WAAE Minutes
Executive Board
Summer Conference
June 30, 2005

I. The meeting was called to order by Keith Gundlach at 2:00 p.m.
II. Doug Raymakers moved to accept the agenda with flexibility, seconded by Brian Kast, motion passed.
III. Summer Conference Review and Recommendations
   A. Jerry Wendt - heard lots of good comments; need someone designated at the banquet to meet and greet guests and help them find where they need to sit, etc. Have an appointed technician for lights, etc. With our new camera we can take even more pictures such as retired members, etc. Where can the 20 year members go if they want to stay for the evening banquet? (Dick mentioned that they were offered the option to go to the workshops if they desired).
   B. Diane Runde - Diane wants the theme to continue with the conference; maybe we don't need teams, etc. but the theme is important.
   C. LeRoy Miller - If you have the team concept, you need to sit together for the first meal. He was a team leader and it was hard to hook up with his team members. Off campus workshop on Wednesday - the one bus ran late and it was hard to get to the social on time so watch the times for buses.
   D. Kevin Raisbeck - The on-campus people need workshops to fit their needs and Kevin said he reminded them they need to sign up so their workshops don't get cancelled. Kevin said they will have a committee to work on meeting these needs better. Some of the postsecondary members missed the keynote address; our National NAAE president took that place.
   E. David Friend - Good overall conference. Try not to have any speakers during the working lunch on Tuesday. Many compliments on the banquet.
   F. Doug Raymakers - He enjoyed the contact with the 20 year club members so it was good to have it in the hotel. Clarify the meal plan for Thursday so everyone knows they can come to the breakfast.
   G. David Laatsch - Outstanding attendance at the breakfast this morning.
   H. Ron VonGlahn - Also better attendance at the Thursday workshops than in the past.
   I. Kristin Hanson - Mail workshop selections to home addresses. More help with handing out plaques at the banquet.
   J. Dale Rosen - Liked the theme idea and that it was downplayed more this year. Be sure buses from off-campus arrive back on time. Really enjoyed the band at the social. Good Thursday format.
   K. Rick Sime - The Thursday format worked out very well. Would be smoother on Wednesday if they could get set up sooner for banquet. Pleased with the conference.
   L. Lloyd Hardy heard only positives about the conference.
   M. Brian Kast - while the vice-presidents were going through the script, the alternates can be putting certificates in frames or something on Wed. afternoon.
   N. Ron VonGlahn - The certificates as table decorations needed to include the postsecondary people. We need to include ALL our members in whatever we do. We need to work on the script sooner than Wednesday so we're more ready. Thanks to everyone to helped this week.

O. Peter Drone - Agrees with Ron on the script - need to work on this sooner than Wednesday. When there comes to a point where there is conflict with picture taking and getting back on stage, then maybe some pictures could wait until the end. Some way to get names of those present to the person at the podium is needed. The band was very, very enjoyable and people really stayed and listened to the band.
P. Dick Aide - We have continued some good things and have improved some things. Future ideas are to have fewer workshops per session because some don't fill up and have to be cancelled and some are still very small. Another big improvement was the 20 year banquet. Thanks to the board for all their help; it is greatly appreciated. The hotel is wonderful to work with; they go above and beyond to please.
Q. Marty Nowak - Is there any way to have a sectional meeting after the committees meet?
R. Rebecca Wirkus - Nametags where they can carry their tickets? Decks of cards on the table at the social. Dual certification classes would be helpful to some.
S. Jeff Hicken - People really liked the Thursday format.
T. Larry Plapp - Do we need more time at the Thursday morning session? The bus left at 9:30 and it was a bit rushed for those folks.
U. Tim Heeg - People enjoyed the breakfast buffet and would like to have one lunch buffet also.

IV. Officer Replacements
A. Keith Gundlach thanked the retiring officers for their service to the WAAE organization and they passed their officer notebooks to the newly elected officers.

