

Sauk Prairie FFA Alumni

February 20, 2017

Wollersheim Winery and Distillery

Members in attendance: Sue and Terry Slotty, Joel and Shelly Hacker, Sandy and Tim Enge, Troy Talford, Cathy Jo and Nik Schreiber, Brad Anderson, Kathy Hartmann-Breunig, Mark Ladsten, Keith Slotty, Austin Sandmire, Brett Breunig, Jerry Keller, Tom and Erin Brennan, BJ Chrisler and 2 guests, Tim and Lisa Evert, Kimmi Evert, Moriah Anderson, Mike Lindloff, Maria and Mike Dunse, Art Mueller, Greg and Kelly Elsing, Nancy and Gary Liegel, Joe Keller, and Philip Coquard.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm at Wollersheim Winery and Distillery. Secretary's report was passed out and reviewed by members. BJ Chrisler moved to accept the Secretary's report and Mark Ladsten seconded the motion. Treasurer's report was given by Kathy Hartmann-Breunig. Scholarship fund is at \$15,151.96, Supply account is at \$2,151.35, and Checking account is at \$8,423.10. Jerry Keller moved to accept the Treasurer's report and ratify all payments and Tom Brennan seconded the motion.

Old Business:

FFA Alumni Convention- BJ Chrisler reported that the State FFA Alumni Convention was February 3-5<sup>th</sup> and it went very well and he is getting back lots of feedback. Sauk Prairie alumni took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Newsletter and received State-wide Affiliate. Troy Talford received Ag Teacher Recognition. Kathy Breunig received the Outstanding Achievement Award. Badgerland was recognized as Team Ag Ed-Distinguished Contributor. Mark Ladsten is now the President Elect for the WI FFA Alumni Association.

Consignment Auction- Brad Anderson reported that the Consignment Auction will be March 4<sup>th</sup> at the FFA Alumni Park. There are 25 consignors thus far. The Ad in the paper should bring in more consignors as well as bidders. We will need help in the foodstand from 9am-12pm, 12pm-3pm, and 3pm to clean up. The friers will be running so there will be plenty of hot food for attendees.

Sportsmen's Banquet – Mike Dunse reported that the Sportsmen's Banquet will be April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Dorf Haus. Prizes are coming in slowly.

Spring Tractor Pull – Brad Anderson announced the Tractor Pulls are May 26 and 27. Budweiser has been contacted for the beer cart and the contract for the pulls has been signed.

New Business:

Cinnamon Roll Thank You's – Kathy Breunig needs volunteers to help delivery cinnamon rolls to our sponsors on March 21<sup>st</sup>, National Teach Ag Day. She will send out a call to get 3-4 volunteers.

Fish Fry – Brad Anderson just wanted everyone to know the Fish Fry has been moved to Friday, September 22, after 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Day. More details to come.

With no further business, Kimmi Evert moved to adjourn the meeting and Moriah Anderson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.

Following the meeting, Philip Coquard and Tom Lenerz gave the Alumni members a presentation and tour of the distillery. They stated that the planning for the distillery has been going on for 20 years, as by law in Wisconsin, a winery could not build a distillery. This law changed in 2009 and Wollersheim started making brandy in 2010. As the tour progressed we learned that Wollersheim Distillery is very different from other distilleries through disposal, milling on site, and safety to try to design the distillery. The number of wineries across the country has quadrupled in the last 10 years, so they want to move slow with the distillery to prevent growth from occurring too fast like the craft beer industry. There has been a rise in specialty crops due to the increase of distilleries. At Wollersheim, most of the grains are grown within 1 mile of the distillery. The barley for malt is not grown in the area yet, but is grown in WI. Following the tour, members were treated to sampling of Brandy Old-Fashions and cheese and sausage.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Jo Schreiber

Sauk Prairie FFA Alumni Secretary