WRA Board Meeting  
September 9, 2011  
1:00-3:00 PM  

Meeting is in either in person at 2811 Agriculture Drive Room 411 at the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection or by phone.  

1. Call to Order: 1:00  
   Present: DeLeana Strohl, Deb Henderson-Guenter, Jenny Neugart, Dennis Carriere, Courtney Hilgendorf, Amy Thomson, Mark Poffinbarger, John Lui  
   Unable to attend: Holly Rogers, Kristin Habich, Allison Lourash  
   Megan Grasser is resigning from the board. Allison Lourash is resigning from Legislative Chair.  

2. Old Business  
   a. WRA elections: Would like to start the election process soon.  
      President Elect: Open  
      V. President: Cayte Anderson is running  
      Secretary: Amy Thomson is running  
      Treasurer: DeLeana S. is running  
      B at Large: Mark P., John Lui, Betty Reinke are running  
      Please continue to recruit people to run for positions.  
      DeLeana and Courtney (SVRI club) will help with the ballots. Dennis will collect ballots by mail and tally. Goal is to have ballot out in mid-October with returns by early November. The welcome meeting would then be in December.  

   b. Update on membership training opportunities:  
      Flier for the upcoming benefits training on October 19th has gone out. Please send that out to all listservs. Another half day training with Dr. David Mays is November 1st. This will be paid by DVR for $1000. No DVR staff will have to pay for training then. Another training at the end of November with Linda Hellenblad.  
   c. Survival Coalition: Deb sent in membership paperwork. Who ever takes over the Legislative Chair and/or others will likely attend meetings once we learn when those take place.  

3. New Business:  
   a. NRA updates i.e. membership dues and rebates: Deb talked with NRA board this week. They have decided to increase membership dues (see chart on next page). Several ideas were discussed about cost saving, but not clear if this is going to help with the financial issues. Deb is not sure we’ll see any rebates for the remainder of 2010 (last 2 quarters) and all of 2011.
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Motion: Dennis moves to surrender 3rd and 4th quarter 2010 rebates and all 2011 rebates from NRA with an expectation that 2012 they will resume.  
Mark: Seconded. Motion carried.

Change in NRA Rebates: We should get 20% of membership dues for those that join. NRA would like to change the constitution to change the rebates to set/fixed rates instead of a percentage. This would not be a significant impact for Wisconsin. It would be important to see the language for the constitutional change to make sure the fixed rate increases with any increase in dues.
-We can write a letter to NRA to let them know our concerns about long term stability. Also, our budget is based on rebates that have not been received.
-No vote on electronic voting was to be included at the NRA conference as far as Deb knows.

b. 2011 NRA conference i.e. delegate assembly designations/phone conference costs: John Lui and Jim Hill will vote for WI.
c. 2012 NRA conference: To be held in Chicago.
d. Discuss distribution of WRA newsletter: Someone asked if we could share the WRA newsletter for non-members. Most agreed that the newsletter is available on the website and WRA members share with others as well. We could archive our older newsletters and have the newer newsletter available to only members. After discussion it was decided to send the newsletter to only members.
Motion: Mark moves that one year and older newsletters can be accessed by anyone, current newsletters available to members only. Seconded by John. Motion carried.

e. Other ways to increase WRA income: One idea is to move some savings into an account with a good interest rate. We should all try to think of ideas to increase income especially since we do not have the NRA rebates this year.
f. Treasurer report: Deb gave the checking and savings balances.
g. Secretary report: Nothing at this time.

4. Committee Reports

a. Program: Deciding on committee meeting times for the WRA/RFW conference. A lot of discussion on break out sessions. Almost complete with planning and there then will be more time for marketing.
b. Legislative: Allison shared a report with Deb. Three people responded that they would be interested in working with legislators, but Allison is also leaving the board.

c. Public Information: A new newsletter is due this month. Send ideas to Jenny.

d. Membership: DeLeana has a number of interested students. Deb will request an updated membership list from NRA. Should WRA pay for a portion of the NRA membership for students? Perhaps if we make some income from our trainings, we could do this again. Table to December meeting discussion.

c. Website: www.wra-org.org/site Mark will email the site address out. There is a calendar feature. Mark, Deb, Amy and Jenny will have administration rights, and they will set up a face-to-face meeting to go over info. Still needs some content, but its getting there. Tim is putting together some basic log in instructions, and needs to put together more detailed instructions. Send Mark ideas on links, upcoming events/calendar, election etc. to add to the site. Mark will work with Tim to make the revised site live as soon as possible.

5. Chapter Reports
   a. Student Chapter: Courtney, no new updates, but will have a meeting soon.

6. Adjourn: 2:30pm

Next meeting is October 14th.