

ND FFA Association Board of Directors Meeting

November 13, 2015

Comfort Inn, Bismarck

The Meeting was called to order by Anderson at 2:14 p.m.

Members Present: Anderson, Free, Bakke Stenehjelm, Woodbury, Huettl, Moellenkamp, Vannett, Spellerberg, Feiring, Geiger, Endres, Saewert, Oland, Bitz, Stoppleworth, Leier, Aasand.

Member Absent: Schneider

Stoppleworth moved, Endres 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the agenda with flexibility. Motion Passed.

Secretaries Report: Minutes were handed out for all to go through. No additions or corrections were made. Feiring moved to approve the secretary's report.

Treasurers Report: Treasures report was discussed. Major differences this time is the accounts receivable due to National FFA Convention. Mollenkamp moved, Leier seconded to approve the treasurers report. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

Committee Structure: Discussion was led by Aaron on the structure of our committees. Is there enough people on the CDE committee, can the finance committee members be added to another committee when they do not have to meet, will the SAE/Written application committee have items to work on during each time? Do we have subcommittees within the larger committee? It was decided that at this time we leave the committee structure as is--the committees have work that needs to be done to establish routines and updates.

At this time we recessed to committee work.

Committee Reports:

**\*\*Finance Committee:**

Updates to the Policy Manual—Item 07, a: take out 's' of advisor, and add to b...which includes an annual audit, budget, and investment opportunities.

Huettl moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick, to transfer \$125,000 from the FFA Association savings account to Edward Jones Investments, purchasing A shares at a 65/35 equity exposure. Motion passes.

Stopplworth moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bitz, to accept the Finance Committee report. Motion passed.

**\*\*Written Applications and SAE Committee:**

Updates to the Policy Manual: Item 10, b—add ... and work to verify and implement judging processes.

Changes have been made to the District Leadership officer book score cards.

Rubrics will be made for State Convention Officer Books, as what is currently being used they feel is too generic. The goal is to have these finished by Christmas.

Discussion was held on the Program of Activities. Does the Vice President get a pin? Does the POA need to be submitted at State Convention? If at District Leadership their POA was satisfactory, do they get a pin at state convention?

Bakke-Stenehjelm moved, Bitz 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the Written Application and SAE committee report. Motion passed.

### **CDE Committee**

Updates to the Policy Manual: Leave Item 09 as is. Add an addendum to the back of the committee timeline and dates. (Addendum is attached at the end of the minutes.)

In the General Rules and Guidelines:

\*Page 3 letter b—Recommend to delete.

\*Page 4, Ag Communications—3 person team.

\*Page 5, State Team Member Guidelines #4--leave as is....but we need to be consistent in other areas.

\*Page 6, Awards # 5—Recommend to delete.

In the ND FFA Winter CDE'S General Rules and Guidelines:

\*Page 2--Remove Transition schedule for the Agronomy CDE

\*Page 3—Update soils portion.

\*Page 9b.—(Delete added in 2014)

\*Page 10f.—Update soils information

\*Page 14—Update team sales themes.

Endres moved, Oland 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the CDE Committee report. Motion Passed.

### **Events/Activities Committee**

Updates to Policy Manual: Item 08, b.— Events included are: Winter Leadership Conference, State CDEs, State Convention, State Fair Book, District Leadership, State Parliamentary Procedure, Range Judging, Land Judging, and new activities as they are added to the ND FFA calendar.

Winter Leadership—Discussion was held on changing dates, splitting into two separate conferences (E/W or N/S). Information needed before we can decide: numbers from previous years, locations that can hold the event, dates, and is it feasible for presenters.

Endres moved, Stopplworth 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the Events/Activities Committee report. Motion Passed.

### **FFA Membership**

\*\*Constitution Page 2 #5, discontinued...“or ag education is still vacant” at the end “or submit Agricultural Education Enrollment by January \_\_\_\_”

\*\*Page 3, talks about active membership

### **Winter Leadership Dates & Locations**

We are waiting for potential dates from hotels for the possibility of change for the 2016-2017 year. This would include either splitting or moving the event. Will continue to get information and present at our next meeting.

This year all 212 and 360 groups will be at Ramkota. The 101 Conference will be at Civic Center. Andy Paul, past National FFA President will be here for the 101 Conference.

## New Business:

### Reading of Policy Manual

The first reading of the Policy Manual was completed. Changes made were:

Page 2: Delete paragraph 3

Page 3: Delete left side column having to do with the student board.

Page 5: Item 02 d—add: “In the case of a board member changing districts or retiring, that district has the ability to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. “

Page 5: Item 03 b—add: “...for Board consideration...” after ‘All proposals affecting CDEs must be submitted to the state FFA Advisor.

Page 6: Item 03 c.—Change to: All constitution amendments must be approved by the delegate body at the ND State FFA Convention and ratified by the Board of Directors.

Page 6: Item 04 a—change by adding ...of the board by a 2/3 vote...

Page 8: Add an addendum: k. Career Development Event Committee Schedule of Revisions.

### CDE Management

Discussion was held on the best way to handle the FFA CDE management. Who writes the tests, develops the hands-on portions, and administers these events. Is there a stipend given to the person in charge? These questions need to be brought to your districts and discussed and more discussion will follow at our next meeting.

### Other:

#### State Fair Items:

Show Shirts—NDSF will be sponsoring one for every person. Others will be available for purchase. Along with 4-H, we will be in charge of ordering, purchasing, and selling the t-shirts. 4-H has agreed that they can be sold out of their office with their other shirts.

Livestock Shows—adjustments have been made to the show schedules to allow for more room for the penning and showing of goats. As well as the possibility of the FFA Round Robin being moved to Friday evening in the all Seasons Arena. All changes are subject to approval by the ND State Fair Board.

Money for new chapters—Discussion was held on the idea of giving cash stipends to new chapters. The ND FFA Foundation has decided to give each new chapter \$1500. No decision was made.

Midwinter Conference in January—Discussion was held on topics, location, and ideas. More information will be coming by the end of November.

Vannett moved, Endres 2<sup>nd</sup> to have the next board meeting January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2 pm. Motion Passed.

Endres moved, Seawert 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.