

Minutes of WAAE Meeting  
April 30, 2010

- I. Meeting called to order at 8:30 am by Jeff Zobeck.
- II. Mid-winter meeting minutes approved.
- III. Committee Reports
  - A. FFA Foundation Report – Nicole Nelson
    1. As of April 14<sup>th</sup>, have achieved 94% of annual \$285,000 goal.
    2. Searching for WAAE representation on Foundation board.
      - a. Ron VanGlahn or Ralph Johnson possibilities?
    3. Brand image launches June 1<sup>st</sup>.
    4. New golf outing this year, Wrightstown, July 14<sup>th</sup>.
      - a. Northeast outing, July 12<sup>th</sup>.
      - b. Southern outing, July 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - B. FFA Alumni Report – Regina Oldendorf and Herman Seebandt
    1. National Alumni Development Conference July 14-17.
    2. Wisconsin Alumni Leader's Conference September 18<sup>th</sup>.
    3. Rosters due May 1<sup>st</sup>.
    4. Brewer's Outing August 22<sup>nd</sup> against San Diego.
  - C. Committee Restructuring
    1. Proposal submitted by Jeff Zobeck and Marty Nowak
    2. Proposal adds Teacher Retention and Wellness to statewide committees.
    3. Combines Sectional Ideas Unlimited and Teaching Materials and moves resulting "Ideas Unlimited" committee to statewide committee.
      - a. \$500 already collected for Ideas Unlimited.
    4. Deletes statewide committees of Safety and Soil Conservation and adds them to CDE committee.
    5. Motion by Gary VonRuden, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Sattler to move proposal to membership.
      - a. Motion carries.
    6. Not an opportune time for Diversity committee.
    7. Future consideration of Outings, PDC, Resources, Website committees looming.
  - D. WACTE Convention
    1. ACTE raises dues \$20, WACTE \$10.
    2. WACTE voted to deunify, thinking it is "win, win."
    3. Cheaper for WAAE to purchase a booth rather than to send people to convention.

- E. Wisconsin AgEd and Workforce Development Council – Jeff Hicken
  - 1. New Director – Jack Ourada
    - a. <http://wiaglink.org>
  - 2. New website in the works, whyag.com
  - 3. Looking into “ag tags,” (License plates)
    - a. Half the profit may go to aged, ¼ to FFA Alumni, and ¼ to 4H.
  
- IV. Professional Development Conference
  - A. 139 registered thus far, 275 normal registration.
  - B. Tenure Award notifications sent out.
    - 1. Don Josko nominated for Outstanding Cooperator.
  - C. Bridgett will look into give away items – water cozies?
  - D. Kim Hauser and Aaron Kilsdonk will work on script.
  - E. Bridgett will assign parts two weeks ahead of time.
  - F. Tracy Harper gave a description of transcribed credit workshop.
  - G. Door prizes the responsibility of Section 7.
  - H. Social outings – there is a capacity number for bowling this year.
  - I. Marty Nowak gave description of Wednesday morning workshop, “Future of Ag Ed.”
  - J. Jay Kennedy volunteered to do a powerpoint during the awards banquet.
  - K. The banquet social will be 60 minutes of Comedy Sportz followed by Karaoke
  - L. FFA intern needs to be informed that WAAE needs their materials by 3:00 pm Sunday.
  
- V. Related Organization Reports
  - A. CDE Report – Gordie Gasch
    - 1. No Contest was full.
    - 2. Only 3 or 4 schools hadn’t paid by contest time.
    - 3. CDE’s not looking for more work, suggested that Safety and Soil Conservation committees could be sub-committees perhaps.
  
  - B. DPI – Jeff Hicken
    - 1. By Thursday of WAAE PDC, Jeff would like ideas for fall in-services.
      - a. This could be talked about in sectional meetings.
      - b. Fall in-services usually first 2 weeks of November.
      - c. Dates for Sections 3 and 4 are set.
      - d. Possible topics include National Quality Program Standards and Data Collection Techniques.
    - 2. Many possible teacher openings that we may not be able to fill.
      - a. One graduate from River Falls.
      - b. Three graduates from Platteville.
      - c. Five teachers will retire at the end of this school year.

3. DPI has many applications for Ag Science Equivalency Credit.
4. There was a 7 month delay in DPI funds reaching the FFA Center.
  - a. Dave Laatsch sent helpful letter to facilitate process.
5. Data Collection – a must.
  - a. In Iowa, chapters can't participate in FFA events if they don't fill out the data information sheets.

## VI. Old Business

- A. Candidates for Present Elect
  1. Sections 4 and 6, no
  2. Sections 2 and 8 not present
  3. Section 10 Dave Kruse, yes
  4. WAAE will need a letter of support from Dave's school by 6/1/10.
- B. Spring In-services
  1. Section 4 had one, ½ attended, tour of grain storage caves, sawmill, etc.
  2. Section 6 plans to tour Horicon Marsh.
  3. Section 8 and 9 may work on WAAE PDC move to Green Bay.
  4. Section 10 cancelled in-service.
- C. National Policy Seminar Report – Paul Zuelke and Marty Nowak
  1. Very productive. See press release from school visit.
  2. Perkins funding may be down 1.3% in Wisconsin
  3. Wyoming may see 33% increase in Carl Perkins funding.
  4. Interesting how Dept. of Labor works with Dept. of Ed.
  5. Wisconsin needs to address the collection of data.
  6. For those that wish to attend, two are paid for from Wisconsin.
    - a. NAAE pays for one.
    - b. WAAE pays for one.
- D. Change Lives – Teach Ag – Jeff Zobeck
  1. Class may be taught by Kaleb Santy.
    - a. Jim Melby and Rick Henningfield other possibilities.

## VII. New Business

- A. Region III, June 22-24, Mankato, MN
  1. 6 WAAE board members plan on attending.
  2. Wisconsin hosts in 2014.
    - a. June 17-19.
    - b. Kalahari, \$99.00 double, \$10.00 day pass.
- B. Booth at LifeWork Expo
  1. Moved by Linda Sattler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marty Nowak to have a booth.
    - a. Motion carries.

2. Discussion surrounding the use of high school upperclassmen to man booth, a chance to develop leadership skills.
  - C. ACTE/NAAE Convention, Las Vegas, NV, November 30-December 4.
    1. Registration and housing now open.
  - D. Farm Technology Days 2010, July 20-22, Pierce County, River Falls.
    1. Free space available to WAAE.
    2. Would like something interactive like Dave Laatsch had for School Board Convention.
  - E. Contracts
    1. Nancy for WAAE PDC.
      - a. \$500.00 and meals
      - b. Moved by Dave Laatsch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tracy Harper.
      - c. Motion carries.
    2. Bridgett Neu, WAAE Executive Director
      - a. May have to look at projecting salaries for budgetary reasons.
      - b. Moved by Chuck Rassmussen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim Hauser to give recommended \$400.00 increase to Bridgett for total of \$21,200.00
      - c. Motion carries.
- VIII. Next meeting, Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, Marriott, Middleton, 3:00 pm.
- IX. Summer Officer Training - August 11<sup>th</sup>, KI Center, Green Bay.
- X. Adjournment – 11:18 am.

Respectfully Submitted  
Jay Kennedy