

Minutes
WAAE Executive Committee Meeting
Sunday, July 6th, 2008
Marriott-Madison West - Salon E

The Sunday, July 6th Executive Committee Meeting of the Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Educators was called to order at 2:20 pm by President Ralph Johnson.

Members in attendance:

Ralph Johnson, Dave Laatsch, Jerry Wendt, Bridgett Neu, Arlaina Meyer, Jeremiah Fredrickson, Melinda Goplin, Mike Robinson, Jay Kennedy, Glenda Crook, LeRoy Miller, Jeff Zobeck, Marty Nowak, Larry Plapp, Peter Brandt, Kevin Rauchholz, Brian Waltz, Brad Sirianni, Kim Houser, Linda Sattler, Tim Pederson, Jeff Meske, Joshua Rusk, Dave Kruse, Peter Hoffmann, Deb Ihm, and Dick Aide.

Approval of April 25, 2008 Minutes:

Marty Nowak moved to approve the minutes from the April 25th WAAE meeting. Jeff Zobeck seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Approval of Agenda:

Alterations to the agenda included adding H.14 Golf Outing Report by Jay Kennedy and D.2 WACTE Report by Jerry Wendt. Jay Kennedy moved to approve the agenda. Marty Nowak seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Reports

NAAE Region III Leadership Conference:

NAAE Region III Leadership Conference Reports were given by members who attended. Members in attendance mentioned that they were impressed by strong representation from WAAE members, on-line registration, ideas unlimited presentations, tours, the river boat trip, great sponsors, organization of conference, outstanding networking opportunities, Don Josko's speech, etc. Concerns noted were associated with low attendance at Tuesday's workshop, not enough sharing of ideas, etc. A suggestion was made to list Don Josko's email address on the list serve so that more thank you notes could be sent. Wisconsin will host this event again in 2014 and potential locations will be discussed at August 13th meeting in Plover.

WATCE Conference:

Jerry Wendt distributed programs from the WATCE Conference which was held this past February. The programs and information may be shared and passed on to potential members. Jerry represented our organization by staffing our WAAE booth and noted on the great workshops at the conference. The 2009 WATCE Conference will be held at the Paper Valley in Appleton.

Old Business

WAAE Booth at Farm Technology Days:

WAAE has been provided with space to display its booth at Farm Technology Days courtesy of DPI. The booth will be located in the Progress Pavilion and staffing will be needed for three days. Shifts will be divided into morning and afternoon shifts. Bridgett has passes available for those helping with this activity. Officers should ask for help at Sectional Meetings. Marty Nowak volunteered for the Tuesday morning shift and Dave Laatsch for the Thursday afternoon shift. We will readdress this issue at Thursday's meeting.

New Business

Prepare for Conference Registration:

Registration set-up will take place tonight after dinner.

Brainstorm Agenda for Sectional WAAE Meetings:

The following business items were discussed as Sectional Meeting topic areas: Fall Inservice ideas, replacement of Alternate Vice Presidents (even sections), change in program (Sectional Meetings will be held from 4:30-5:30 pm), replacement of Center Board Members, Farm Technology Days staffing, committee reports and assignments, 2009 PDC award nominations, FFA Foundation Golf Outing, introduction of teachers, introduction of mentors, announce up-coming position openings, Region III reports, State FFA Convention suggestions, etc.

Sectional Fall Inservice:

Any suggestions for Fall Inservice topics should be forwarded to Jeff Hicken. CDs with FFA information/applications will no longer be given to chapters. Information will be made available on the National FFA Organization web-site.

Printer Warranty:

The board discussed whether or not to purchase a warranty for our organization's printer. The charge for the warranty is approximately \$125 each year. The past warranty made customer service available which was used several (8-10) times during the year. Jeff Zobeck moved to purchase a printer warranty this year. Jeremiah Fredrickson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

WAAE Board Elections

Elections for 2008-2009 President:

Kevin Rauchholz made a motion to elect David Laatsch to the position of 2008-2009 WAAE President. Marty Nowak seconded the motion. An unanimous ballot was cast.

Elections for 2008-2009 President-Elect:

This year's candidates for the position of 2008-2009 President-Elect were Glenda Crook and Jeff Zobeck. Each provided a speech sharing their qualifications and goals for the upcoming year. The method of voting was by ballot vote. After the votes were tabulated, Jeff Zobeck was elected the 2008-2009 President-Elect for WAAE.

WAAE Summer Conference

Program:

Bridgett announced that due to printing costs, there are a limited supply of program booklets. Officers should encourage members to put their names on their booklets since there are only enough booklets for each member to have one. It was also announced that help may be need in counting votes for by-law changes. Also, it was recommended that proposed by-law changes be projected on the screen since the highlighted words are difficult to read in the program booklets. It was suggested that each section send thank you notes to four of the exhibitors listed on page 40 with Section I taking the first four names, Section II taking the second four names, etc.

Meal Ticket-Takers:

Board members should check assignment sheet for duties.

Registration:

Registration set-up will take place after dinner tonight.

Door Prizes:

Door prizes will be presented at Monday's General Session, at the end of the Tuesday and Thursday business meetings. Jay Kennedy is in charge of the Section V door prizes. Each section should have a donation to the silent auction. Items should be given to Josh Rusk or Kim Hauser by Wednesday morning. The money generated from this year's silent auction will go towards new teacher conference fees.

Tuesday Social:

Door prizes for Tuesday's Social will be handled by Section III. Any questions on the social can be directed to Troy Talford.

Auction Prints:

Five prints have been purchased. Two prints will be presented at Tuesday's meeting and another two will be given out at the Wednesday evening banquet. It is possible that another will be given out at the end of Thursday's meeting. Ticket sellers will include Jeff Zobeck and Linda Sattler on Monday, Section 10 on Tuesday, and LeRoy Miller and Peter Hoffmann on Wednesday.

Meals:

A formal head table will be set up for Vice Presidents on Monday during lunch and on Thursday during breakfast. Vice Presidents should sit in sectional order with Section I on the left to make introductions run smoother. Post-secondary Vice Presidents will follow Section X. A reminder was given that the banquet social will begin at 5:00 pm on Wednesday with the meal moved up to 5:30 pm instead of 6:00 pm due to additional awards and extra recognition. Administrators should be reminded of the time change as well. Tim Pederson and Jeff Zobeck will collect tickets and work checking in guests. Casino night will follow the Wednesday banquet. Dealers will consist of Linda Sattler, Jay Kennedy, Kim Hauser, Dave, and Jerry Wendt. Additional volunteers will also be needed. This year drawings will be held to determine prize winners. LeRoy Miller and Jeff Zobeck will help with selling cups at the social.

Decorations for Banquet:

Section X is coordinating the decorations for the banquet. 500 strings of beads have been ordered as well as balloons and additional table decorations to go with the Mardi Gras theme.

WAAE Executive Board Training:

David Laatsch will conduct Executive Board Training on Wednesday morning. In addition, the board reviewed the agenda for the August 13th meeting in Plover. This year, committee chairs will email minutes to Bridgett or use their flash drives to transfer the document to Bridgett's computer. The minutes will be used during Thursday's business meeting and will be made available on the WAAE web-site. The goal is to have the minutes posted on-line with the next week or two.

Banquet Rehearsal/Registration:

Tonight during registration set-up, board members will have an opportunity to read their parts for the banquet. Also, Marty Nowak announced that the exhibitor door prize process has been changed this year. Members will fill out their contact information on slips for companies that they talked with. Drawings will be made at each exhibit to distribute door prizes to the winners.

Meeting was adjourned.