

WAAE Business Meeting
General Membership
Minutes
6-25, 26, 28-07
Madison Marriott West

- I. The meeting was called order by Jerry Wendt at 1:00 p.m.
- II. Invocation
 - A. Ralph Johnson gave the invocation.
- III. Review of Packet of Materials
 - A. Jerry Wendt reviewed the packet of materials.
- IV. Approval of Agenda
- V. Approval of 2006 WAAE Business Meeting Minutes
 - A. Bret Iverson moved to accept the 2006 business meeting minutes, seconded by Dan Robinson, motion passed.
- VI. Introduction of New Members - Jerry Wendt and Jeff Hicken
 - A. New secondary instructors included Stacy Skemp, Becky Anding, Sue Gorman, Crystal Meier, Melissa Mateske, Nicole Reese, Kayla Loewenhagen, Chris Ritscher, James Kvalheim, and Laura Hasselquist.
 - B. Jerry said that new post secondary instructors were introduced at their luncheon earlier today.
- VII. Financial Report by Richard Aide
 - A. The members were asked to look over the budget at the start of the meeting. Dick reviewed the budget with the membership and questions and discussion followed. The budget materials are found in the conference booklet.
 - B. Dick pointed out the assets of the organization and noted that assets for WAAE have increased by 1.8%. He reminded the members of the fact that WAAE has now taken over the management of the CDE account, which was formerly under the direction of the FFA Foundation.
 - C. Jerry Wendt commented that WAAE is in good financial shape and he asked for applause for Dick for his careful financial management of the organization.
 - D. Budget Approval.
 1. Jerry Wendt asked for questions regarding the budget.
 2. Rick Bockhop moved to approve the budget as printed in the conference program booklet, seconded by Dan Robinson, motion passed.
- VIII. Association Reports
 - A. FFA Center - Cheryl Zimmerman gave the FFA Center Report
 - B. Tom Hoffman, Region III Vice President gave the NAAE Report
 - C. Region III Leadership Conference Report was given by Jerry Wendt, Brian Kast, Ralph Johnson, Ron Von Glahn, Paul Larson, Linda Burton, and Roger King.
 1. Ron Von Glahn announced that Region III 2008 Conference will be held in LaCrosse, WI from June 17-19. He gave highlights of what is

already planned and encouraged everyone to come to the conference and give a good representation from Wisconsin.

- D. Wisconsin FFA Alumni - Dennis Jesberger
 - 1. Dennis gave the report of the activities of the Wisconsin FFA Alumni. Wisconsin has a very high percentage of alumni members compared to other states in the U.S.
 - 2. Dennis encouraged everyone to join their alumni chapter. He said that a goal is to have every FFA chapter have an alumni affiliate in the state.
- E. WAC - Paul Larson presented the report of the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council in place of Ferron Havens. Paul reported that the activity booklet for students is being revised and the booklets should be ready for fall distribution.
- F. FFA Foundation reported that the foundation had a record breaking year as far as fundraising and they are generating a great deal of support for the FFA membership. Jerry Wendt encouraged recipients to be sure and send thank you's to the foundation for their support.
- G. Jerry Wendt reported on the WACTE Convention held this past spring. He said that it was an excellent conference and he reported on some of the features of the conference.
- H. FFA Center - Cheryl Zimmerman
 - 1. Cheryl handed out a calendar of events for the coming year and announced that it would also be posted on the website.
 - 2. She made other announcements and gave other information regarding FFA events, etc.
- I. PAS - Paul Cutting brought greetings and remarks from the PAS organization. Paul reported a slight increase in membership and then reported on the conference gatherings of PAS.
- J. FFA Foundation - Mary Gagnon brought information from the FFA Foundation. She reminded everyone of the website and of the information that can be found there, including the annual report. Mary recognized ag educators who had students winning SAE grants and scholarships this past year. Mary encouraged attendance at the two golf outings in July.

IX. Committee Reports

- A. David Rizzarda presented the New Teacher Committee report. He announced that this is a new committee and their goal is to help new teachers and to work with the mentor/mentee program.
- B. DeWayne Fossum presented the FFA Foundation Support report from Section II. He encouraged groups to get together, form teams, and support either the northern or southern golf outings as this is a major fundraiser for the foundation.
- C. Michele Arbuckle presented the report for the Diversity committee. Michele reported that this is only the second year for this committee and she presented the goals and plans of the committee.

