

## **MAAE Post-Conference Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, July 13th, 2017- St. Cloud MN**

The meeting was called to order by the new president, Jeremy Daberkow, at 1:13pm. The invocation was given by Tim Uhlenkamp and a round of introductions were done.

Eric thanked Brian Boomgaarden and presented him his honorarium for the 2016-2017 President position.

### Conference Information:

- Tom Appel gave the final report on summer conference 2017, reported highest attendance since 2002 and an excellent conference. It was mentioned it was great to have a Thursday luncheon to keep members engaged for the day.
- 2018 Ag tech committees are set up (Region 8) with team AgEd as possible workshop presenters
- 2018 Summer conference, Region 4 has begun the planning stages, it will be held in the cities.
- 2019 Summer conference, Region 2 is brainstorming, Lean Bott, Shawn Linder and Ed Uhlenkamp are the chairs of that conference

Professional Development Workshops that are coming up are filled and are looking good. The electrical workshop could use a few more participants. A computer was sent around to update the directory as well as Tim Uhlenkamp will continue to make sure the directory is up to date.

Tim Uhlenkamp had discussion about name badges and what they will look like. It was decided to have the Name and MAAE present on the name badges. Tim facilitated discussion on who would be attending NAAE Conference in Nashville so he could register for the early bird registration. Tim will register those who signed up, you are in charge of your plane and hotel reservations.

Deron Erickson (Vice President) mentioned the region director handbooks are online and that regional directors take a look at the expectations of their positions.

### Legislative Topics:

- Items were discussed to be brought up during this legislative session, such as the license plates through the foundation, MAELC to have a higher dollar amount for grants, continue to push our extended contract grants and rural mental health.
- AJ's Contract was up as of June 30th, Discussion was had about signing a 1 year vs a 3 year contract to keep AJ on with MAAE. Tom gave the history of lobbyist and reviewed the proposed contract.
- *Tim moves to go to a three year contract for AJ as outline, 2nd by Eric and Carried.* The contract was signed and renewed for AJ Duerr.

Executive Director Report (Tom Appel):

- Tom reminded us to continue to push the extended contract grants and assist other schools/teachers in filling it out.
- MAAE will move forward with an update on our website and work with Mike Miron to get everything put on it and Mike with continue managing the website.
- Tom discussed the revamped scholarships and will send out the scholarship information as it becomes available.
- Discussion was held on the Ag Ed Relief Fund Money and how we will move forward with the amounts that were raised through Minnesota efforts. *Tim moves to split what we raised for the AgEd relief fund, from all proceeds within the year, 50/50 with NAAE and MAAE with requests reviewed by the presidential sequence to match funds with a \$500 max in match. 2nd by Eric, Carried.*
- The board will be in charge of deciding what events will take place each year for raising money towards the relief fund and may change each year. Ideas were discussed.
- Region 1 plaques and other plaques were distributed

Eric gave the treasurer's report. Make sure to get all expenses turned in. Bremer Bank was very impressed with the Ag Teacher Association and the Conference.

Lindsey gave the membership report. She reminded all to push membership in regions. The student numbers are high (Dues are \$10). Also brought up the idea of Ag teachers sponsoring former students in college by paying their dues to attend a conference.

Ag in action will keep the mailing labels the same.

Jeremy gave the president's report and challenge to the directors. Dates were set for this year's board meetings:

- Wednesday September 20th, 2017 - 4:00 Officers, 5:00 Board
- Friday January 19th, 2018 - Ag Tech Conference
- Wednesday March 21st, 2018 - 4:00 Officers, 5:00 Board

Brad Schloesser presented about the pork board. He presented the introduction of the pork industry curriculum and efforts that they are working towards. Would like to attend a meeting with 10-12 teachers interested and discuss about the swine industry/curriculum. It was suggested to have an invitation event at Ag Tech Conference.

Meeting was Adjourned at 3:07 by Nancy, Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jessica Daberkow  
MAAE Secretary