

**Wisconsin Association of FFA
Board of Directors Meeting
Ramada, Stevens Point, Wisconsin
January 7, 2011**

Alicia Hodnik, State FFA President, called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm on Friday, January 7th, 2011. Julie Orth acted as Vice President for Opening Ceremonies. Alicia Hodnik, Mr. Henningfeld, Mrs. Konkel, Amy Kringle, Mr. Kolpack, Samantha Becker, Mr. Wehling, Laura Hornby, Mr. Hardy, Julie Orth, Mrs. Mitchell, Cory Brown, Mr. Engelke, 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. Guests included Nicole Nelson and Andrea Bloom.

Alicia Hodnik gave a welcome to the Board. Mrs. Zimmerman also welcomed the Board and reviewed the procedures for conducting business.

Wisconsin FFA Center Report- The Wisconsin FFA Center Report was presented by Mrs. Zimmerman. Affiliation fee, Agriscience Fair Committee and National staff positions were discussed. See attached report.

State FFA Officer Team Activities Report- Alicia Hodnik presented an update on the State FFA Officer team and activities. Alicia Hodnik also announced that all state officer team members are lifetime Alumni members as of January 1st, 2011. Also, the Mauston FFA Chapter was thanked for allowing the state officer team to use their agriculture department for Half-Time Conference workdays.

Wisconsin FFA Foundation Report- Ms. Nicole Nelson presented the Wisconsin FFA Foundation report. Past programs and successes within the Foundation were discussed, as well as the new layout of the combined FFA and FFA Foundation Annual Report. This change in report allows it to be used at many different types of functions and is more appealing.

An agricultural education handout is also in progress. Pricing and packaging were discussed. Mr. Wirkus suggested that \$.50 would be an acceptable price for this production.

Ms. Nicole presented the Wisconsin FFA Foundation's Mission Donor Program. This could simplify the process for donors and for the Foundation. Funds would be split between participating organizations (FFA, FFA Center, WAAE, Alumni) and the Mission Based Initiative Fund. Ms. Nicole would like a decision by each of the organizations if they would like to participate. Ethan Giebel moved to accept the Memorandum of Agreement for the Mission Donor Program. Whitney Barnes seconded. The motion passed by a majority vote and sustaining action by the advisors.

Membership Rosters- The next item of business was the membership review by Mr. Hicken. The total membership as of now is 16,315 members. Membership should be close to 18,000 by the time supplement rosters are turned in.

Updates to the membership payment list were made as several payments had just arrived before the Board meeting. The list of chapters that could be placed on probation and prohibited status was then discussed. Chapters that are prohibited are not able to be active in any FFA event.

Samantha Becker moved to place the chapters listed as payment deficient on probation two weeks from today if payment is not received at DPI. Cory Brown seconded. This has been past practice and after the two-week deadline, those chapters still not paid will then be placed on probation. Motion passed. Sustained by advisors.

Julie Orth moved to place chapters on probation because of missing the December 1 roster deadline with the exclusion of Random Lake due to military services. Cory Brown seconded. The ramifications of this were discussed. Chapters on the probation list would still be able to participate in activities, however if they are on probation two years, they become prohibited. Motion passed to put Oshkosh West, Pulaski and Bayfield on probation. Sustained by advisors.

Program of Activities- Next item of business was the chapter submission of program of activities. Chapters that have not submitted programs of activities were named.

The importance of submitting these forms to the state if they are not utilized was questioned. Last year a committee addressed this, but no formal action was taken. It was asked what the process was for creating changes to the constitution. Changes must be brought up at the March meeting and then voted on at State Convention by the delegates. Anna Peissig asked if the Board could submit a change to the constitution by March. It was stated that this is possible and could be handled by the Programs and Activities committee.

Discussion returned to chapters that have not submitted Programs of Activities. Whitney Barnes moved to put all chapters that have not submitted a Program of Activities on probation. Laura Hornby seconded. Motion failed. Officer's decision was sustained by advisors. Follow through by the March meeting is needed concerning this issue and future action. Program of Activities committee will look into possible recommendations to the full Board.

Wisconsin FFA Center Budget- Mrs. Zimmerman presented the Wisconsin FFA Center Budget for 2010-2011. It was proposed that an adjustment be made to the State FFA Convention Fee currently taken from the Wisconsin FFA Center Affiliation Fee. Whitney Barnes moved to approve the adjustment of the convention fee from \$115 to \$100. Amy Kringle seconded. Motion passed. Sustained by advisors.

Dr. Larry and Joy Case Endowment Fund- Mrs. Zimmerman presented the possibility of a contribution from the Wisconsin Association of FFA to the Dr. Larry and Joy Case Endowment Fund. Cory Brown moved to contribute \$400 to the Dr. Larry and Joy Case Endowment Fund. Samantha moved to amend by striking \$400 and inserting \$500. Amendment passed. Sustained by advisors. Motion to donate \$500 to the Dr. Larry and Joy Case Endowment Fund passed. Sustained by advisors.

Wisconsin Ag Ambassadors Program- Andrea Bloom presented a program for FFA members to address tough agriculture topics. A proposal was submitted for funding. Cory Brown moved that a committee be developed to survey interest and logistics. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Laura Hornby moved to move forward with looking for sponsor availability. Whitney Barnes seconded. Motion passes. Sustained by advisors.

