

Wisconsin FFA Center Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 28th, 2011 ~ 1:15 p.m. Board Room

The meeting was called to Order by President Jeff Zobeck at 1:25 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from the January Meeting was moved by Nowak and seconded by Lehman

Financial Report was presented by Cheryl.

- Move to pay Jaime Hagenow and Melissa Ploeckelman each \$1,000 for their assistance with the state FFA Convention. Moved by Robinson and seconded by Hanson. Motion passed. It was also decided to include these convention assistants in the budget for future use.
- FFA Center Budget

Reports

- FFA Center Update – Draft calendar was passed around. Goals for 2011-2012 were reviewed.
- Office Equipment Update – Equipment is working well
- Update on Summer Assistant – Going well. The summer assistant is Kim Schadrie.

Old Business

- Water Damage & Clean Up – Everything seems to be cleaned up. The Center Board approved \$1,000 to Cheryl to help offset expenses of the clean up.

New Business

- FFA Center Assistant Salary - The person in this position is Terry Bernick. She is currently at \$14 per hour. Moved by Lehman and seconded by Hanson to maintain this pay rate at \$14 per hour. Motion passed.
- Executive Director Contract – Moved by Gefvert to increase salary by 1% for an increase of \$558.79 seconded by Kruse. Motion passed.
- Review of Center Board Terms – Clara Hedrich will be replacing Rene Lehman for Sections 8 & 9 and Glenda Crook will be replacing Brad Gefvert for sections 6&7. The first meeting for the new board members will be at the Fall 212/360 on November 11th at 7:30 p.m. in Steven's Point.

Next meeting will be at 212/360 conference at the Ramada Steven's Point on November 11th at 7:30 p.m.

November will be the 1st meeting for the newly elected board.

FFA Center Board Representatives Term

Sections 1&2 Kristin Hanson 2006-2009

Sections 5&10 Randy Ehrenberg 2007-2010

Sections 8&9 Renee Lehman 2008-2011

WAAE Marty Nowak 2009-2012

WAAE Jeff Zobeck 2008-2011

Sections 3&4 Kevin Whalen 2009-2010

Sections 6&7 Brad Gefvert 2008-2011

WAAE David Kruse 2010-2013

Moved to adjourn by Kruse. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Wisconsin FFA Center Operations

The Wisconsin Association of FFA had another successful year. Thank you FFA advisors for making things happen at the local level. Your hard work and dedication to build and develop your local program is what helps make the entire state of Wisconsin be successful.

State FFA Convention: The 82nd State FFA Convention was a great success. We had 3,468 in attendance – Record Attendance!!! There were 220 chapters and 2,153 members. Thank you to the entire team of people – state officers, advisors, managers, past state officers and all volunteers who helped to bring this convention together and make it the event it is.

Agriscience Fair had over 80 entries this year....The Day of Service was again very successful with 150 students participating, hope to continue to increase next year...New Restored Tractor Display, hope to continue bringing in student projects to showcase....FFA mailboxes will be auctioned off at the State FFA Alumni Convention in June....Changed the location and flow of registration and ticket sales...service projects for Children's Hospital and Book International....

Please make sure to share any ideas or suggestions you have for future conventions. We will again be returning to the Alliant Energy Center in 2012 - June 11-14.

New State Officer Team: We have completed the annual BLAST OFF training. The officers arrived here on Sunday evening to begin their training and work sessions. Please introduce yourself to the officers so they have an opportunity to get to know which advisors are from their sections. They are a great group of students and looking forward to another super year for Wisconsin FFA. This year we will travel to Springfield, Illinois next week.

State Convention Materials: We have items left from the State FFA Convention for teachers to pick up. Please check your materials so you have received all the correct plaques and applications.

Wisconsin FFA Membership –

We have reached the 18,000 mark!! Wisconsin FFA membership increased 764 members for a total of 18,464 members. Wisconsin is seventh in membership with North Carolina right behind us. We will again offer the National FFA Affiliation fee option for chapters that wish to utilize this type of membership process. Remember National FFA dues will be \$7.00 next year...so total packages will be \$12.50. Membership will also be a part of the new Ag Careers Network from National FFA.

Newly Chartered FFA Chapter – Almond-Bancroft. Looking to recharter programs in Highland and Owen-Whithee

Wisconsin FFA Website: We are continuing to update our site. Make sure to let your members know about the state officer blogs to follow their activities and keep up to date on activities and programs.

