

State FFA Alumni Agenda
May 7, 2009
Housatonic Valley High School
6:30 P.M.

Minutes
Treasurer's Report
Report from State FFA Association
Chapter Reports

Old Business

Website update (www.ctffaalumni.org)
State Leaders Conference – due May 1, 2009

New Business

State FFA Convention – May 30th (Lyman Memorial High School, Lebanon)
 Silent Auction update – Lori & Donna
 Career Show

Central Meeting Location
Scholarship for WLVA advisors/chaperones
Washington Leadership Conference winners

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Call to Order: Fred Scoville 7:00pm

Members In Attendance: Fred Scoville, Donna Corbin Sobinski, Lynn Scoville, Michele Longhi, Hilda Kapral, Anita Kalenauskas, Mark Burdick

Members Absent: Emily Kalenauskas, Lori Longhi, Sherry Hart

Approval of Minutes: Donna Corbin Sobinski reviewed minutes from March 12, 2009 meeting Lynn Scoville motioned to accept meeting minutes as presented, Vote taken, all approved, motion passes.

Treasurer Report:

Michele Longhi reported it has been a busy month as the dues are currently due. She reviewed the May meeting Treasurers Report listing current assets, liabilities and net worth of \$12,401.00. She also reviewed the current membership and announced we have 5 new lifetime members as well as a new Chapter – Ledyard and Stamford will be new/active next year. Question regarding late applications: what is the process? Monies and forms should be sent to the State Treasurer – Michele, she then records and send to National. All money received today & tomorrow will count in this year numbers – she plans to mail out over the weekend. Michele Longhi motioned to accept the report as presented, 2nd by Lynn Scoville, Vote Taken, all approved, motion passes.

State FFA Association Report: Not available

Chapter Reports:

Housatonic: Held their March Annual meeting and had a good attendance. They held penny auctions – baskets; Quilt income for past members to go towards Scotland; raised monies for scholarship – they usually distribute \$3,500. Currently working on Jamboree Being held May 16 – will be selling food. June 18, 2009 is the Awards banquet. Chicken bbq is June 14, 2009. Working on Arkansas student exchange program.

What happens to Lifetime members from the 70's 80's \$100? In the past you would have to apply to Nationals to receive the money back, now Nationals keeps the money.

Woodbury: No report

Southington: Annual banquet is May 19, 2009

Old Business:

We have a new web site: www.ctffaalumni.org

State Leaders Conference: July 15, 2009 – July 19, 2009 currently listed on the old web site. Week before the applications were due it was not listed so the date was extended to today. All applications are now on the new web site and current.



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New Business:

State Convention, May 30, 2009

First planning meeting was held last week. The silent auction will be held in a tent 20' x 30'. The Career show will be in the gym – they must take down tables etc. before ending ceremony. There is still questions surrounding the tent not sure if it actually will be available. We are supposed to have 30 tables 15 for the career show and 15 for the auction.

Central Meeting Location:

A discussion regarding meeting locations – thought is if we held them more centrally located we might attract more members. Meeting at the schools is great; bring in people from the school but others do not attend if the school is across the state. We would like to have more involvement, and assistance. Only the officers are the same people at the meetings, and end up with the tasks. Some central locations/suggestions: Cabellas, Whole Foods, Manchester Community College, Glastonbury. People felt others were more likely to attend if it was at schools.

Suggestion:

Have some at meetings at central location and two meetings at schools.

Email minutes to Chapters

Send/invite schools to help judge award/grant applications – have someone from each chapter; have signup sheets

Future meeting days/dates? Not Wednesdays or Thursdays – officers have other commitments

Annual Meeting Suggestions for Locations:

Cabella's, A Winery, Rose berry Farms, Lyman Orchards, Southington School, CT Seafood Council, Sound School New Haven, Bridgeport

Scholarship for WLC advisors/chaperones: (Beth Rogers & Jen)

This year is to late to have an application. The application needs to say, “Student cannot go without school advisor due to schools rules”.

Question raised is there money available for this year? Yes – not budgeted, but we can vote to approve.

We can contact school of students that won the WLC and see if the school has a rule regarding the advisor must attend and see if they have a budget for the advisors.

Lynn Scoville motioned to spend up to \$300 for advisors travel to WLC with WLC recipient and the money can be split if both winners' schools have ruling and no budgeted amount, 2nd by Michele Longhi, vote taken, all approved, motion passes.



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Items From Floor:

Hilda Kapral raised discussion regarding “**Edible Nutmeg**” published by CT Farmland Trust

Possibly place an ad about FFA – send letters to sponsor / donate to the FFA
Maybe they would write an article about FFA

There is a Celebration of Farms held yearly - great food, many farms attend can be another outlet for us to gather support.

Suggestions to post on web site:

Upcoming chapter events – Housatonic Chicken BBQ

Horse show – Day of Fun 5/16/09

Need to notify schools we have a new web site

Next meeting: June 11, 2009 - Ledyard

Meeting Adjourned: 8:25pm