Cory Brown moved to develop a state officer and advisor committee to develop the nuts and bolts of this program. Julie Orth seconded. Mr. Engelke wondered what would happen to the sponsorship if this fell through. Ms. Nicole voiced that this would not be a huge issue because a disclaimer would be given. The sponsor would know that this was not a sure program already established. A vote was taken. Division of the house was called by Amy Kringle. A hand revote was taken. Motion passes by 6-4. Sustained by advisors. Andrea Bloom was thanked for her time.

Sectional Speaking Contests- Mrs. Zimmerman then discussed the 2011 Sectional Speaking Contests. Advisors were given a host handbook and a set of plaques. Details of how Sectional Speaking Contests work were discussed. Any additional questions will be answered at the next Board Meeting.

Service Committee Report- The service committee presented a proposal on a board game collection for the Children's Hospital. They need to be new and purchased games. Laura Hornby moved to approve this service project. Anna Peissig seconded. Sustained by advisors.

The next meeting will be February 17th-18th, 2011 at the Hotel Mead in Wisconsin Rapids. State Degrees will be reviewed Thursday night. Friday morning at 8:00 am will be the Board Meeting.

Amy Kringle moved to adjourn the meeting, and Whitney Barnes seconded. The motion was passed and sustained by advisors. The meeting was adjourned at 3:18pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Kringle

State FFA Secretary

Wisconsin FFA Center Report

January 2011

FUNDING

2010-11 Chapter Affiliation Fee Summary

Total Chapters Paid: 241 (As of Jan. 5, 2011)

Breakdown: Option 1 (\$300.00) – 241

Option 2 – (No one has indicated specifically they will use this payment option)

Waiting for payment – 6

One payment received at DPI – Check to be sent

2009-10 Chapter Affiliation Fee Summary

Total Chapters Paid: 239 (As of Jan. 7, 2010)

Breakdown: Option 1 (\$300.00) – 239

Option 2 – (No one has indicated specifically they will use this payment option)

Waiting for payment – 8

One payment received at DPI – Check to be sent

2008-09 Chapter Affiliation Fee Summary

Total Chapters Paid: 240 (As of Jan. 7, 2009)

Breakdown: Option 1 (\$300.00) – 240

Option 2 – (No one has indicated specifically they will use this payment option)

No Response – 8

Two inactive chapters this year – Madison and Horicon

First quarter financial statements were presented to the FFA Center Board at Half-Time meeting.

WISCONSIN FFA CENTER UPDATE

1. Continue to work with DPI as they provide GPR money (\$20,667.00) to the Wisconsin FFA Center. The Wisconsin FFA Center is also working with DPI staff with contracts and bill payment.
2. Committee meeting to review the Wisconsin Agriscience Fair.
3. Wisconsin FFA Center Summer Assistant Position has been announced and posted. Resumes due February 1.
4. Working with Jeff Hicken on membership – 22 chapters selected the new National FFA Affiliation Fee option.
5. Preparing District and Sectional Speaking Contest Materials – Contests begin January 17.
6. National Council and NASAE activities – Finishing terms on both Boards.
7. Preparing for the handling, processing and evaluation of the State and American Degrees and Proficiency Award Applications with the Wisconsin FFA Center Staff. These applications will all be coming to the Wisconsin FFA Center.
8. State FFA Convention planning has started.
 - a. Hotel contracts received and ready to review.
 - b. State Officer Committees are underway and plans were developed at December Officer Meeting.
9. Preparing for upcoming FFA Alumni Convention, State Officers conducting workshop with Darlene Arneson and reflections.
10. Preparing for FFA Board meetings and Farm Forum.

WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION of FFA UPDATE

1. Late membership rosters and payment were discussed at the State FFA Board of Directors meeting Friday – action will be taken by the FFA Board of Directors.
2. Other items the Board discussed included – FFA Program of Activities, Contribution to the Dr. Case Endowment, Sectional Speaking Contests.

STATE FFA CONVENTION

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

Housing: Official Housing will be posted online in early March - Hotel negotiations in progress

Activities: Day of Service will be continued
School Officials Program and Lunch will be continued
Change Lives Teach Ag Program will be continued
Kick off day for convention in Madison – Will continue the activities and events late Monday afternoon and before the reflections program to start off the celebration of state convention.

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

Upcoming Activities/Calendar of Events:

State FFA Officer team is traveling to Florida - January 17-21, 2011.

District FFA Speaking Contests to begin January 17. Sectional contests in March at the state officer's home schools.

CTSO Legislative Day – February 10 in Madison – State Officers to attend with Jeff Hicken.

Wisconsin FFA Alumni Convention - Feb. 11-13, 2011 in Stevens Point. State Officers will be assisting and presenting a reflections program and a workshop. The oars from State FFA Convention will be auctioned off at the Alumni Convention.

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

FFA Board of Directors will meet on February 17-18 in Wisconsin Rapids to conduct the review process for State FFA Degrees. The Board will meet again in March in Madison for convention planning.

FFA Officers will be assisting with the FFA/Farm Bureau Farm Forum Feb. 18-19 in Wisconsin Rapids.

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.

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

212^o 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.

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

Next fall's 212^o and 360^o conferences will be November 11-12, 2011 at the Ramada of Stevens Point.

2012 Half-Time Conference set for January 6-7 in Stevens Point at the Ramada of Stevens Point.