

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

COMMITTEE: Agriculture & Extension Education
DATE OF MEETING: August 13, 2013, Wolf River Room, Resource Center
MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Bina, Eugene Kamps, William Bostwick, Arlene Bonacci
MEMBERS ABSENT: Holly Matucheski
OTHERS PRESENT: Kari Lazars, Stephanie Plaster, Sally Hull, Becky Knight

Bina called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve Minutes and Agenda:

Bostwick made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried. Kamps made a motion to excuse Matucheski. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agent Reports:

Stephanie Plaster reported on the Research Station. Two of the tractors have new tires and a spray tank was donated for the smaller sprayer. Plots are looking good. Area farmers have been encouraged to spray for blight and an informational session was held last week with 50 farmers in attendance. New variety trials have been planted this year. The Antigo Field Day is Thursday, August 22, starting at 1 p.m. Stephanie taught a nature lesson at 4-H camp and helped at the fair with livestock judging. She did radio interviews on late blight and submitted articles to the Antigo Journal.

Becky Knight handed out information on the 4-H pig roast to be held Thursday. Money raised from the pig roast is used for 4-H scholarships. Community/Day camp was held in July with 76 youth attending. Younger camp had 37 members and older camp had 26. Educational sessions were taught about aquatic invasive species and REGI staff did a presentation. There was a tornado warning during camp and the counselors did a great job of keeping everyone together in a safe location and keeping the campers occupied. Becky handed out a list of exhibits at this year's fair with 3159 entries exhibited. Becky's last day with UW-Extension will be September 2.

Move Into Closed Session to Discuss the 4-H Youth Development Position:

Bonacci made a motion to move into closed session at 3:53 p.m. Bostwick seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken with all ayes. Motion carried.

Return to Open Session:

Bostwick made a motion to return to open session at 4:13 p.m. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried. Bonacci made a motion to refill the position of 4-H Youth Development Agent at 100% time. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Family Living Educator Position:

The Family Living Educator position should be posted at any time. Tom Schmitz is out of the office until August 20. Kari will talk to him when he returns.

2014-15 Budgets:

The committee reviewed the preliminary budget figures for 2014 and 2015. The 2014 budget will be under budget due to savings caused by staff vacancies. Bostwick made a motion to approve the 2014 and 2015 budgets as presented. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Lunch for WNEP Meeting:

A regional WNEP meeting will be held September 18 in Merrill. We are coordinating the meeting and need to pay for lunch which will be reimbursed by participant fees. Bostwick made a motion to approve the purchase of lunch for the WNEP meeting. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

The next Ag & Extension meeting will be September 10, 2013, at 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

Bonacci made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 p.m. Bostwick seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Sally Hull