

MFBF YF&R Board Meeting
Sept. 5, 2017
6:00 PM
Proposed Agenda

1. Call to Order (Heidi)

6:29pm

Ryan Mackay made a motion to call the meeting to order

John Connors Seconded

-Attendance

Katelyn Parson, Ryan MacKay, Brianna Mann, Chris Grant, Heidi Cooper

2. Review of Minutes

Chris Grant made a motion to approve the minutes from May 24,2017 as presented by Brianna Mann

Brianna Mann -Seconded

3. Treasurer's report (Brianna)

Brianna Mann reported on the current YF&R Budget with the only expenses are two rooms for two nights for the NEVGB conference in December. Thus far no donations have been made to YF&R since the New Year began on July 1st

a. Fundraising

i. Game Night

The group decided to host a "Bingo" game before dinner at Annual meeting

Ryan MacKay motion to make Chris Grant the "Bingo Man" to figure out logistics, rules and cost per game.

Heidi Cooper seconded that motion

Goal to raise is \$3,000

ii. Mendon Drive In (Katelyn)

Katelyn Parson spoke about her call to the Mendon Twin Drive in about a potential "Meet a Farmer" fundraiser

-Two current dates booked with the Drive Inn are October 7 & 14

- Book Office opens at 6pm but is willing to open earlier for a petting zoo

-Options for fundraisers include presale tickets or fee for petting zoo

-Option for Oct 21 pre Halloween Festival (pumpkin carving/painting)

Chris Grant made a motion to table this until 2018 to allow for the group to plan better

iii. County Fundraising

-plan to ask counties up front for a donation instead of at time of need

- a pledge letter will be drafted and sent out to each county and formally requested at each annual meeting

The following individuals volunteered to attend each county meeting.

Bristol-Heidi

Franklin-Ryan

Norfolk-Heidi
Middlesex- Heidi, Ryan and
Brianna
Worcester- Ryan and Heidi
Essex-Chris and Heather
Cape/Island- Chris

Berkshire-Brianna
Hampshire- Ryan and Chris
Hampden- Brianna and Heidi

Katelyn suggested to ask each county the following amounts totalling \$8,000

Essex and Middlesex \$2,000
Worcester \$4000
Plymouth \$1000
Franklin \$1000

Bristol \$1000
Cape/Island, Berkshire,
Hampshire, Hampden \$500

4. A Continuing Business

a. Harvest for all

Heidi requested a table or booth at annual meeting to allow farm bureau members to fill out a form totalling yearly donations

b. Montreal Legislative Trip

November 1-3, 2017

Including farm tours, local government and montreal young farmers

I. Reimbursement discussion

-reimbursement upon arrival home

5. New Business

a. Annual Meeting

i. AFBF Trainer

- AFBF staff presenting "Cutting the Fat" workshop
- Game Night

Depending on keynote speaking during dinner we can schedule a 2 part cornhole game

-1st team to set number wins versus normal Cornhole rules is 21 points or 2+ points over

-8,16,32 teams for bracket ?

-Placing bets on each team?

-Team of 2 individuals

- would BINGO draw a larger crowd?

-higher stakes games after dinner

-presale of cards

The group discussed the game night options and will be moving forward with

BINGO.

ii. Discussion Meet

No members showed interested in participating in the discussion meet

iii. Annual Meeting awards

Young at Heart Award.

John Connors was nominated to receive the YF&R Young at Heart Award

"Heidi gon' a take care of it" in regards to a plaque/prize

Meg Gennings is applying for Beef Excellence
The Coopers are applying for the Agriculture Achievement award

b. AFBF Leadership Conference- Reno, Nevada, Feb. 16-19, 2018

-each participant is responsible for booking their flights and hotel

c. New England Vegetable and Berry Growers Conference- Manchester, NH- Dec 12-14

i. Booth Schedule

-Heidi and Ryan will be meeting and greeting trade show participants

- Giveaways

nourse bag?

“Get fresh” bags

MFBF membership?

-Zoe and Katie will be attending and contacted to see if they want to help at booth

D. AFBF YF&R Committee

-AFBF Committee is looking for a New England representative for the YF&R Committee

-Application is out in November

-someone will look into if you can serve and participant in national competitions

6. Upcoming Events

a. YF&R Board Meetings

Anyone is welcome and invited to attend and take part in discussion/planning.

Only designated county representatives (2 spots available per county) can vote.

- Nov. 29 – Pizza Party at Katelyn’s at 7pm

b. 2017 YF&R Proposed Social Calendar

- Sept. 13 – Tour of Jekanoswki Tobacco Farm & UMass Social
- Oct. ? – Topsfield Fair (Chris Grant)
- Oct. 3 – Forgotten Farms Screening Sponsored by CT Farm Bureau YF&R in Storrs, CT
- Nov. 30-Dec 1 – MFBF Annual Meeting in Framingham
- Dec. TBD – Booth at NEVGB to promote and market YF&R

7. Adjourn

8:20PM Ryan MacKay made a motion to adjourn the meeting

Heidi Cooper seconded