

IVATA mid-winter planning meeting 1/6/2012

Meeting came to order at 11:20 am at Simplot Food Group in Boise.

Members present:

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| Nate Low – President | Holly Church – NMV Director | Dr. Jim Connors – UI AE&4-HYD |
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Guests present:

Dr. Allison Touchstone – UI AE&4-HYD

Fred Faulks – Rep to Food Producers

Laura Wilder – ID FFA Foundation

Jaye Parks – SDPTE

Members absent

None

Welcome and Introductions: Nate Low brought greetings and introductions

Simplot Company: Rick Phillips and Mandy Harrison from JR Simplot Company discussed the Career Pipeline Initiative. How can FFA and Simplot work together to create an internship connection? They look for students who have good leadership skills, a good resume, present themselves well, and have good work ethic. Must be willing to accept entry level positions. From 7 states Simplot had 45 interns but this varies from year to year. Must have completed freshman year in college. Discussion centered around how to let kids know about careers available. (Online resources, Simplot people from around your area doing presentations to individual classes.) Possibility of workshops as Ag Teachers we need to come up with a list of needs.

Review of Minutes: JR Morrow moved to approve the minutes as presented. No discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Food Producers of Idaho Report: Fred Faulks discussed the history and influence of Food Producers in our state and how it affects our Ag Programs. Fred explained what the Food Producers do and the processes they go through. They support The Ag research facilities in our state, they tour many of these and they support the Leadership Idaho Agriculture program. They meet weekly starting in February. Shaun Dygert moved to continue to have Fred represent us on the Food Producers and to pay for his ticket to their banquet. Motion passed unanimously.

Alumni report: Chuck Radloff, Alumni Chair reported. All local Alumni or support groups should be part of the state alumni. They will be a group to help with fundraising efforts and support the Idaho FFA Foundation. National lifetime dues are \$150.00 plus \$100.00 for state. Annual dues are \$10.00. Alumni has a national and a state website that provides materials and information to get started. Commendation was given to Chuck for working very hard at getting the Alumni started. Please let Ben know about people interested in being in Alumni in your area so that Chuck can contact them.

Foundation Report: Kevin Barker reported the following regarding the foundation: \$148,344.00 Total amount, \$108,988 in the endowment, \$63,000 still in old investment that is being moved to DL Evans as fast as possible without penalty. And that the tractor raffle will have 14, \$1000.00 scholarships available and that the goal for next year is to double that amount.

IVATA Membership Report: Discussion about explaining why to become a member at summer conference before handing out membership sheets

A motion was made that the IVATA President to send a letter to National FFA Foundation, Ernie Gill, and the national advisor that we do not support their solicitation practices. Please stop!

Motion Passed

The executive committee should come up with voting cards to be included in the summer conference membership packet to be handed out to IVATA paid members so only paid members can vote.

Jack Blattner moved that the executive committee facilitate voting cards for summer conference.

Motion Passed

Legislative report. Shawn Dygert talked about the value added tag line for e-mail addresses.

How do we respond to the issues? i.e.: Mandatory online aspect of requirements. Should we try to eliminate mandatory. We can use the IEN network to our advantage? Online classes have not been approved for PTE funding if you turn your class over to take it online from another teacher. We need to define what will and will not work so that we can be proactive and provide our own solution.

Shawn Made presentations to Food Producers they would have taken us as one of their concerns if our funding would have been in jeopardy. So it is worth maintaining our membership.

Child labor laws changes were discussed and how our legislators reacted.

Carl Perkins is to be redone starting this year. Sen Risch will need to be brought up to date and rep Simpson is on the committee that will address it. We can show that it is money well spent and there is a product.

Motion was made by Kevin Barker to pay for a plane ticket to the National Policy seminar for Shawn Dygert and it passed. NAAE will pay registration and Kuna HS will pay hotel cost.

CTEI Report: Amy Nichols reported that there is a 500.00 dollar grant available we just need to decide what we should spend it for. It is a possibility of paying for some sort of teacher in-service at Smoky Mountain Mine.

NAAE Report: Pat Dixon reported that at NAAE the main focus was the child labor laws. Nate talked about NAAE removing the amount for dues from by-laws so they can change it without a big vote.

You can increase your liability coverage to 1 million for 35.00/year. You get 100,000.00 with your dues. Alan will add this option to the dues form.

There was a lot of focus on teachers and students to start using the Ag Career Network. This will give National FFA a lot of data they can use.

Region 1 Conference is in Bellingham, WA April 17-20 all members are encouraged to attend. Look into getting a passport as part of the tours may be in Canada.

Kyle Stapleton nominated Simplot Company NAAE Cooperation Award.

