

MSU Extension Community Resource Development Association
Minutes of the Annual Meeting
Thursday, August 14, 2003

Present: Kurt Schindler, Darren Bagley, Dave Ivan, Elaine Bush, Georgia Peterson, Sally Carpenter, Gary Taylor, Jim Wiesing, Korrine Bachleda, Bill Carpenter, Tom Emling, Bonnie Zoia, John Amrhein, Caton Gauthier, Kendra Wills, Mary Robb, Wayne Beyea, Jan Hartough.

Guests: Mary Lou and Raymond McPherson

Meeting was called to order by chair Kurt Schindler at 11 a.m.

Kurt reviewed the history of CRDA via powerpoint presentation. Included highlights of our first year as reported by Jim Wiesing at our first annual meeting in October 2002 as well as accomplishments since that time.

In our brief history we have instituted a system of annual awards, developed a webpage, become an official member of MCEA, and began a scholarship program for members presenting at national meetings. Four members (Gary Taylor, John Amrhein, Hal Hudson, and Dave Ivan) who will be attending the Galaxy II conference this fall were granted \$100 each. Work on the goal of national affiliation is progressing and will be pursued at Galaxy II conference by our members attending.

We had a keynote speaker, Sally Maggard, at our first annual meeting in October 2002 and presented our first member awards at that event. With the changed format for this year's fall conference, planned to present awards at this summer retreat. However, time frame was too short and so application deadline for three member award has been extended to September 30th. If possible, award winners will be announced at the three regional "fall conference" days in October.

We composed bylaws for electronic meetings and held our first electronic meeting March 31-April 14, 2003.

At this point, Jim Wiesing, announced Mary Lou McPherson as the recipient of this year's Raymond D. Vlasin Award for Program Excellence, citing her many accomplishments, and presenting her with a commemorative plaque.

Elaine distributed ballots to those present who were eligible to vote, i.e., North and SouthEast members. Incumbents Kurt Schindler, North, and Darren Bagley, SouthEast, were re-elected. They will serve three year terms.

Treasurer Dave Ivan mentioned that we have 39 members paid to date and that is about 2/3 of the potential membership in Extension. Those present were asked to speak to appropriate colleagues, urging them to join our association.

Kurt conducted an oral evaluation of the inservice with Sally Carpenter capturing comments on large easel paper. Participants rated food highly, felt the break-outs were a good venue. Was discussion about how to involve more AoEs (7 of 10 did presentations),

whether to repeat some sessions, change length, have inservice more than once a year, or at different time of year.

There was agreement to build in time for team building (a float trip, fly fishing lessons, marshmallow roasting, etc.) and members sharing (1-year time line of accomplishments/highlights possibly).

It was suggested to include retirees, researchers from the Experiment Station, statewide partners, and Extension staff from nearby states.

Capacity of WaWaSum was discussed and alternative sites mentioned including RAM, Ket, KBS, Pierce Cedar Creek facility in Barry County. Also was suggested that we could hold inservice at WaWaSum and house some participants at nearby motels. Everyone agreed the visit on the porch with Maggie was excellent.

Dave Ivan presented the treasurer's report. Currently have balance of \$3803.07 with some registration money received at WaWaSum and bill from WaWaSum to pay. Motion by Darren, seconded by Bonnie to accept report. Motion carried.

The possibility of doing fund raising was brought up by Darren. Dave mentioned the new shirts the MAEA had made.

Secretary Elaine Bush reminded members presents that minutes of last year's annual meeting are on the web and asked if there were any additions or corrections. Motion by Jim Wiesing, seconded by Darren to accept minutes as appear on our website. Motion carried.

A newsletter or mass mailing to members alerting them to new information on the webpage was recommended.

Having regions hold a meeting with their members, possibly with some funding from the association was also discussed as a future idea. These could even be co-sponsored with another group already holding a meeting.

The change in funding of AoEs was discussed. Members present agreed that a meeting of co-chairs of all AoEs coached by Scott to discuss the granting process was not necessary. It was suggested he send an email to them recommending they collaborate in submitting grants proposals.

Tom Emling brought up the suggestion made by Maggie during our "porch side chat" regarding CRDA communicating with Jan Bokemeier to give our input about the three departments being consolidated on campus. After some discussion, a motion was made by Jan Hartough and seconded by Bill Carpenter to have the board draft a letter. Tom Emling offered to help.

Meeting adjourned by chair at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Bush, Secretary

