Washington FFA Association Board of Directors Meeting
Fall-Regular Meeting Agenda/Minutes
AWSP – 1028 8th Ave SE Olympia, WA 98501
Date: September 30, 2015
8:30am-11:30am Meeting

I. Call to Order and Roll Call – Introductions – Meeting Overview
   Duane Hamp, Craig Shindler, Gene Forrester, Monica Haugen, Julia Spangler, Abbie, John Gross, Becky Wallace, (Ron Crawford – in/out for Foundation audit), JD Baser (phone), Ricardo Ibarra (phone), Mike Sheppard, Kristin Hinton (phone).

II. Approval of Agenda
   Gene moved, Craig seconded – approve as read. VV – unanimous.

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
   Gene moved to approved as presented, Duane seconded. Monica Haugen moved to amend the minutes by adding Monica Haugen to the roll call. VV – unanimous.

IV. Reports (5 minutes or less)
   a. WAAE Report: John Gross/Mike Shepherd – Fall Exec meeting on Friday, Oct. 2. John is professional forester by trade, 1996 career change into teaching. Helping to maintain FFA at Longview until can get a fulltime advisor on board (supposed to be retired 😊).
   b. FFA State Officer Report: J. Spangler and M. Haugen – Sending an “Officer Regards” to WAAE listserv (handout). Summaries on: NLCSO, SPC including delegate process, WALE, DOT, ACTE conference, fire relief shirt sales, Wilco opening, fair visits, BGLT. Chapter visits are underway starting today.
   c. WSU Report: JD Baser (written report provided) – Proposed a new class for 1st year students and looking to propose a CASE-like class for upperclassmen in the future.
   d. FFA Report: Abbie DeMeerleer (written report provided) – Roster update, website refresh, Fall CDE updates and results, fire relief shirts, National Convention updates.
   e. OSPI Report: Becky Wallace (written report provided) – Staff changes at OSPI, interviewing for Betty’s position right now – one that would be AgEd/FFA friendly. BW a bit concerned, but opportunity to teach the new person about AgEd/FFA and help them better understand CTE. Acknowledgement of Todd Rightmire & Christi Kershaw who wrote letters of support for Mr. Wallace. BW will share what she can when she can because new leadership often means new directives and expectations. Need to start thinking about our legislative asks now – important to work together with the other CTSOs, but also need to protect our program. FFA Compliance reminders, as well as Advisory Committee reminders. Asked advisors to be more welcoming to non-traditional advisors/teachers, as well as share best practices. We have added resource documents to the FFA website, and will continue to do so. There will only be 4 acceptable POA types. No noticeable kickback on $100 E&A fee or the change in POA expectations. CTE MSOC clarification – it was in the budget but not at the amount needed. Need to better articulate why CTE is different and does more than basic ed. CTSO legislative day is Jan. 27, 2016 at the Capital; Farm Bureau Leg. Day is tentatively set for Feb. 9, 2016 and FFA will have a presence at both of these, plus additional advocacy through commissions, if possible. 9 AgEd students were submitted for US Presidential Scholars and all 9 went forward. 212/360 summary for 2016.
   Degree/Proficiency review and scoring – WAAE requested that the Board help with this process to cross-pollinate the two entities a bit more. MARCH 5, 2016 @ Wenatchee High School. National Chapter review would also be an opportunity to help – held in April in Ellensburg.

V. Financial Report
a. Finance Committee Update: Craig Shindler –
Action Item: Decide if we are happy with the Affiliate Dues schedule or what the recommendation for a schedule change would be by the January meeting so that can before the student delegates, if needed. Craig said that the Finance Committee will discuss (& include some Affiliate Chapter advisors in the discussion) and report back at the January meeting.
b. Budget Review -- At end of 3rd quarter we are in the positive. Kuddos to Abbie. Abbie gave overview of budget. Abbie asked Board about electronic transaction fee.

MOTION: Duane: Approve electronic transactions with 4% transaction fee. Seconded by Craig. VV – unanimous.

MOTION: Gene: Approve the 2016 budget, as a living document, as presented. Seconded by Julia. Discussion by Mike. VV – unanimous.
c. Taxman update – Does both Association and Foundation taxes. Should be signed this afternoon. Our official name in the filing: Washington State Association of Future Farmers of America. Tax ID: 30-0810978. Did file an extension and everything is on time with those extended deadlines.

