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ND FFA Association Board of Directors Meeting

November 14, 2016

FFA Foundation/Comfort Inn, Bismarck

Committee work was completed from 12 pm to 2:30 pm.

The Meeting was called to order by President Anderson at 2:58 pm.

Members Present: Anderson, Free, Woodbury, Huettl, Moellenkamp, Vannett, Schneider, Feiring, Geiger, Schwalbe, Bodine, MacDonald, Moffet, Steeke, Stroh.

Members Absent: Bakke Stenehjem, Ellingson

Secretary's Report: Minutes were handed out for all to go through. No additions or corrections. Huettl moved, Schwalbe seconded to approve the secretaries minutes as presented. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasures report was distributed and discussed. Woodbury moved, Stroh seconded to approve the treasures report. Motion Passed.

Committee Work/Reports:

A. Written Apps:

The Vice Presidents rubric for scoring the book at State Convention was completed. (Will be available by January 1)

The Agriscience fair rubric that was updated by Thiel and Boehm was discussed and approved. (Will be available by January 1)

Spellerberg moved, Vannett seconded to discontinue the SAE Record Book Awards at the State FFA Convention. Motion Passed.

B. CDE:

1. Winter CDEs: Changes will be out by December 1.

a. Livestock Evaluation: No changes.

b. Agricultural Sales: No changes.

c. Agronomy:

1. Updated Machinery List

2. Updated Insect List:

Added Tobacco/Tomato Hornworm Larvae and Salt Marsh Caterpillar

Characteristics will be updated and those will be the final characteristics used by the State CDE. It was discussed in length that not all experts agree on what the characteristics should be so we will make a final list and that will be the master list.

3. Team Problem: Will not change for 2017 however was discussed to make an individual event and simplified.

2. Environmental and Natural Resources

A CDE guide was put together by Boehm and Severence for the CDE which will be a demonstration event in 2017 at the ND FFA State Convention. (See attached resource) Samples for each of the event parts will be developed and shared with instructors. The ID list is currently being updated to reflect ND species. (Boehm, Severence, ND Game and Fish)

Severence will be the CDE Chair. An auditorium will be needed along with 2 classrooms that fit 20-30 students. NDSU resources and ND Game and Fish resources will be looked into by Severence and Boehm.

3. State Convention CDEs: Changes need to be made by April 1st

Food Science and Technology CDE:

Team Event: NO Changes

Written Test: Point value going from 6 points to 3 points per question

Customer Complaint Letter: There will be 5 letters that participants evaluate answering 2 questions: it is a food quality or food safety problem and whether it is a biological, chemical, or physical concern. The written solution part has been REMOVED.

Food Safety/Sanitation Photos: REMOVED from CDE

Aroma ID: List has been updated according to the National CDE List

Difference Testing: REMOVED from CDE

Problem Solving/Math Practicum: Added to event (Page 7 of National CDE Guide)

Product Specifications Compliance: Added to event (page 8 of National CDE Guide)

4. Recommended to update the names of our CDEs to the National CDE/LDE changes.

Moellenkamp moved, Schwalbe seconded to approve CDE committee report and changes made to the CDE guides. Motion Passed

C. Events/Activities: Did not meet. Worked with the Finance Committee

D. Finance:

The committee met at the FFA Foundation Office to go through the inventory of the ND FFA. It was agreed upon to add a line item to the financial information for equipment and PSA. Discussion was held with Beth Allen on how to improve the credit card record keeping system.

Feiring Moved, Bodine seconded to approve the Finance Committee Report. Motion passed.

Old Business:

a. Chapter Eligibility Review of document: See attached

The Chapter Continuation document was reviewed and discussion was held if there were additions needed to it.

Schneider moved, Spellerberg seconded to add an “Administrator’s Signature” line and date to the document. Motion Passed. This document will be sent out to all chapters this spring who have not had an Agricultural Instructor. It will need to be filled out and sent back for Board approval as to whether they may continue with a ND FFA Chapter.

b. Affiliation Update

Twenty-six (26) chapters have signed up for affiliation membership. Discussion was held on how the dues from these chapters will continue to be broken down as it will not be an actual \$6 per member going to the ND FFA. Currently \$2 of every member’s dues goes to the ND FFA Foundation.

