

**Wisconsin Association of FFA  
State FFA Board of Directors Meeting  
January 5, 2007 Half-Time Conference  
Stevens Point, WI - Country Springs Hotel**

The Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by State FFA President Matt Anderson. Members present were Andrew Christenson, Mr. Meyer, Lenny Polzin, Ms. Siegmund, Bridget Klinkner, Mr. Heinberg, Patrick Harker, Katie Falch, Ms. Houser, Ken Lezvow, Mr. Bouwkamp, Melissa Ploeckelman, Mr. Wirkus, Jessica Berger, Mr. Raymakers, Ross Bender, Mr. Friend, Jenny Breuer, Mr. Selzler, Matt Anderson, Mr. Talford, Mrs. Zimmerman, and Mr. Hicken. Ms. Ihm could not attend because of maternity leave.

Mrs. Zimmerman, State Executive Director, started the meeting with a greeting as well as a big thank you. She also mentioned to all the advisors to check out the banquet and workshop rooms as the state officers have spent a great deal of time preparing for the Half-Time Conference. Mrs. Zimmerman reviewed again the procedures for the Board meeting. Mrs. Zimmerman briefly went over the items of business to be covered. Items include membership rosters, sectional speaking contests, USDA Service Project, State Officers Louisiana Service Project Trip, State Fair Market Animal Sale Issue, Sponsor Workshop Criteria for Convention, February Board Meeting, and Half-Time Review.

State FFA President Matt Anderson gave a greeting and recapped the year. Sectional Leadership Workshops were excellent! Matt thanked the advisors of the State Officers for all of their help in coordinating and assisting in running these events. State officers also completed three FIRE Conferences as well as chapter visits. The December meeting was very productive, especially for Half-Time planning. Half-Time had many hours of preparation-thanks for all the help.

**FFA Membership Rosters** - State FFA Advisor, Mr. Hicken and the Board of Directors reviewed FFA chapter membership rosters that had not been submitted or payment was not received at DPI by the deadlines set. As of the deadlines, the following chapters have not submitted rosters: Frederic, Hudson, Palmyra-Eagle, Red Cliff-Bayfield, Richland Center, and Sheboygan Falls. Twenty-four chapters have not submitted their payments, and the unofficial count of members is 15,055 (this doesn't include the nine chapters that completed the online rosters). Those twenty-four chapters are: Adams-Friendship, Ashland, Baldwin-Woodville, Cameron, Campbellsport, DePere, Frederic, Hudson, Kiel, Mondovi, Oshkosh West, Palmyra-Eagle, Parkview HS, Plum City, Red Cliff-Bayfield, Richland Center, Rosholt, Sheboygan Falls, St. Croix Central, St. Croix Falls, Wausau, Westfield, Weston, and Whitehall. The following chapters have had problems with sending in their roster but have been working to get their roster submitted: Clintonville, Denmark, Mayville, Osceola, Sparta (receiving today on a jump drive), and Thorp. Several chapters are sending in their payments and rosters today (January 4<sup>th</sup>). The Board discussed the probation and prohibited chapters from the previous year and action that has been taken. Jessica Berger, State FFA Treasurer moved to have FFA chapters placed on probation if the chapters on the reviewed list do not have a payment and/or roster

submitted within the next two weeks to DPI. Ken Levzow, State FFA Vice President seconded the motion. Motion passed by the State Officers and sustained by the advisors.

Ken Levzow, State Vice President moved to send a formal letter to the Hudson School District Administration that the Hudson FFA chapter send in a roster and payment within the next two weeks or their charter will be in consideration to be revoked. Seconded by State Vice President Andrew Christenson. The motion was passed by the State Officers and sustained by the advisors.

**Sectional Speaking Contests** were discussed and a Sectional Speaking Contest Host Handbook was given to all the advisors. Mrs. Zimmerman reviewed the procedures for hosting a Sectional Speaking Contest. The plaques were handed out to the advisors. The confidential information will be sent to the advisors one week before their contest if it is before the March Board meeting, or if after the March Board meeting will be handed to the advisors personally. Advisors were reminded to contact participants after District Contests are done. Tips for advisors were as follows:

- Have a tabulation room where judges turn in results
- Remind participants of two week deadline
- Have timers for the rooms
- Find a moderator for the Discussion Meet
- Have door and hall monitors
- There is an open door policy (unless advisor talks to sectional advisors and they request differently)
- Advisors can video tape only their own members participating because of privacy issues
- Have a holding room (creed, quiz bowl, parli pro) to keep participants isolated from contest information
- No cell phones will be allowed and store them somewhere until after the contests are complete
- Make sure results are correct
- Rank all participants (no ties), and
- Good Luck!

