

June 20, 2016 – Alumni Organization Meeting

Secretarial Minutes taken by Becky Miller

FFA Family, Friends & Alumni Attendance:

Terry Dorr	Stacy Warner
Dave & Becky Miller	Amanda Miller
Jim Gillis	Michelle Wilson

Treasury Report by Stacy Warner = \$2,730.32 in checking and \$171.40 in savings. Quarterly insurance is due of \$409.00. Dave Miller made a motion to accept the Treasure Report as read and Amanda Miller seconded it. All attending were in favor.

Secretary Report by Becky Miller – Stacy Warner made a motion to approve this month's Secretary Report as read and Amanda Miller seconded it. All approved.

Old Business

- Website updates – Going good.
- Farm to table dinner – No discussion but is on-going.
- Alumni event documentation for all current events. What it takes to put on an event is on-going.
- New Farm Information – No discussion on this.
- June 25th & 26th, 2016 – Rimoe Ranch Alumni Food Booth Event. Michelle Wilson is available to help with this.
- FFA sign for entrance to city – Terry Dorr to follow-up on in the fall.
- June Dairy Day – discussion and sign's to alert needs to be done a lot earlier next year. Dress up cow suits, balloons on fence, etc.....

New Business

- July 9, 2016 – Fun Fest Tractor Pull Event including a pancake breakfast offer. Proof of Insurance needs to sent to Domain.
- Thank you's to sponsors for the Dairy Day Event – Becky Miller will work on these.

Ag Department News - June 20, 2016 - Rachel Sauvola, Instructor

Since May 16th's meeting the Agriscience students and I have been involved in the following things:

We received a PRIDE Award for membership recruitment, which has helped to increase Wisconsin's FFA membership to over 20,400 students.

We just returned from State FFA Convention in Madison last week and have a few things to report as successes:

NR FFA members and chaperones in attendance each gave four hours of service to the River Food Pantry, a longstanding beneficiary of the FFA Day of Service opportunity at the State FFA Convention. Members helped package bulk foods in smaller quantities and assisted in deep cleaning the pantry.

Mrs. Sauvola served on the judging panel to elect the next team of State FFA Officers, was a delegate room supervisor and managed the scrapbook contest with its team of judges.

The NR FFA chapter received a National Chapter Award for excellence in programming that promotes Student Development, Chapter Development and Community Development.

Shawnee Holte received the Three Star Leader Award based on her involvement in the three stages of development detailed above.

Shawnee Holte also received her State FFA Degree - the highest degree bestowed upon a member at the state level.

We received a red ranking on our chapter scrapbook that is used to archive chapter history and recruit new members.

In Section 2, the New Richmond FFA was recognized as the chapter with the highest increase in membership and we were the 2nd place chapter in the entire state for the largest membership increase.

We also brought home the award for the Chapter with the Largest Percent Increase in Membership.

Most notably, Robert G. Heebink was inducted into the FFA Hall of Fame posthumously. This Hall of Fame was started in 1995 to provide permanent and significant recognition to the special leaders who have impacted FFA and have set an example of service for others to follow. Heebink was recognized for his 52 years in agricultural education in New Richmond. His son, Jim Heebink, came down to accept the award. The plaque will hang at the WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection for five years and then will make its way back to NRHS. No more than three individuals are selected per year for this honor.

I am blessed to lead this great group of students on their agricultural education journey. They have worked hard this year and it was great to receive some recognition for their efforts - both as individuals and as a chapter.

0967 is Jim Heebink receiving the Hall of Fame honor with Sally Albers, State FFA President and Brenna Bays, State FFA Parliamentarian

0972 is Olivia Becker, Shawnee Holte, Grace Fox and Emily Tunnicliff holding all of our awards and honors at the end of convention. Also attending was Stephanie Holte, Shawnee's mom and Rachel Sauvola, NR FFA Advisor

Thank you to all who support the Agriscience students and me each and every day at each and every event! As always, if you'd like to volunteer, have something to donate or just need more information, don't hesitate to contact me at rsauvola@newrichmond.k12.wi.us or 715-243-1761.

Stacy Warner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dave Miller seconded it. p.m. Next scheduled organizational meeting is Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the High School – Ag. Room

Important note/dates for the year:

Discussions for all FFA Members who wish to receive funding from the Alumni, you need to help out at the scheduled events in order to make applicable funding work for you. Your hours are documented at these events. Trying to get out a calendar/events in writing by the September FFA Picnic so both Parent and child know this and are accountable for helping at the alumni events throughout the year.

Sat/Sun. June 25th & 26th – Rimoe Ranch Alumni Food Booth Event. Michelle Wilson is available to help with this. We will need a few more helpers. If you love horses, this is an event of interest maybe for you.

Fri/Sat. July 8th & 9th – Fun Fest Tractor Pull Event. Friday night is set up and Saturday the tractor pull.

Fri/Sat. Sept. 23th & 24th – Heritage Day Tractor Pull. Friday night is set up and Saturday the tractor pull.

Sat. Oct. 8th (Tentatively) or Sat. Oct. 15th – Fall Plow Day.