

ND FFA Association Board of Directors Minutes

June 12, 2017

10:00 AM—Committee Work

1:00 pm Meeting

Ramada

The Meeting was called to order by President Anderson at 1:03 pm.

All Members were present.

Members:		
Aaron Anderson, State Advisor	Rick Vannett, Dist. 4	Madison Bodine, FFA Secretary
JoDee Free, State Exec. Sec.	Dan Spellerberg, Dist. 5	Stetson Ellingson, FFA Vice President
Tamra Maddock, Foundation	Brian Schneider, Dist. 6	Paul Moffet, FFA Treasurer
Julie Woodbury, Dist. 1	Shawn Feiring, Dist. 7	Jerrod MacDonald, State Reporter
Glen Huettl, Dist. 2	Alan Geiger, Dist. 8	Colbey Steeke, State Sentinel
Lane Moellenkamp, Dist. 3	Alfred Schwalbe, FFA President	Matthew Stroh, State Parliamentarian

Secretaries Report: Minutes from the 11/14/16 meeting and the 3/30/17 conference call were looked through. No additions or corrections.

Schneider moved, Schwalbe seconded to approve the secretaries minutes. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report: We have changed banks due to ease of working with and services offered. We will now be banking with First International Bank and Trust. That transition is currently taking place. Our investment account with Edward Jones has gained (6/30/2016 balance \$125,000, 5/23/17 balance \$136,000). Total Assets (cash, savings, investment) as of 5/23/17 \$316,732.25. The 2017-2018 ND FFA Association Budget was also presented.

Moffet moved, Schwalbe seconded to approve treasurer's report. Motion Passed.

Feiring moved, Steeke seconded to approve the 2017-2018 budget as presented. Spellerberg moved. Huettl seconded, to amend the main motion by adding to create a separate line item for the AET (it is currently in the miscellaneous category). Amendment passed. Main motion as amended passed.

Committee Reports:

Written Applications:

The written applications committee is currently revising the State Officer application and handbook.

Suggestions for State Officer Application:

1. Add email
2. Add Cell Phone
3. Add CDE/LDE Participation
4. Take out Crops/Livestock
5. Add Leadership Conferences attended
6. Add "what ag classes have you been in?"
7. Add Community Service
8. Add CDE/LDE participation at State Convention
9. Add one question: "In 5 words only, list 5 attributes that make a state officer great."

State Officer Handbook: Revising and updating will be taking place at the next meeting and taking some ideas from the Montana handbook. A draft will be presented.

Spellerberg moved, Schawlbe seconded to approve the written applications committee report. Motion passed.

CDE Committee:

This year's CDEs to be looked at are: YEAR 3 - 2018

- i. State Convention Group B: Talent, Courtesy Corps, Agricultural Communications, Farm Business Management, Basic Agricultural Mechanics, Intermediate Agricultural Mechanics, Advanced Agricultural Mechanics, Nursery Landscape, and Floriculture.
- ii. Land Judging
- iii. Range Judging

The State Fair/Land/Range judging guide was looked through. Dates were changed, the guidelines for age requirement for showing/exhibiting at the state fair were added. Land and Range had no changes as the majority of information for those CDEs comes from the actual handbooks provided.

Talent: The process for sending in talent auditions is good. The committee would like to see the talent review return to State Convention and the act's be judged at that time. This suggestion will depend on SC schedule.

Courtesy Corps: Discussion was held on if the numbers are getting to large and if the actual limiting process described in the CDE guide needs to be followed. The process Jason Mongeon has been implementing is good. We will contact Jason for thoughts on how the numbers are and what he feels needs to be done.

Agricultural Mechanics: Discussion was started on these CDEs and will continue at our next meeting.

Chairman and NDSU staff involved with the CDEs that are being revised will be contacted and asked for input before the next meeting and to assist with changes/updates.

Moellenkamp moved, Stroh seconded to approve the CDE committee report. Motion passed.

Events & Activities:

A discussion was held on the idea of shortening the ND State FFA Convention to four days. This item needs to be taken to each district by their board member to gather input and ideas. A draft schedule was supplied to get the idea process flowing.

The placement of Environmental & Natural Resources CDE (Wildlife) was discussed and will remain at State Convention for its 'probationary' year in 2018.

The Winter Leadership Schedule was also discussed. The idea of moving the dance/service project to the Civic Center starting at 8:00 pm. Possibility of doing something other than a dance/service project. This item should be discussed with your districts as well and further discussion ideas will continue at our next meeting.

Woodbury moved, Bodine seconded to approve the Events and Activities committee report. Motion passed.

Finance:

The audit of the FFA Association books was done. All was found to be in order. Banks were switched from Wells Fargo to First International Bank and Trust. They also have switched to Quickbooks online.

Schwalbe moved, Moffett seconded to approve the finance committee report. Motion passed.