V. New Business
A. Board officers may need to meet to plan the fall inservice workshops as the DPI will not have a consultant in place to plan these.
B. NAAE Convention - New Orleans - December 6-10, 2005
1. A discount is available by July 10th of 15% on registrations so let Dick know by that time whether or not you plan to attend.
2. $4500 is available to be divided among the board members who attend.
3. All members are responsible for their own airfare to the convention and also are responsible for making their own room reservations.
4. Those attending include: Keith, Doug, Ron (already registered), Dan Kvalheim, Dan Ziegler, Glenda, Jeff, Merle Richter, Gary Anderson, Steve Larson (Hoard's Dairymen) are planning to attend. Possibilities include Grace Roberts, Kim Hauser, Jay Kennedy, Aaron Kilsdonk.
5. On December 10th, DO NOT book a plane reservation before 6 p.m. on that day.

VI. Officers Responsibilities - keep your alternate informed of what is happening on the board. Responsibilities were covered at the training yesterday. Office operations were also covered at the meeting yesterday.
A. Record Books - Dick Aide said that he would like someone to make a motion to sell the books for $1.00 to get rid of them.
B. Rick Sime moved to sell the remaining SAE books at $1.00, seconded by David Friend, motion passed.
C. Get the sample letterhead out of the packets and check to be sure the information is correct. Give corrections to Dick so that he can have stationery printed.

VII. Fall District Workshops

A. The sectional vice-presidents are going to have major responsibilities for the fall workshops, if we have them, and they will need to be well done.
B. Advocacy is a suggested topic and a facilitator would need to be found who could attend all 10 workshops and present. Other ideas include, LEAF and animal identification.
C. David Laatsch asked if we should plan an afternoon session as we do in the spring? David was advised to hold off on this for about two weeks and by that time the meeting would be held with Dr. Ellibee and the vice-presidents can be informed of the outcome. Also need to be thinking about where the meetings can be held. Dates cannot be duplicated if one presenter is going to travel around the state.

VIII. Next Meeting will be at Made For Excellence.
A. Paul Larson and Jenifer Bos may speak about Advocacy.

IX. Additional Business
A. Jerry Wendt brought up the fact that in his sectional meeting his members strongly felt that we should try and have a block of rooms for the National FFA Convention. A couple of other vice presidents said the same thought was expressed in their sectional meetings. Cheryl mentioned that there are problems with this as they want to know exactly when people are arriving, etc.
B. Newsletters
1. September 1st Newsletter: Dave Laatsch, Jeff Hicken, Doug Raymakers, Glenda Crook, Kevin Raisbeck, Becky Wirkus, Mike Robinson, Rick Sime.
2. December Newsletter: Ron VonGlahn, Dale Rosen, Dave Friend, Jeff Zobeck, Brian Kast, Larry Plapp, Flint Thompson, Diane Runde and Jerry Wendt.
3. January Newsletter (MFE): LeRoy Miller, Arlaina Meyer, Marty Nowak, Jay Kennedy, Rachel Sauvola, Kyle Igou, Peter Brandt, Melinda Goplin, Pete Hoffmann.
4. Keith will write an article for every newsletter.
C. Jerry Wendt discussed an initiative that he wishes to start in Wisconsin related to Agriculture. He asked members to think about how agriculture can really be promoted in Wisconsin. He discussed the "Pizza Farm" idea which started in California. When the students tour the "Pizza Farm" they learn about agriculture and farming with tours, videos, etc. Jerry asked members to think about a complex with areas of emphasis of all the agriculture production in Wisconsin. It would be wonderful to have this complex at DATCP and to have it highly visible to the public. Agriculture instructors and others involved in agriculture would be involved in this venture. This site would be the place where the ultimate in SAE's would take place; interns, etc. would work there. Jerry said that he is planting the seed for this vision right now and he wants to plant this idea with others also, in addition to the ag teachers.
1. This idea would give agriculture the exposure it needs and would promote ag literacy to the ultimate.
2. It would be the premier agriculture education site in the state of Wisconsin. Would involve the university, DATCP, agri-business council, ag educators and others involved in agriculture.

X. The meeting was adjourned with wishes for a safe journey home.