

Washington State Team Ag Ed Meeting

April 27, 2011 between 1:30pm and 2:15pm

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Team Ag Ed Members in Attendance:

Lloyd Thompson, Washington Association of Agricultural Educators

George Ruddell, Wenatchee Valley College

Jaime Clarke, Agriculture Center of Excellence

Kristen Holten, Washington State Farm Bureau

Welcome:

George Ruddell welcomed the meeting participants. It was noted that several of the Team Ag Ed members were unable to join the Elluminate session due to preparations being made for the State FFA Convention.

Old Business:

Washington Association of Agricultural Educators (WAAE) Summer Conference

Lloyd Thompson shared that he was currently working to resolve several contractual issues related to catering the Tuesday evening BBQ. George encouraged Lloyd to contact Wenatchee Valley College (WVC) to discuss the issues related to hosting the event on campus. George shared that WVC and other area instructors are collecting gifts and donations for the WAAE convention. College and secondary instructors are working hard to invite all area industry leaders and local representatives to the BBQ. Donations for WAAE activities will be made directly to the WAAE Foundation in order to streamline the process of tracking donations for the event.

George requested that Team Ag Ed be added to the agenda for the WAAE Summer Conference. Lloyd shared that there was time on Monday afternoon for the Team Ag Ed Meeting.

New Business:

National Teach Ag Day

Following an under publicized National Teach Ag Day in 2011, efforts will be made in 2012 to increase awareness and statewide participation in the event. National Teach Ag Day will be a priority for Team Ag Ed in 2012.

Industry Representation, Recruitment, and Promotion

The vendors from the WAAE Summer Conference will be invited to attend the Team Ag Ed Meeting on Monday, June 27th following the vendor show. The hope of including the vendors is to increase awareness of Team Ag Ed and possibly recruit new industry representation/participation. Special invitations will be provided to the conference vendors and companies that donate to the BBQ in late May and/or early June, inviting them as special guests to the Team Ag Ed Meeting.

Next Meeting:

Monday, June 27th, at Wenatchee Valley College in conjunction with the Washington Association of Collegiate Agriculture and Natural Resource Educators (WACANE) Meeting.