

Minutes, 9/10/2010
NC-1182 Business Meeting
Marshfield, WI

Attending:

Wayne Coblenz (Secretary), USDFRC
Ken Coffey (Chairman), University of Arkansas
Rhonda Miller, Utah State University
Walt Schacht, University of Nebraska
John Guretzky, University of Nebraska
Mike Schmitt (Administrative Advisor), University of Minnesota
Phillip Lancaster, Oklahoma State University
Rebecca McCulley, University of Kentucky

Others Participating/Speaking During Wisconsin Tours:

Geoff Brink, USDFRC
Bill Jokela, USDFRC
Neal Martin, USDFRC
Randy Jackson (ill, but represented by graduate students), University of Wisconsin
Mike Peters, University of Wisconsin
Pat Hoffman, University of Wisconsin

1. Meeting called to order on 9/10/10 in Marshfield, WI by Chairman Ken Coffey.
2. The committee received a brief report from the Administrative Advisor. Dr. Schmitt emphasized the need to write an annual report, including minutes of the business meeting. Annual reports from each station should specifically address progress towards objectives. Dr. Schmitt also expressed a very favorable opinion of the current tour format, rather than emphasis on station reports. This format for 2010 included tours of the UW Dairy Science and Agronomy research facilities at Arlington, the US Dairy Forage Research Center at Prairie du Sac, and the UW Marshfield Agriculture Research Station (and USDA facilities) in Marshfield/Stratford. These tours took place on 9-10 September, and included presentations by Mike Peters, Randy Jackson (students), Geoff Brink, Neal Martin, Pat Hoffman, and Bill Jokela. The committee expressed a similar sentiment, and future meetings are encouraged to utilize this format.
3. The committee selected Arkansas to host the 2011 meeting, and proposed that Oklahoma host the meeting in 2012.
4. Ken Coffey and Wayne Coblenz will discuss guidelines for reports and then distribute this to the group. Members should be aware of documenting outreach/technology transfer. The committee report must be submitted in 60 days.

5. The 2011 meeting will be held the 3rd week of September, probably on Thursday and Friday of that week. Dates will be finalized later.

6. Gerald Horn of Oklahoma State University was nominated, and then elected unanimously as incoming Secretary for 2011 (Chairman for 2012).

7. The committee spent the rest of the meeting discussing some of the experimental methods observed during the tours, as well as potential collaborative grant prospects.

8. Ken Coffey adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am; some members remained for a tour of the USDA lab facilities in Marshfield.