

ND FFA Association Board of Directors – Minutes

March 22, 2022 – 4:00 pm CST

Location: Microsoft Teams

Members/Directors:

Nikki Fideldy-Doll, State Advisor	Molly Zahradka, Dist. 4	Garrett Kuhn, FFA President
Craig Kleven, State Exec. Secretary	Breanna Pastir, Dist. 5	Stetson Urlacher, FFA Secretary
Beth Allen, FFA Foundation	Missy Hansen, Dist. 6	Avery Roth, FFA Vice President
Ben Curdy, Dist. 1	Bill Zingg, Dist. 7	Elizabeth Lee, FFA Treasurer
Lance Van Berkomp, Dist. 2	David Leier, Dist. 8	Hunter Gallagher, FFA Reporter
Kasey Okke, Dist. 3		Victoria Moreno, FFA Sentinel

Officers:

President	Nikki Fideldy-Doll
Vice President	David Leier
Secretary	Craig Kleven
Treasurer	Kasey Okke

Standing Committees:

Written Applications & SAE	Missy Hansen, Kasey Okke, Elizabeth Lee, Avery Roth, Craig Kleven
CDE	David Leier, Lance Van Berkomp, Breanna Pastir, Bill Zingg, Craig Kleven, Garrett Kuhn, Hunter Gallagher
Finance	Nikki Fideldy-Doll, Elizabeth Lee, Beth Allen, Kasey Okke
Events/Activities	Molly Zahradka, Ben Curdy, Stetson Urlacher, Victoria Moreno, Nikki Fideldy-Doll
Policy	Nikki Fideldy-Doll, Craig Kleven, Garrett Kuhn, David Leier, Kasey Okke

Absent: Okke joined at 4:34 pm.

The meeting was called to order by Fideldy-Doll at 4:00 pm. Roll call was called by Fideldy-Doll.

Secretary's Report:

The secretary's minutes were reviewed. Leier moved; Bregel second the motion to approve the minutes from the 1.24.22 meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: As of 3.14.2022. Aged Debtor's List: 3.22.22

Checking: \$259,590.12 Savings: \$0 Investment: \$303,583.49 Accounts Receivable:
Aged Debtor's List: Total: \$12,451.20; 0-30 days: \$701.20; 31-60 days: \$2,183.00; 61-90 days: \$9,320.00;
>90 days: \$247.00 Six Chapters are at exactly 90 days (as of the meeting) or greater for past due balances.

FFA Membership dues not billed by National FFA is a major portion of the large checking account balance.

Moved by Allen; second by Moreno to approve the treasurers report as of 3.14.22 and Aged Debtor's List as of 3.22.22. Motion passed.

State Officer Report – Kuhn:

Since the last time I gave an update to this board, in November, the State Officer Team has done many exciting things. In January we facilitated the 101 conference for Winter Leadership and completed our Checkpoint Two Training. In February we visited chapters all over the state for Alumni Winter CDE contests, as well as, for FFA Week. In March we started Spring Planning for State Convention and also helped run and set up State Winter CDEs in Minot. Our team looks forward to the upcoming banquet season and State Convention in June.

Standing Committee Reports: None

Old Business:

a. FFA Camp: Curdy & Van Berkom

Curdy summarized the provided report. Curdy shared an updated budget just prior to the meeting. Kleven shared the budget via outlook calendar and on the screen. Past state officers will serve as facilitators and camp counselors. Registration will be completed by the FFA Chapter Advisor via the state office platform. Several questions were asked regarding the process.

Urlacher moved to approve the FFA Camp Proposal and move forward with the process. Moreno second the motion. Motion Passed.

b. Agronomy CDE Committee: Kleven

Reported out that an email was sent November 29, 21 asking for volunteers to serve on the committee and respond by January 3. There was zero response. On March 14, 2022 an email was sent to the nominated committee. Three veteran teachers, three newer/early career teachers, and one industry representative. Lance VanBerkom, Minot; Michael Axt, McClusky; Lane Moellenkamp, Fessenden-Bowdon; Breanna Bregel, Wahpeton; Malaree Lee, Kindred; Erik Johnson, Killdeer; Bruce Bachmeier – Carrington

c. Agriculture Technology & Mechanical Systems CDE Committee: Kleven

Reported that Travis Fritel, Ben Krebs, and Pete Martin are working together to formulate a plan and will meet with Leon Schumacher, Ph.D. Professor Dept Chair, Ag and Biosystems Engineering who was hired in January 2022 and has extensive experience with the CDE at the National FFA Convention and in Missouri.

d. FFA Charter & Approved CTE Program: Kleven

Reported that CTE Administration has been made aware a couple of times regarding the motion made at the 11.19.21 meeting. There has been no response or action taken by CTE Administration regarding how this will affect CTE policy and other CTE programs. “Okke moved that to be a chartered ND FFA chapter a school must have an approved ND State Career and Technical Education Board agricultural education program. There will be a one-year probationary period for those who do not meet the criteria to be compliant. Leier second the motion. Motion Passed.” The ND FFA Constitution and By-Laws will be updated at the State Convention, and this may enhance the discussion.