Wisconsin FFA Center Affiliation Fee: For 2010-11 246 total chapters paid affiliation fee or fees to participate. The Affiliation Fee will again be \$300.00 for the 2011-2012 school year. Invoices are being handed out here. Invoices not picked up this week will be sent directly to the schools.

FFA Center Summer Assistant Revisions –

Kim Schadrie, past state FFA officer has been serving as the Wisconsin FFA Center Summer Assistant.

First Wisconsin FFA COLT Conference -

The first Wisconsin FFA COLT Conference will be held at the American Baptist Assembly in Green Lake. Nick Palkowski, past state FFA president is serving as our coordinator this year. We have about 70 members signed up. Conference presenters are Jim Melby, Tolea Kamm-Peissig and Jessica Berger.

2011 WLC and 212 and 360 Presenters

Andy Moravec, past State FFA Vice President from Clintonville FFA selected as 2011 WLC counselor. Kim Schadrie, past State FFA Parliamentarian from the DePere FFA will be serving as a 212 and 360 conference presenter.

State FFA Safe Tractor Operators Contest: The State Contest will be held Tuesday, July 12 at Farm Technology Days in Marathon County just north of Marshfield. An email will be sent to all advisors of Sectional Winners the end of this week.

Judges Needed for National CDEs: Creed, Prepared and Extemp judges needed.

State Fair: We have all the chaperones we need this year for the State Fair August 11-14. The State FFA Officers will again partner with the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and assist in the Discovery Barn.

State FFA Honors Band & Chorus - Applications Received: Band – 105; Chorus - 105

WLC Scholarship Recipients – 56 applications received.

State FFA Degree Processing – 464 applications were reviewed. 428 were awarded.

State FFA Star Applications - There were 10 Star Farmer Finalists; 10 Star in Agricultural Placement Finalists and 2 Star in Agriscience Finalists. No Star in Agribusiness applications were received.

State FFA Proficiency Judging – 742 proficiency award applications were received, processed and judged.

American Degree Applications - We had 149 applications submitted to National FFA. Final approval will occur this summer.

State FFA Leadership Conferences: The State FFA Executive Director continues to work with and coach State FFA Officers to provide creative and quality workshops for Wisconsin FFA members to attend. This year again conference attends continues to see increases.

2011 Sectional Leadership Workshops – Advisors will receive updates on National FFA Applications, CDEs and Ag Career Network. There will be a number of changes to review with FFA advisors.

National FFA Officer Candidate – Alicia Hodnik is our 2011 National FFA Officer Candidate. If you would like for her to visit with your students or assist your chapter, please contact her.

Thanks for your input. Your ideas and suggestions make our State FFA Association strong. Thank you very much for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your FFA Executive Director. I appreciate the support that you give me and our FFA Center to provide opportunities for FFA members.

Wisconsin Association of FFA**Leadership Conference Attendance Summary****Summary of Sectional Leadership Workshops 1995-2010**

Year	Attendance
1995	1674
1996	1715
1997	1934
1998	1937
1999	1921
2000	1806
2001	1886
2002	1964
2003	2211
2004	1919
2005	2103
2006	2173
2007	2086
2008	2028
2009	2075
2010	2192

Summary of 212 (MFE), 360 (ALD) and EDGE Participation 1992-2011

Year	Fall	Spring	Total
1992-93	172	52	224
1993-94	195	119	314
1994-95	210	135	345
1995-96	226	152	378
1996-97	267	141	408
1997-98	271	219	490
1998-99	271	200 (MFE 143 + EDGE 57)	471
1999-2000	319 (MFE 184 + ALD 135)	331 (MFE 235 + EDGE 96)	650
2000-2001	387 (MFE 203 + ALD 184)	297 (MFE 194 + EDGE 103)	684
2001-2002	339 (MFE 203 + ALD 136)	373 (MFE 231 + EDGE 142)	712
2002-2003	376 (MFE 208 + ALD 168)	433 (MFE 228 + EDGE 199)	803
2003-2004	448 (MFE 267 + ALD 181)	347 (MFE 165 + EDGE 179)	792
2004-2005	376 (MFE 224 + ALD 152)	424 (MFE 175 + EDGE 248)	800
		223 MFE 84 + EDGE 139)	599
2005-06	361 (MFE 210 + ALD 151)	388 (MFE 220 + EDGE 168)	749
2006-07	339 (MFE 187 + ALD 152)	450 (MFE 219 + EDGE 231)	789
2007-08	484 (MFE 253 + ALD 231)	415 (MFE 169 + EDGE 246)	899
2008-09	487 (MFE 256 + ALD 251)	372 (MFE 164 + EDGE 208)	859
2009-10	490 (MFE 272 + ALD 218)	460 (MFE 206 + EDGE 254)	950
2010-11	672 (212° 355 + 360° 317)	405 (212° 192 + EDGE 213)	1077