VI. Unfinished Business

a. Board Policy/Expectations/Attendance – No report yet, but would like to hold until the January meeting so can do with both boards. Kristin said they haven’t been able to meet but that a report can be expected at the January meeting.
b. Review of Constitution and Bylaws --
c. Funding Priorities Committee report – Board review. Abbie overviewed the handout and discussed areas that if funded, would ease the burden on the Association. Relationship cultivated and now looking toward the ag industry with some more specific “asks” that they can consider and potentially support. Board should review the budget and those priority areas and be prepared to discuss and set at the January meeting.
d. Reclarify Association name – 5 different names in various locations. EIN = Washington State Association of Future Farmers of America. Constitution = Washington State Association of FFA. Should have them match so can change after the 2015 tax year. Make the change effective January 2016. Table until the January meeting and have a document that shows all the different names. State Officer team should consider from a branding perspective and report back. A constitution change of name would have to pass at the January meeting to be able to be put in front of the student delegates at 2016 convention.
e. Postponed Discussion/Motion: Related to state officer candidacy limit of 2. Passed through student delegates. No report from WAAE FFA committee...can’t find in their minutes. The state officer team discussed and the majority were not in favor of the 2 year limit. How would this affect students that have already done a “dry” run? They have been suggesting other support roles to learn more – delegate, NOC committee, etc.

MOTION: Craig: Move to provide a recommendation to “Do Not Pass” on the student delegate issue of state officer candidacy. Seconded by Monica. VV – unanimous.

VII. New Business

a. Delegate Issues- WAAE issues – Email from Betty Warner (Harrington), cosigned by Austin Miller (Sprague) to request a change from District 9 to District 5. District 5 is supportive of the move; haven’t been able to speak with District 9 at this time. The change would not affect the District 9 seeding into state convention 2016. What about chapters that charter/re-charter? BW/AD – we just look at the map and discuss.

MOTION: Duane: Move to allow and support the change in District from D9 to D5 for both the Sprague and

b. **Blue & Gold Tour** – Handout with numbers on impact. Also had the National FFA President Andy Paul on the tour with us; are completing a survey to get feedback. Have committed to have a National Officer on the 2016 tour as well. In June will need to discuss and decide whether to continue with a National Officer in 2017 as the request will have to be made in August/September of 2016. 2015 saw a few stops that had lower numbers, but then some daytime stops saw an increase in numbers. 2016 will be east-to-west and we are trying to shift the daytime/evening times. 2016 dates/locations are already projected and we would encourage the Board to attend as they are able. Also added the WA NOC to the tour for workshops and training opportunities (interviews, stand and delivers, etc.).

c. **Fire Relief Shirt Sale & Fund Distribution** – (handout). This was the Association’s response for people asking how to help and not having a clear way to organize the support. 3 shirt options and almost entirely social media supported. Purchases from all over the US; they could add an additional donation and leave comments/well wishes. National FFA also donated $1000 and an in-kind merchandise. How should we give back the money (specifically) – just to FFA families? Portion to communities/at-need families? Ideas: SAE grants, dues waiver, convention registration waiver, jacket waiver, work party/materials. Tonasket hit hardest, then Omak and then Chelan. Rod Cool did lose his home but he has insurance. CS: Money should stay with FFA. JG: I think that’s what the people who donated were thinking. MH: Really like the materials and work party idea. KH: It should go to FFA members and their families because that’s what we marketed and it is best to go to the advisors. Give to the advisors and then let them disperse as needed. The more simplistic the better to account for. BW: Tonasket and Chelan have functional Alumni so would likely give to them to circumvent ASB issues, as well as tax issues. CS: Just get rid of all the money so there is no question and if they need supplies or waivers, they can handle that locally. CS

**MOTION:** Mike: 100% of funds donated be split via the 3 affected programs through their alumni chapters for distribution locally. Seconded by Gene. VV – unanimous.

d. **State CDE Policy** – (handout). WAAE, specifically FFA committee, makes decisions at summer conference but then the decision isn’t forwarded to FFA/Board and then there is tension when action hasn’t been made or changes aren’t followed. FFA committee can recommend changes, however they are advisory in nature and cannot dictate action. BW/AD still have not seen recommendations from the June WAAE meeting. Will also have to consider making changes outside of the existing “review” cycle with the cycle change at Nationals starting in 2017. Also just found out yesterday that there will no longer be “drop scores” in National FFA team competitions. We also thought we had a policy for CDE viewing...we didn’t/couldn’t find. Would like to make a decision here that could be taken to the WAAE fall exec meeting so can be instated for the 2016 convention CDEs. Discussion of the various CDEs on the list.

Support all

e. **CDE Rules & Guidelines** – discussion tabled to January.

**IX. Other Business**

a. Determine location for Jan 13th Meeting – Change date as Abbie & Julia will be out of country on an FFA trip?? BW will do a Doodle poll. Stay with the Cle Elum location?

b. March 9th Meeting

c. June 29th – Pasco

**X. Adjournment --** Adjourned at 11:38am.