- D. Jeremiah Fredrickson presented the report for the Safety committee. He reported on the tractor safety contest, t-shirts, and other work of the committee.
- E. John Heinberg presented the report on the soils conservation committee, which included information about the soils conservation contest. New contest booklet and scorecard. Sept. 18th will be the 2007 contest date. July 15th will be the 2008 contest date.
- F. Cal Geiger moved to approve all committee reports given on 6-26-07, seconded by Nathan Papendorf, motion passed.
- G. Jerry Wendt reported that a group from Section V will be investigating where to hold the 2008 golf outing as this will be the last year to hold the golf outing in Milton.
- H. Dave Kruse reported on the Public Relations committee. The committee meets four times a year to find unique ways to promote ag education. Traveling display was used this past year.
- I. Kim Odden reported on the Farm Business and Production Management committee. Kim reported on the tour, workshop sharing, and other activities of the committee.
- J. David Gliniecki reported on the Forestry Committee report. Sustainable forestry initial certification is needed for those instructors with a school forest, particularly if wood is sold from the forest. Working to establish a forestry contest at MidState Technical college.
- K. Steve Schauf reported on the Section III social committee. He said that the activities of the social committee are very enjoyable.
- L. Jim Favreau reported on the Section IV Teaching Materials contest. He encouraged members to bring displays for the conference. He was sad to report that one of the longtime sponsors of this contest will no longer be doing so and he asked for names of possible future sponsors. Winners: Tracy Harper, Dave Laatsch, Diane Fischl, Jay Kennedy, Paul Marshall, Lisa Konkel, Beth Kolodzinski, Don Dipprey, Dusty Williams, and Shari Graffunder.
- M. Kim Houser reported on the Fund Raising committee of which the main activity is the Silent Auction. She reported that close to \$1000 was raised from the Silent Auction this year. A future goal is to have the money from the Silent Auction help support new graduates who maybe don't have funds to attend conference.
- N. Gordon Gasch reported on the CDE committee. Gordon thanked all the people who run the CDE contests. Gordon clarified the reasons, etc. for having the CDE funds now in a separate account within WAAE. Gordon also mentioned some changes in contests for the coming year.
- O. Dr. Jim Graham gave the report on the Secondary/Post Secondary Curriculum Committee. This committee is emphasizing work on the CAERT program. He also discussed the ListServe. Promotion of science equivalency and sharing good curriculum ideas with each other throughout the state.

- P. Kevin Hoffman reported on the Resource committee. Kevin said one of their main goals is providing transportation for workshops at the professional development conference and how to fund this. Also this committee provides AV resources for the conference.
- Q. Arlaina Meyer reported on the Technology/Communications committee. Their goals are promoting sharing of teaching ideas, etc. through communications.
- R. Jared Schaffner reported on the SAE committee. He emphasized the community service component in the future.
- S. Lori Rowe reported on the Ideas Unlimited committee. She said that entries were up for this contest. Future goals will be to provide a way to share the ideas online. Also want to send email reminder to instructors to enter this contest before the conference. Lori then recognized the winners: Diane Fischl, Ralph Johnson, Dan Robinson, Jay Kennedy, Dave Rizzardi, Lisa Konkell, Brad Markhart, Lori Rowe, Beth Kolodzinski, Glen Schraufnagel, Dave Laatsch, Sandy Cordes, Jenifer Erb, Ralph Johnson, and Tracy Harper.
- T. Larry Plapp gave the Banquet Decorations report. Larry reported that the goal of their committee is to decorate for the banquet in keeping with the theme and to take pictures for the banquet. Pictures this year will be on the website.

X. Other Business and Announcements

- A. Dr. Tim Buttles gave information regarding the Professional Development Log.
- B. Paul Larson called the number for the winner of the \$50 for contacting their legislator during the conference. Wendy Kannel was the winner.
- C. Door prizes were awarded. Key and print winners were Jason Hovell, Mark Strohschein, and Troy Talford.
- D. Jay Kennedy announced the theme winners. Section VIII won the wooden nickel contest. Treasure hunt winner team was Glenda Crook's team. The owner of the key that opened the treasure chest was Linda Aide. The winner of the overnight stay at the hotel was Bruce Brunner.