Steeke Moved, Moffet seconded that one-third (1/3) of the state affiliation dues go to the ND FFA foundation. Motion Passed.

c. State officer age requirements

Legality issues were discussed with an officer who is not 18 driving themselves to events, etc. Why is the September 1 date on the officer application—should it be June 1? What do we need to do to make this document the safest and most legal route for our association? More information will be gathered for our next meeting.

c. State Officer Election Process

Ideas were gathered from each district meeting and discussed. There are many issues to consider: is it a 1 day or multiple day event, before or during State FFA Convention, do we add different components to the process, do we add additional people to the process, do we limit the activities.

Schwalbe moved, Feiring seconded to refer this to a special committee of 5, appointed by the chair, to report back at the next meeting with options for the committee to discuss. Motion Passed. Committee is: Schwalbe-Chair, MacDonald, Huettl, Spellerberg, and Anderson.

d. Re-districting:

The districts are becoming increasingly uneven as chapters are being added and deleted. These chapters were taken into consideration when looking at a new district map.

Moellenkamp moved, Heuttl seconded to move Berthold to District 1, Grant County to District 8, Westhope to District 3, and McClusky to District 3. Motion Passed. A new map will be drawn and posted on the website.

New Business:

a. National Convention Review

Hotel was a positive choice from what everyone has heard. Only issue was bus parking on Tuesday evening. Calls have been made and hopefully more 5 day bus parking will be available next year.

c. Clarification on eligibility for State Fair

Clarification has been asked for on when a student is eligible to show and participate in Tractor Driving at the ND State Fair. Discussion was held on the idea that this clarification rule needs to be a rule for all ND FFA events.

Huettl moved, Bodine seconded that middle school students must have completed an agricultural course to be a participant at the ND State Fair. Huettl moved to withdraw motion. No objections, motion withdrawn.

Huettl moved, Schneider seconded that to be eligible to participate at the ND State Fair a student must have completed an agricultural education course and appear on the chapter FFA roster. Motion passed.

d. Tabulations at State FFA Convention

With the use of the new scantron forms in many events and the ease of scoring the CDEs now it was suggested to put less people on the tabulation committee.

e. Winter CDE Registration Fee

Cost for the Winter CDEs in Minot is approximately \$11000 to 12000. We get approximately \$5000 from the Foundation to help cover costs. Discussion was held on whether we want to assess a fee for chapters participating. In the first years of the moved the Minot CVB donated \$5000 to the ND FFA, this is not happening at this time. It was determined at this time to make no changes to how Winter CDEs are funded.

f. State FFA Convention Co-chairs duty list

District suggestion that a duty list be developed for CDE Chairs. With the addition of many new instructors and chairs being changed it is felt that these have become a necessary. In 2017 the State staff is start a duty list, the chairs of CDEs will write a duty list and those will be combined for each CDE.

g. Members in CDEs at same time

Discussion was held on members being in more than one event at one time. It was decided to leave as is and each individual CDE needs to make a choice on whether to allow that student to complete the event or not. Advisors and students need to be aware of the issues this causes and have student make choices.

h. State Fair

A brief update was given on the livestock meeting for the ND State Fair.

1. Discussions were held on combining 4-H and FFA shows for one combined youth show. This idea is having information gathered on it and how it works in other states. No changes will be made on this for 2017.
2. The idea of having a trailer lease from a sponsoring company for winning livestock was brought up. Questions on real purpose and do we even want to get into that from the FFA viewpoint. It is something that is being looked into by the State Fair Livestock committee (which includes 4-H, FFA, and State Fair staff). Nothing will be done for 2017.
3. Feiring moved, Schneider seconded to discontinue the ND FFA Horse Show starting in 2017. Motion Passed.

I. Next Meeting Date

A doodle poll will be sent out to determine the date. The CDE committee is the one specific area that needs to meet before April 1st to complete the rest of the SC CDE revisions.

7. Other

Heuttl moved, Schwalbe seconded to suspend the rules and cast a unanimous ballot for all officers to hold the same positions for the 2016/2017 board year. Motion Passed.

Announcements:

We will be hosting a National Officer for the 2017 National FFA Week. Chapters are currently sending in proposals/ideas for hosting them.

We are looking into a State Officer Candidate Session at Winter Leadership in January.

Spellerberg moved, MacDonald seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed. 6:16 pm.