#### **USDA Service Project, Mr. Hicken, State FFA Advisor**

A \$20,000 Service Learning Grant was awarded to Wisconsin FFA. Four chapters whose applications were sent in for National competition are sharing this grant. The chapters are Ithaca, Prairie Du Chien, Sauk Prairie, and Wittenberg-Birnamwood.

#### **WISC Service Challenge, Ross Bender, State FFA Vice President**

The service learning sheets are online which the Wisconsin FFA State Officers developed. Modeled after the National FFA's Million Hour Challenge, WISC has been discussed at Sectional Leadership Workshops, Chapter Visits, and now Half-Time. Lenny Polzin, State FFA Sentinel also suggested that we make a brochure for WISC.

### **Louisiana Service Learning Trip, Lenny Polzin, State FFA Sentinel**

The State Officers are heading into the Bayou from January 9 to 15. The officers are working with a group called the Fellowship of Christian Farmers International. The officers will be building and tearing down fence in rural areas for hurricane relief. We will have several media contacts. It is going to be a great service learning project trip. George Polzin, Lenny's dad, will serve as chaperone. This is not a required event for the state officers. This is a project that they are doing on their own time and resources.

### **State Fair Market Animal Issue, Mr. Hicken, State FFA Advisor**

Mr. Hicken presented information from Brian Bolen with the Wisconsin State Fair concerning the funds earned from the State Fair Market Animal Sale. There is a proposal concerning the auction purse that the grand champion animals receive. It is being recommended that the amount an exhibitor would receive from the sale of their champion animal would be capped at a certain amount and the rest of the money would go into a special fund. The Board discussed this issue as to whether the FFA should send a letter in support or not in support of this proposal. After lengthy discussion, the Board determined to not send any letter. The FFA will wait to take any stand on this issue at this time. There was an informal vote to not send the letter, all agreed.

### **SAE Grant Draft, Mr. Hicken, State FFA Advisor**

A sheet was handed out for the Board to review the criteria. Mr. Hicken explained how the grant works. No action was needed. This was to provide information.

### **Sponsor Workshop Criteria, Mrs. Zimmerman, State FFA Executive Director**

Mrs. Zimmerman handed out and explained a proposal describing criteria to be considered for accepting state FFA convention workshop proposals from "sponsors". There has been some discussion that some "sponsors" may be interested in presenting workshops at the State FFA Convention, however, there also needs to be some guidelines as to what can and cannot be accepted.

Jessica Berger, State FFA Treasurer moved to accept the Criteria for accepting a "Sponsor" to present a workshop at the State FFA Convention with the addition of item number 4.

1. The "Sponsor" must provide a complete outline of their workshop including topic, specific objectives, activities and outcomes. The topic and outline will be reviewed by the Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors for final acceptance for presentation at the State FFA Convention.
2. The workshop objectives must be educational in nature focusing on key topics that would enhance the knowledge base of agricultural education students/FFA members and promote premier leadership, personal growth and career success.
3. The workshop will NOT be an advertising campaign of the company's/sponsor's products. Products will not be offered for sale during the workshop.

4. Recruitment of employees is discouraged during the workshop presentation. However the promotion of career opportunities within an agricultural career field is acceptable.
5. The workshop must be within the 45-minute time limit and conducted within the space available at the convention site. "Sponsor" workshops will be accepted based on time and space availability.
6. The workshop presenter/sponsor is aware and understands that attendance at their workshop is not guaranteed.
7. The "Sponsor" will be responsible for any additional costs associated with their workshop including handouts, equipment, electrical hook ups, etc.

Lenny Polzin, State FFA Sentinel seconded the motion. Motion passed by the State Officers and sustained by the advisors.

The next State FFA Board of Directors Meeting will be held February 15 and 16 in Wisconsin Rapids at The Hotel Mead in conjunction with the FFA Farm Forum.

Half-Time Conference assignments and schedule were reviewed.

Katie Falch, State FFA Vice President moved to adjourn the meeting. Patrick Harker, State FFA Vice President seconded the motion. State Officers and Advisors passed the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Submitted by,  
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