Old Business

Chapter Continuation

Chapter Continuation letters were sent out to New Rockford, Ray, and Rollette. They are to be back to the office by August and the continuation of these chapters will be determined at the August meeting.

State Officer Election Process

The Constitutional Amendment passed the delegate vote at the 2017 State Convention. For 2018 the state officer election process will be as follows:

State Officer Election Process

Required Activities

Application – This is due to the state office by May 8th. Please review the State Officer Handbook prior to completing the application.

General Interview/Speech

Candidates may be allowed 2 minutes for introductory speech on why they want to serve as a State Officer followed by general interview questions to better get to know the candidate along with a better understanding of their FFA experiences, leadership activities and other pertinent Agricultural Education and FFA activities. The judges will ask questions to evaluate the candidate's abilities to serve as an officer and how they would serve as a positive role model for the FFA.

Other possibilities for evaluation

Written Test

A test could be given to each candidate. The test will be composed of multiple choice questions and will be based on FFA programs and history information, the officers' deal with on a regular basis, but will not dwell on FFA trivia.

Impromptu Scenario

Candidates could participate in a 5-minute impromptu situation they might experience as a State FFA Officer. The candidates will not be informed in advance of the specific scenario they will face. Examples could include 1) Conversation with a teacher that is having trouble recruiting students. 2) Conversation with an administrator why FFA is important for his students. 3) Conversation with a community leader in an attempt to start an FFA Alumni Chapter or other as determined by screening committee.

Letter Writing Exercise

Candidates could be asked to write a letter of request to an advisor, thank you note, a self-introduction, etc...

Group Activity

A group of 3-6 candidates will work together in planning and presenting a workshop or other activity.

The activity will be based on an event or activity a State FFA Officer will be expected to perform during their year. (Examples: 101 Conference, Chapter Visit workshop, School Board Presentation, Reflections, etc

Media Interviews

Candidates may have a radio interview asking general questions about their FFA experience and the State FFA Convention.

State Officer Candidate Schedule (These times are subject to change in accordance with State FFA Convention Schedule)

- Monday
 - 2:00-6:00PM – Screening Committee Round 1
 - 9:00-11:30PM – Screening Committee Round 2
- Tuesday
 - 7:30 – 9:45AM – Screening Committee Round 3
 - 1:00 – 4:00PM – Screening Committee Round 4
- Thursday
 - 9:00AM – Screening Committee Announcement during 5th Convention Session
 - 5:30-7:00PM – State Officer Campaign Fair deliberations
- Friday
 - 7:30am – State Officer Campaign Fair
 - 8:00am – Elections during Final Convention Session

North Dakota FFA Screening Committee Makeup:

4 Delegate FFA members (1 from each region)

- from any chapter without a S.O. candidate
- application process

2 Industry Representatives

2 Past State Officers that are 1-2 years removed.

2 Advisors - President and Past-President of NDAAE
or suitable replacement if advisor has a S.O. candidate

New Business

State Convention review/Schedule

A shortened State FFA Convention schedule is being considered—the idea of ending on Thursday afternoon. We would like discussion to happen among districts and ideas presented for our next meeting.

The Environmental & Natural Resources CDE will remain at State Convention for its probationary year in 2018.

State Officers: A discussion was held on state officer candidates attending schooling outside of ND. There are currently no rules/guidelines concerning this in our handbook or the officer application. This will be looked into by the applications committee as they revise the application/handbook. Discussion was also held on how lenient to be with the required activities as outlined in the officer application. State Officers must meet the requirements as outlined in the application and signed by them.

Horse Judging CDE: The FFA was approached by the 4-H and asked if we would consider holding our event at the same time as theirs. (April) This would allow for more available horses/judges etc.

Huettl moved, Stroh seconded to explore the opportunity with 4-H in the Horse Judging CDE. Motion Passed.

State Convention Review Discussion:

1. Advisor meeting space Monday—Speaker was not working, hard to hear
2. Air Conditioning??
3. There is not enough chairs to hold all of our people registered. Bleachers being pulled out was ok. In years to come we may be charged a service fee from NDSU for use of chairs/tables/etc. Do we rent additional chairs instead of using bleachers?
4. Students on cell phones during CDEs/LDEs. Rules and consequences need to be followed. These need to be reiterated and outlined better in the CDE Guide.
5. Discussion was held on compensating those that are in integral part to our CDEs and convention operations that are not directly ag teachers. This would mainly be the NDSU staff that help and pit crew help.

Ellingson moved, Schwalbe seconded to provide gift cards for four (4) people not to exceed \$100 per card. Vannett amended, Spellerberg seconded to delete the word four. Amendment passed. Motion passed.

Board members in Districts 2, 4, and 6 will need to be elected by the August meeting.

The next meeting will be Sunday August 6, 2017 at 3:00 PM at the Ramada. At this meeting we will have Board elections and committee appointments.

Huettle moved, Steeke seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed.