

Sauk Prairie FFA Alumni Meeting Minutes
Sauk Prairie FFA Alumni Park
August 16, 2017

Alumni members gathered at the park at 6pm to clean-up for the truck and tractor pulls taking place Friday and Saturday nights.

Members in attendance: Nik and Cathy Jo Schreiber, Troy Talford, Mark Ladsten, Sally Albers, Lora Kippley, Terry and Sue Slotty, Art Mueller, Scott Davis, Mike Lindloff, and Brad and Terri Anderson.

Meeting was called to order by Brad Anderson at 7:45pm. Troy Talford read the Treasurer's report, which had been emailed to the board by Kathy Hartmann-Breunig. Checking account is at \$37,790.02, the school supply account is at \$1,580.40, Scholarship account is at \$6,342.96, the Line of Credit is at \$16,107.63, and the Mortgage is paid through April 2018 and is at \$6,342.96. Mark Ladsten moved to approve the Treasurer's report and Nik Schreiber seconded the motion. Treasurer's report was approved. The Secretary's report was emailed back in May to all alumni members.

Advisor's Report - Troy Talford reports that we are back on track with our annual giving by the Alumni to the FFA. Last year the Alumni was being helped out by the FFA, but this year we had better fundraising and are hoping to support the FFA chapter more during this next budget cycle. One area in particular we will have to look at is support for sending FFA members to the National FFA Convention.

Old Business:

Spring Fling Tractor Pull - We netted \$9,221.62, expenses were high with classes but still had a good event and busy weekend.

New wobble wheel - This was purchased by Brad Anderson recently after the Alumni approved for him to spend \$2,000 on a wobble wheel. He found it in Nebraska and spent about \$2,000. We now have a whole one as well as a parts one. McFarlane's is working on it currently to have it ready for the tractor pulls this weekend, but it won't be pretty, just functional. The plan for the future is to get it cleaned up, painted, and "sponsored" later.

Golf Outing- Troy Talford and BJ Chrisler represented the Alumni group at the WI FFA Foundation golf outing. They were the "Hawaiian Team", but didn't win anything. We sent \$500 to the Foundation for us to be a hole sponsor. We plan to evaluate the budget for next year with our \$1,000 sponsorship.

New Business:

Plan for fixing up the new lot - Chad Brickl mentioned to Terry Slotty that we would do the grading, fence pulling, tree pulling, and concrete ripping out for us in exchange for a sponsorship. He would like the \$100/year wall sign sponsorship for 5 years and then a new sign in 5 years, totaling about \$800 in value. Terry Slotty has received a couple bids/quotes for the new fencing and they are around \$12,000. As an alumni we need to decide if we want to do the renovation this fall or next spring. We plan to meet as a whole group on Wednesday, September 20th at the park for a special meeting to just discuss the fence and new lot.

Depending on how well we do after this pull and how much we get put down on the Line of Credit, we could use the Line of Credit for paying for these renovations.

Cow Chip Throw Pizza Stand - The Alumni will sell Papa Murphy's pizza by the slice on Friday, September 1 and Saturday, September 2. Troy Talford passed around a signup sheet for volunteers for different shifts, needing 6-8 people per shift. This year we will start cooking pizza at 9am on Saturday. We will try 6 pizza ovens going at once this year. We make \$24/pizza and buy them for \$9/pizza.

McFarlane's Food Stand for Ag Day Celebration- September 16- McFarlane's would like the Alumni to run the food stand from 10am to 3pm. They will purchase all the food, we just need to work and hand out the food to attendees. McFarlanes will give the Alumni a donation for doing this. Mark Ladsten is heading this event and will get in touch with Alumni members with more details.

FFA Back to School Picnic - tentatively scheduled for September 18th - Troy Talford will get back to Alumni members with more details and confirmation on this.

7th Grade Ag Career Day - September 22nd during the day- Amy Yanke is the chair for this event. She is meeting with Troy Talford this Friday to go through details. Amy will need a few volunteers to help serve food to the kids at lunch time.

Fish Fry - September 22nd in the evening - Joel and Shelly Hacker are chairing this event. Need to get information from them and we need to pre-sell tickets this year so we know how much food we need and how many people to prepare for. At this event then, we will draw the raffle ticket winners. Raffle tickets are at the printer currently. Keith Slotty is hoping to have them in hand for the tractor pulls this weekend.

Fall Harvest Tractor Ride - skipping this event this year

Tall Tables at the Park - Mark Ladsten - starting to fall apart again and are difficult to move around. In the future we may dispose of these and replace with pub-style tables.

With no further business, Sue Slotty moved to adjourn the meeting. Sally Albers seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Jo Schreiber
Sauk Prairie FFA Alumni Secretary