

ELSBERRY FFA
ALUMNI & PARENT ASSOCIATION
October 8th, 2013
Minutes

1. Call to order.
2. Approve minutes of August 2013 meeting
3. Financial Report approved.
 - a. Trapshoot Balance
 - b. Alumni Dues \$
 - c. General Fund Balance \$
 - d. Calendar Balance \$
 - e. Golf Tournament Balance \$
 - f. Ford Test Drive
4. Old Business
 - a. Golf Tournament (Mary Jane Marre, Brian Collins)
 - i. Still looking for a date in spring 2014
 - b. Ford Test Drive (Terry Hall, Terry Stone)
 - i. We met and exceeded our goal of 300 drivers.
 - ii. We have to wait for Ford corporate to verify that all drivers were valid before they send a check. Will be a couple of weeks.
 - iii. We are working on the video contest associated with the test drive. If we are one of the top 4 videos, Ford will match whatever we raised in the test drive. Video due to Ford Oct. 18th. We will know results week of Oct. 28th.
 - c. 2013/2014 Calendars (Julie Parker, Brenda O'Brien)
 - i. We have quite a few calendars unsold. It was suggested that we give the remaining calendars away that way the advertisers can see that it went into as many homes as possible.
 - ii. Next year we might consider not selling the actual calendar. Sell the advertising and give the calendar away. We would still make about \$2,800.
 - d. Gun Raffle
 - i. We have raised about \$7,400 so far. That is slightly above average for this point in the raffle sales.
 - e. Farm Concrete Pad
 - i. Brian Collins will be trying to move the building in the next couple of weeks.
 - f. Christmas House Tour 12-15-13 (Dawn Stone, Tammi Hartley)
 - i. Broadway Flowers and Fountain will host the event this year.
 - ii. There are several stops already settled on,
 - g. Farm Incentive Update
 - i. There were 8 students that qualified for the Incentive.
 - ii. The cost was \$600 (\$75/student x8)

- h. August Meeting
 - i. Thanks to George and everyone who helped with the meeting.
 - ii. There were 48 adults and 40 students signed in for attendance.
- i. Fall Field Day at Forrest Keeling
 - i. Carolyn sends a huge thank you to everyone.
- 5. New Business
 - a. Treasurer Report
 - i. It was suggested and agreed upon that once a fundraiser was completed, the funds would be transferred to the General fund.
 - ii. It was also suggested and agreed upon that a budget be made for each fundraiser by next meeting.
 - b. Kitchen Updates/Round Pen Cover
 - i. It was proposed that some of the funds from the Ford Test Drive be used to update the kitchen and cover the round pen.
 - ii. Mr. Vandivort stated that Dr. Reller had mentioned updating the kitchen with school funds, so it was decided that we should wait until an answer came back.
 - iii. It was decided that any decision regarding these funds would be put off until the next meeting when we would know just how much we were getting and if the kitchen would be taken care of.
 - c. Trap Shoot Funds
 - i. In response to a members questions at the August meeting regarding trap shoot funds, the trap shoot account was scrutinized.
 - ii. It was discovered that the program is growing faster than the funds that we are raising. The question was raised as to what we could do about that.
 - iii. Mr. Vandivort stated that he has used less shells this year, but that raising the cost of shells to the students might be a possibility.
 - iv. We are also looking for a less expensive place to shoot.
 - v. It was pointed out that this year a requirement for going to state was that a shooter sell at least \$100 worth of the trap shoot raffle tickets.
 - vi. There are 25 members on the trap shoot team.
- 6. Next Meeting: December 10th, 2013 in the Ag building @ 6:00 p.m.
 - a. This will be the Alumni Holiday Dinner.
 - b. Members with last names A-L bring desserts
 - c. Members with last names M-Z bring side dishes
 - d. The Alumni will provide the meat
- 7. Advisors Report
 - a. Trunk or Treat is 10/25 and they are looking for people to decorate their vehicle.
 - b. Barnwarming is 11/8 and they need parent help to watch exits.
 - c. Chili Supper and Labor Auction is 11/13 in the cafeteria
 - d. Grassland Team is halted for now as a result of the government shut down.
 - e. Trap Shoot Boys were 2nd in District

- f. Trap Shoot Girls won Area, no district available for girls.
 - i. Emma Henry Shot a perfect 50 and two girls shot a perfect 25.
- g. SAE Grants can now be applied for by members in 7th through 11th grade. See Mr. McCrory.
- h. Fruit and Nut Sales are due this Friday.
 - i. The goal was for each student to sell \$20 for a total of \$12,000 profit to the chapter.
- i. Old Threshers - we made \$2,300 at the food stand and another \$750 for parking and gates.
- j. Chestnut Roast at Forrest Keeling is this weekend.
- k. Parent Teacher conferences are next week Oct 23 & 24th
- l. Fair Forms are out and need to be filled out ASAP.
 - i. Hogs must be turned in in person on Oct. 25th.
- m. Sheyenne Curtis competed and won at Missouri state in the Agriscience competition. She will be competing at National Convention.
- n. We will be recognized again as a 3 star chapter at National Convention, which means we are one of the top 100 chapters in the Nation.
- o. Blood drive will be Nov. 18th and we are no longer using the Red Cross. We will be going through Mississippi Valley.
- p. We made \$1,600 at Dog Trials last weekend.
- q. Poinsettias and Christmas Cactus will be available from the greenhouse right after Thanksgiving.