Summary of FIRE (Greenhand) Workshop Participation 1993-2010

Year	Fall I	Fall II	Fall III	Total
2010	124 Appleton	250 Madison	300 River Falls	674
2009	171 Appleton	183 River Falls	262 Madison	616
2008	261 Madison	175 Appleton	267 River Falls	703
2007	225 River Falls	163 Appleton	275 Madison	663
2006 (FIRE)	190 Madison	216 River Falls	271 Appleton	677
2005	178 River Falls	250 Appleton	327 Madison	755
2004	185 Appleton	217 Madison	233 River Falls	635
2003	198 Appleton	245 Madison	325 River Falls	768
2002	213 Appleton	173 River Falls	222 Madison	608
2001	169 Appleton	162 River Falls	220 Madison	551
2000	102 Appleton	157 River Falls	185 Madison	444
1999	187 RF	309 Mad		496
1998	204 RF	312 Mad		516
1997	159	150		307
1996-97	216	158	374	
1995-96	219	186	405	
1994-95	107	195	302	
1993-94	175	171	346	

Summary of Half-Time Conference Participation 1994-2008

Year	Members	Advisors	Others	Total
1994	230	87	13	330
1995	197	82	17	296
1996	239	104	14	357
1997	221	79	13	313
1998	232	82	16	330
1999	264	106	20	390
2000	244	105	24	373
2001	266	112	12	390
2002	302	113	11	420
2003	277	121	23	421
2004	276	138	24	438
2005	291	128	24	443
2006	276	137	26	439
2007	298	133	22	453
2008	319	139	19	477
2009	297	139	26	462
2010	330	148	32	510
2011	321	139	25	485

Goals for 2011-2012

1. Begin work with another new DPI assistant and continue to understand the DPI process for contracts, background checks and all the extra paper work that is being required. Meeting this summer with DPI staff to express our concern in the efficiency of the process DPI is requiring.
2. Work toward the implementation of online registration and ticket sales for State FFA Convention through Pat Sternitzky. DPI will no longer offer the FFA this service. Meeting set July 28 in Marshfield.
3. Work with the new National FFA Ag Career Network for membership processing and student portfolio building and chapter program of activities.
4. Continue to increase FFA membership and enforce membership as a requirement for participation. Final membership due date moved to March 1 so that state staff can finalize membership in the registration systems for CDE events, convention registration and other events.
5. Continue to promote the National FFA Affiliation Fee option for chapters. This is still optional for chapters and not required.
6. Inservice all teachers about the changes in award applications and programs. New changes in degrees, proficiency, national chapter, agriscience fair and some CDEs.
7. Continue to assist in improving the Opening and Closing Ceremony Contest.
8. Continue to building on the new design of the Wisconsin FFA and FFA Foundation Annual Report.
9. Continue fourth Day of Service and expand to include more students next year at state convention.
10. Begin the new Health and Wellness Grant program...which will replace the State FFA Chapter Safety Award Program – start date dependent on work with FFA Foundation.
11. Utilize Morrison Safety Award funds to serve as scholarships for top state tractor operators contest participants – start date dependent on work with FFA Foundation.
12. Continue to improve programs and applications to make them more efficient for teachers and members. Make sure all applications online are up-to-date and ready to use for the upcoming school year. Review the Food For America Application.
13. Review the Wisconsin National FFA Delegate Selection process so that interviews at State FFA Convention are more streamline. Students will have to apply, score at a certain level with their application and then will be invited for an interview at convention if they make the first cut from the application review.
14. Continue to develop public relations efforts and branding efforts to promote Agricultural Education and FFA. Great partnership with the Wisconsin FFA Foundation.
15. Continue to assist advisors in building their FFA chapters and helping the state officers to be even more effective liaisons between the chapter members and the state office.
16. Keep life balanced!!