allowing the hours to pass on an American FFA Degree because a food service proficiency area has not yet been approved by the National FFA Organization. Mrs. Zimmerman clarified the guidelines of the Food Service proficiencies to the executive board.

Mr. Hicken announced that each State FFA Degree will have to have a description of their SAE instead of just the title.

Mr. Heinberg stated that in 2011 the applications will be revised and take final approval away from only Mrs. Zimmerman doing it to panel. For some applications, there is not enough room to describe one's current SAE. Mr. Heinberg suggested that a question that could be added to the application would be "What is your SAE?" There is a possibility that there will have to be an extra page that will need to be added to the State FFA Degree. When revisions are made in 2011 by the National FFA Organization, a version of the application will have to be altered specially for the Wisconsin Association of FFA.

Andy Moravec moved to progress with an appeal process with the State FFA Degree. There was no debate by the State FFA Officer team. The motion was passed by BJ Chrisler. Mr. Hicken asked if there was debate about sustaining the vote of the State FFA Officers. There was no debate from the sectional advisors. Motion was passed by Mr. Hicken.

Mr. Heinbuch asked if the H.O Sergeant award would still be continued this next year. Mrs. Zimmerman answered saying that the National FFA is still looking over it.

Andy Moravec moved to adjourn the meeting. Tyler Franklin seconded. BJ Chrisler adjourned the meeting at 5:00pm.