Gordon Gillman, Gary Abercrombie and Milt Osgood were nominated for Honorary Life Membership

IVATA Nominations for FFA Recognition

Honorary American Degree (teacher)

Kevin Barker

Honorary American Degree (other)

Doreen McMurray – Allison

Rick Phillips – Ben Meyer

Gretchen Hyde – Nate Low

Honorary State FFA Degree (Val will email reminders to the writer)

Lovina Roselle – Jon Hogge

Cliff Swansen – Done

Sid Freeman – Laura Wilder

Dan Garner –Jim Summers

Todd Holbrook – Kevin Wells

Gary Lewis – Done

Stan Wistisen – Kevin Wells

Jana Volkens – Pat Dixon

Holly Church – Amy

Rep Tom Trail @ Day On the Hill – JR

Celia Gould @ Day On the Hill – Brian Wolf/ Holly Church

Jessie Kellogg – Allison Touchstone

Dan Hammond – Marc Beitia

Rebecca Crystal – Jon Hogge

Distinguished Service

Amalgamated sugar – Allison Touchstone

CSI Ag – Allison

Ann Stephens – Ben Meyer

National FFA VIP Citation

Dave Daniel – Steve Wilder and Pat Dixon

National Agriscience teacher Ambassador

Blaine Campbell – encourage him to apply

Honorary Life Membership

Milt Osgood – Keith Hyatt

Gordon Gillman; Carry over to next year

Gary Abercrombie; Carry over to next year

Allison Moved to accept all nominees for awards motion passed.

FFA coordinator search

Committee members:

Kevin Barker IVATA and IDFFAF

Kevin Wells IVATA and IDFFAF

Jana Volkens IVATA

Kattlyn Wolf U of I

Lance Zollinger Past S.O.

Ben Meyer SPTE

Channel Tewalt ISDA/B&I

Christina Wolf Alumni

Job opening will be posted by the University of Idaho. Approx \$13,000.00 per year stipend.

SLC Planning:

The CSI Auditorium is under construction so many rooms may not be available.

Gymnasium rooms have to be rented from Midnight Productions and are not built in to SLC cost.

Recommend same catering company coordinated through Cody Porath for IVATA Dinner.

100% chapter and how affiliation affects it? Leave it exactly how it is now.

National Housing

We moved to the top of the draw. Bring it back in June.

Discussion about where the convention would be held during the Louisville convention. We did not know so Ben will bring it back up in June meeting.

Idaho FFA Budget Report

Budget and financials from July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 were reviewed. Questions about CDEs at SLC. Report from Terry Patterson showed that CDEs are now separated from SLC on the budget and the money for CDEs go to CSI for payment of putting on the CDE. Several questions about budget were answered by Ben Meyer. Ben reported on the cost of having two DOTs and how that ran in 2011. Cody Park offered a possible location for DOT in Island Park. Group confirmed that two DOT statewide was appropriate and registration charges should be applied. No vote was taken as no change was made to DOT.

8th Grade CDE Participation

Jack Blattner moved that 8th grade, dues paying, students could participate in CDEs at SLC and State CDEs but is recommended that it not be a complete team.

Motion Passed.

State FFA Officer and District officer up-date: Jake Lake

Honorary degree recommendations

Cliff Swansen

Rebecca Crystal

Delegate issues

Create a fall leadership tour. All state officers travel together to all districts and put on leadership training.

Move dairy cattle CDE to Twin Falls.

Amount of oral reasons for livestock from 1 to 3 sets.

Jessie Kellogg State Coordinator report:

Discussed state officer Commodity tour

Chapter visits - 42 were visited by end of December

National Officer – Seth Pratt

Commodity Conventions-7

ILLSSO-4 students attended

FFA Week-Wednesday to be blue jacket day.

SLC Tours-Limited to 5 students from a chapter.

212/360 Dance will cost \$3

DOT-Plan to move on with 2 DOT's. No action needed.

Jack moved to delete the delegate issue about increasing oral reasons and send the other two delegate issues to the delegates. Motion passed.

List of adults to be used on the State Officer Nominating Committee

Justin Patten

Michael Quesnell

Steve Hines

Melanie Shaw

Joe Stewart

John Kelly

Matt Quesnell

Lance Zollinger

Jeffery Pettingell

Rhea Lanting

Dax Keller

Christy Brown

Gordon Gillman

Justin Patten was suggested as the coordinator.

National FFA Update

Vet Science pilot CDE- 2 teams from each state may participate.

U of I report

Possibility of 15 student teachers next year

Dr. Jeremy Falk is now on staff – The Ohio State University Graduate

Dr. Eric Anderson will be back on Ag Ed staff - Extension Ed courses

State CDE housing problems will be addressed before we get there this year. Supposed elevator vandalism.