e. ND FFA Membership Policy: Fideldy-Doll

Fideldy-Doll reported on the proposed National FFA Membership that will go through the delegate process at National FFA Convention. The state Office will be proposing ND Constitution and By-Law changes throughout the delegate process at ND FFA State Convention.

f. Other: None

New Business:

a. Winter Leadership Review: Fideldy-Doll/Kleven

New date change to September 17 & 18, 2022. All conferences will be under one roof at the Bismarck Event Center. Leier stated, Your Next Speaker, Inc. was a great change to for the 10-12 grade conferences.

b. State FFA Crop Show Review: Kleven

114 crop samples entered by three chapters. Carrington 48, Fessenden-Bowdon 64, Hope-Page 2. The event is on the threshold of not occurring according to ND FFA Policy. Kleven stated the state crop show event and committee is struggling because of several retirements of long-term leadership and nobody to fill the roles, plus very low participation.

c. State Winter CDEs Review: Fideldy-Doll/Kleven

A survey was sent out the morning of 3.22.22. The survey will be open for a few days. Board members reviewed the currently entered items. Substitution is wanted by some advisors. Some shared to allow the students to roam the entire line of agronomy pan classes and prevent them from getting off the rotations from pans to the other portions. Several comments were invalid because the people had not read/followed the State Handbooks for the CDEs.

d. State Proficiency Judging, State Star Finalist Award Tour, National Chapter Applications, Food For America Applications: Fideldy-Doll/Kleven

Proficiency Judging sign-up link was sent out. Please encourage advisors to sign up. Next year utilize AET for district judging and advance the district winners.

e. State Horse Evaluation CDE: Fideldy-Doll/Kleven

May 10 on the NDSU campus. Registration will be online, with a registration fee to cover the meal. NDSU Equine proposed moving it back to state convention, but Wednesday does not work for NDSU Equine.

f. State Convention: Fideldy-Doll/Kleven

There will be an increase in student and advisor registration because of increased meal costs, cleaning costs, facility usage, chair rental, and costs to operate the CDEs.

- i. ENR Handbook Changes: Page 2 & 3 Highlights in the attached file: Pastir

Leier Moved to adopt the grammatical changes proposed to the ENR CDE Handbook. Kuhn second the motion. Motion Passed.

g. NDSF FFA Exhibits FairEntry: Kleven

March 1, 2022 the system opened for entries. The entire process, including at the NDSF will be easier in 2022. An email will be sent regarding the process.

h. State Honorary Degree Considerations: Fideldy-Doll

- i. Thomas Hanson Sr.: Nomination Form Attached
- ii. Dan Stadick: Nomination Form Attached
- iii. Robert (Dobie) Thom: Nomination Form Attached
- iv. Katie Woodbury: Nomination Form Attached
- v. Thomas Hanson Jr.: Nomination Form Attached
- vi. Chelsie Nathan (Schwarz): Floral Judge for over a decade.
- vii. Skip Anderson: NDSU Sheep Unit (Provides Classes for State Livestock Evaluation)

Lee moved to award the submitted names to receive the FFA State Honorary FFA Degree. The records will be verified to ensure they have not already received the degree. If they have received the degree, they will be removed from the list. Kuhn second the motion. Motion Passed.

i. American Honorary Degree Considerations: Fideldy-Doll

- i. Dr. Paul Berg: FFA Foundation Nomination
- ii. Dr. Brooke Thiel: FFA Foundation Nomination
- iii. Van Berkom nominated Troy Enga.

Allen moved to accept the American Honorary Degree nominations and the person who nominated the degree recipient will assist the person in completing the application. Curdy second the motion. Motion Passed.

j. Other:

American Degrees: 34 submitted to state and 32 were sent to National FFA.

State Degrees 154 submitted to ND FFA. First and second revisions are under way.

Late Registration Policy was sent via the calendar invite for people to review. Discussion was held regarding assigning a late fee penalty but did not have support. No action taken. The state office is to determine the allowance of late registration as indicated at the 11.19.21 board meeting.

FFA Foundation Report – Allen:

Butler became a one-star partner in February. State Convention: Online Auction will occur prior to and during Career Fair from 1:00-4:00 pm on Tuesday. Parent Sponsor Banquet on Wednesday. November 5 will be the first ever Gala in Fargo to serve as a major fundraiser. Blue Jacket Back program is being established for past state officers to contribute funds to support the state officer costs. Blue Jacket/Bright Futures program will move to the district leadership week in December. Allen and Hart will split up and travel to the East and West District Leadership Conferences to handout the FFA jackets.

Next Meeting Date & Location:

June 10, 2022 at 1:00 pm, 15th Floor CTE Conference Room of the State Capitol and via Microsoft Teams.

Announcements:

None

Adjourn:

Kuhn moved to adjourn, Pastir second the motion. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm.