



**Meeting of the CT FFA Alumni Association & Council
Monday, March 13, 2006
Southington Orchards, Southington, CT**

Executive Board meeting called to order: 7:15pm by Rebecca Maclure

Members In Attendance: President:Rebecca Maclure, VP: Fred Scoville,
Secretary:Donna Corbin Sobinski, Members At Large: Lori Longhi, Hilda Kapral, Ann
Lewis, Member Lynn Scoville

Members Absent: Past FFA Alumni President: Barbara Feinstein, FFA Executive
Director:Milton Natusch, Treasurer:Sue Rundall, FFA State President: Nick Stanisci,

It was noted that the State FFA Association did not have a representative – is Nick
getting emails?

Guests: N/A

Approval of Minutes:

Meeting Minutes 01/24/2006 suspended

Board Member Reports:

Treasurer:Sue Rundall

Suspended

Unfinished business:

Constitution Committee: (Fred, Lori, Donna)

Constitution adopted 1997 was reviewed and changes noted by committee. If there are
any other changes they should be emailed to committee members by March 20, 2006

WLC Scholarship Committee (Hilda, Fred, Donna)

Applications are due by the 1st week in April 2006

Rebecca will remove the names and forward to the committee, she will also develop a
rubric to be used to score the applications. National sent notice that they will be giving
\$281.25 scholarship, the State Alumni also give a scholarship (\$250 budgeted line item)

Alumni State Leaders Conference July 11-16, 2006 Nashville, TN

Registration is due by June 1, 2006. Rebecca explained each state is given \$250 the total
cost to attend not counting travel expenses is \$450.00. Rebecca has attended in the past
and found it very usual, meeting others from across the country, hearing about activities
etc.

*Motion to spend \$150 to cover the additional registration expense and to send Hilda to
represent the CT Alumni Lori, 2nd by Donna, all in favor, no corrections, additions or
omissions*

Donna will send application and information to Hilda.

Note: Rebecca mentioned she would be attending on her own expenses.

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State FFA Convention June 3, 2006 at Northwestern (Regional 7)

Silent Auction - Rebecca will chair

Donna will forward information from last year to Rebecca.

Lori, Donna and Fred will setup Friday June 2, 2006

Lori will bring cash registers, it was also noted we should have “paid” stamps, and position people at the doors to make sure when people leave with their items at the end of the auction they have a “paid” receipt. We also need to have a couple of lines to cash everyone out, to make it run quicker and smoother, the cash registers should help, it will also give us totals on monies collected.

Bags for auction items - Hilda had some donated by Whole Foods, she will count how many she has, and we will probably need more.

Career Show – Donna will chair

We need to get information out soon, end of March.

Raffle – Rebecca will work on getting a large donation

The National Convention State Basket - also mentioned by Hilda. The Historical Society will create a basket in any denomination. We need to work on this now to be ready for the convention. She will get more information and present at the next meeting.

FFA Manual/Timeline CT FFA Activities Lori – Chair

Lori and Donna met with Dave Quinlan – Accu-Link Development International LLC, prior to this meeting. The contract information was reviewed and acceptable. We also discussed the Timeline for the project: Accu-Link will deliver first draft on or before April 30, 2006, the CT FFA will review, make any necessary modifications and return to Accu-Link on or before May 31, 2006. The expected completion of the final document will be on or before July 1, 2006. It is our hope the State Officers, Ag Centers, Milton, Foundation, possibly Greg Kane will review the drafts. This will be done through email to speed up the process. Alumni will collect and review all replies, Lori will forward to Accu-Link. Lori also noted the \$2000 payment option should be distributed in 1/3 installments. 1st being tomorrow (if approved), 2nd upon receipt of 1st draft, and final payment when completed.

Motion to pay Dave Quinlan – Accu-Link Development in 1/3 installment as mentioned Hilda, 2nd by Anne, all in favor, no corrections, additions or omissions

New Business:

Letter sent to Commissioner Sternberg in support of state Ag Ed consultant

Rebecca sent a letter on behalf of the Alumni, she received a reply that there is not enough money in the state budget at this time.

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Ag Day at the Capitol (3/22)

Last year mug were given out as gifts. Milton was called and he felt there was only 75 mugs remaining. Rebecca agreed to check the FFA web site to see what we can purchase, water bottles were suggested, we also wanted to check on how many items would be needed in total possibly 225. Rebecca and Lori tried to confirm numbers by placing cell phone calls; they could not reach anyone to verify numbers. Lori is planning on attending, the items could be delivered to her home and she would get them to the capitol. Numbers will be confirmed before any purchases are done.

Motion to spend no more than \$250 for Ag Day handouts/gifts Lori, 2nd by Fred, all in favor, no corrections, additions or omissions

Membership Update

Sue was not present to report, but it was noted the numbers are similar to two years ago

Connecting with affiliates/new affiliates

Middletown wants to start an alumni chapter. We could invite them to our meeting and some members can also attend theirs.

It was mentioned the Secretary, Donna should send letters to the centers requesting email, names contact information of their alumni officers.

General Discussion:

Secretary should send notice to remind Ag centers that they have 2 available local alumni representatives' positions on the Alumni executive committee.

Hilda mentioned her employer Whole Foods will host our meetings; they will need a letter requesting this. Donna will meet with her after the meeting to get the name, address etc.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 17, 2006 Place: Rebecca will check with Northwestern, we will bring snacks. (Place suggested to allow members to see layout for the convention, career show and silent auction etc.)

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn Fred, 2nd Anne, All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.