4-H is looking for a new coordinator the present one is retiring.

Ag Ed listserve is now working. Send an e-mail to the server and it is checked by Dr. Connors and sent on to everyone.

Dr. Connors is working on a State FFA Archive at the U of I Library. It can be checked out if needed.

Dr. Connors suggested we send a letter to U of I explaining our concerns about the dairy cattle quality during the state CDEs and explain that we are talking about moving to Twin Falls. Make it a positive letter so that we don't step on any toes.

10 year club needs to be made more of a valued event. Dr. Connors will work with anyone interested in making it a better event.

Dr. Connors would like to put on a workshop on ethical relations between teacher and students at summer conference.

State Veterinary Office Ethics Book

Ben received call from State Vet's office looking to put together a youth animal ethics book.

They are interested in making a booklet on approved practices for showing animals and needed teachers to be involved.

Nominated were Jack Blattner, Robert Hale, Amy Nichols, Vince Wray.

They are interested in putting on a workshop at SLC

Summer conference planning – Boise Riverside Hotel

Workshop possibilities

Star Battery and proficiencies, Changes to CDE rules, Small Engines, Teacher ethics, Grant Writing, Greenhouse mgmt, Forestry, TIG Welding, AET beginning and advanced.

Recess meeting until Saturday morning at 8:00am at Holiday Inn conference room.

Saturday, 1/7/2012

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Summer Conference:

Alan Heikkila and Dr. Connors will be in charge of the 10 year club luncheon.

Jack Blattner will be in charge of the Softball game. Nathan Low will be in charge of printing maps to the field.

U of I will be in charge of the new teacher luncheon.

Amy Nichols will be in charge of awards and contacting NORCO.

Pat Dixon will meet with new teachers before the conference starts to explain neophyte duties. He will also need to contact Trent Van Leuven about setting up a place for the under 10 years to eat on the day of the 10 year luncheon.

Val and Nicole need to send out reminders to district directors to bring door prizes and also remind everyone about ideas unlimited.

On committees there should only be one vote per district and the vote can only be cast by a dues paying member.

Tuesday afternoon

3-6pm AET training (bring your own laptop), Possible TIG training

Foundation and exec board meeting

Wednesday morning

8:30am Neophyte meeting before the meeting by Pat Dixon

9am Ag Meeting

- Introductions

- Seat Neophytes
- Open Nominations
- Committee Assignments-Pat
- Meal Counts
- Schedule Review

10-1pm Division Time

Wednesday afternoon

- Alan Heikkila-Membership dues, benefits, OD packets at end.
- Richard Ledington/SDPTE Updates
- Door Prizes

Committee Work

- Make sure that all members who vote have their voting cards.
- Chairman must be a dues paid member-Pat will double check the names and list.
- Each district gets one vote in the committees.

Wednesday Night

Softball game

Thursday morning

8-9am General Ag Ed Meeting

9-11am CDE Revision Report Notes

- 20 minute round table discussion on all CDEs

12pm New teacher lunch

Thursday afternoon

1pm Tours-Pat Dixon

- Tours: Possible tours: Diversion Dam and Lucky Peak Dam, waste management. Pat Dixon will be in charge of arranging tours.

Friday morning

7:30-9am Ten Year Club Breakfast

9-10am Committee reports

10-11:30am Workshop I

11:45-1:15pm Workshop II

1:30pm Lunch

- Committee Reports
- Final Meeting
- NORCO
- Nominations

Workshops Ben will send out a survey to determine which ones to do

Program Manager Report.

Susan Johnson started at the division and will be helping direct change with TSAs

Moscow High School will be starting an ANR program.

Teachers using the Welding Technical skill assessment must have contact with state office to keep using it.

Helena Chemical will be sponsoring the 212 360 conference. Please send thank you letters so that this will continue. This keeps the cost low.

New district advisors need to be trained to be able to know their responsibilities. It may be a good idea to have an advisor and an advisor elect.

JR moved that each district submit a name for the new district advisor and an advisor elect on the form that is submitted in March with the names of state qualifying teams. Motion Passed.

CDE Committee Report Mike Tesnohldek

There will be a two week period to look at the CDE revisions draft on the website. Please encourage all advisors to look at those and send recommended changes with rationale to Mike. All should be finalized by state convention.

None of the changes take effect until Fall of 2012.

Kevin Wells moved to recommend that the CDE committee to award equal number of plaques to each event. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 am

Respectfully submitted,

Val Johnson, IVATA Secretary and Nicole Lebsack, IVATA Secretary-Elect