

ND FFA Association Board of Directors

Minutes

June 11, 2021 at 1:00 pm CST: 15th Floor Conference Room in the ND State Capitol & Microsoft Teams

Members/Directors:

Aaron Anderson, State Advisor	Molly Zahradka, Dist. 4	Caleb Hauck, FFA Secretary
Craig Kleven, State Exec. Sec.	Breana Bregel, Dist. 5	Hannah Remington, FFA Vice President
Beth Allen, FFA Foundation	Missy Hansen, Dist. 6	Christina Greuel, FFA Treasurer
Ben Curdy, Dist. 1	Mike Kamrath, Dist. 7	Calli Hauck, FFA Reporter
Lance Van Berkomp, Dist. 2	David Leier, Dist. 8	Jayden MacDonald, FFA Sentinel
Kasey Okke, Dist. 3	Breanna Hosman, FFA President	Miranda Clarys, FFA Parliamentarian

Officers:

President	Aaron Anderson
Vice President	David Leier
Secretary	Craig Kleven
Treasurer	Mike Kamrath

Standing Committees:

Written Applications & SAE	Missy Hansen, Kasey Okke, Craig Kleven, Caleb Hauck, Calli Hauck
CDEs	David Leier, Lance Van Berkomp, Breana Bregel, Craig Kleven, Breanna Hosman, Jayden McDonald
Finance	Aaron Anderson, Mike Kamrath, Beth Allen, Christina Greuel
Events/Activities	Aaron Anderson, Molly Zahradka, Ben Curdy, Hannah Remington, Miranda Clarys
Policy	Aaron Anderson, Craig Kleven, Breanna Hosman, David Leier, Mike Kamrath

Via Microsoft Teams: Zahradka, Leier, Remington,

Absent: Van Berkomp

Guest: Nevada FFA State Vice President, Lori Ramm.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson at 1:06 pm. Roll call was called by Anderson.

Secretary's Report:

The secretary's minutes were reviewed. Kamrath moved; Bregel seconded to approve the minutes from 3/24/21 meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: As of 5/28/21

Checking: \$ 260,973.73 **Savings:** \$0.00 **Investment:** \$273,155.36 **Accounts Receivable:** \$67.00
Aged Debtor's List: 0-30 days: \$0.00 31-60 days: \$0.00 61-90 days: \$0.00 >90 days: \$0.00

Hosman Moved; MacDonald seconded to approve the treasurers report as of 5/28/21. Motion passed.

Budget for 2021-2022 was presented and reviewed. Kamrath moved to approve the 2021-2022 budget. Seconded by Greuel. Motion Passed.

State Officer Report – Hosman:

The State Officers just finished up the 92nd North Dakota FFA Convention. The week was filled with excitement and interaction with members. We had opening ceremonies at 7 pm on Monday, June 7th. We were pleased to have Doster Harper, National FFA President and Lori Ramm, Nevada FFA State Vice President in attendance as well as special guests and workshop facilitators at convention. Monday night at 10 pm we had Lizzie the dream girl, a hypnotist, provide entertainment. The Great Plains Ballroom was filled to capacity with

members. We had the annual convention dance on Tuesday night which once again was well received by the members. Wednesday night we had an improv comedy group for the first time at convention, comedysportz. They were fantastic and once again members filled the ballroom to capacity.

The officers worked extremely hard throughout the week to make sessions go well, and we started at 8 am every day and worked until session. We all loved interacting with members and getting to push North Dakota FFA back into normalcy. The new State Officer team was elected on Thursday and our team looks forward to seeing their successes.

Standing Committee Reports:

- a. **Written Applications & SAE:** Officer Book Rubrics – POA: Difference between AET and non AET for VP and Reporter Rubric Clarification – Review from State Convention Judging Hansen stated that the committee needs to visit with Jeff Ball, the chair of the officer books. Entries were down and are officer books relevant with today's technology? At one point in time, the officer books were the working document for a chapter. Need to review and decide at the August meeting.

Directors are to visit with their districts and report back at the August meeting.

- b. **CDEs:** Should Chair be elected in August?
 - i. Parliamentary Procedure: Districts Reports regarding adopting two National LDEs with potential modifications.
 1. [Conduct of Chapter Meetings Grades 7-9](#): District 1: Interested; District 2, 3, no report; District 4 yes, District 5 in favor and already do novice. District 6 & 8, yes. District 7 is a yes but has a concern about getting judges and space at District Leadership. District 7 suggested an option of moving the state event to Winter Leadership and have it completed at that time. Potentially easier to find judges. Delegates recommendation was to add at both the district and state level and not counting towards the chapter of the day because not all schools offer agricultural education at the middle school level. Consider a two-year trial period as not counting as chapter of the day and explore state sponsorship.
 2. [Parliamentary Procedure](#):
District 1: Yes, align with nationals, District 2: no report; District 3 most stated to keep the way it is; District 4 limited feedback, but align with nationals; District 5 keep the same; District 6 is keep the same, District 7 keep the same, but potentially open up to not having to be the chapter officers; District 8 keep district level the same but interested in moving towards the national event at the state level.
Some Directors shared that the national event is a higher level of parliamentary procedure and not designed to teach members parliamentary procedure. Participation is already low and could go lower with the national CDE format. Those in favor said that aligning with nationals would be easier to prepare for the national event.
A ND parliamentary procedure handbook needs to be developed if kept the same. The format of the ND event is not outlined in a handbook.
 - ii. Up Next for Review:
 1. [LDE Changes](#) Effective 2021: Changes Announced by August 1.
 2. [Winter CDE Changes](#) Effective 2022: Changes Announced by December 1.

- c. **Finance:** No Report
- d. **Events/Activities:** No Report
- e. **Policy:** No Report

Directors reviewed the 2021 FFA Convention Delegate Committee Reports:

AET Awareness:

Large variation of usage among members. Students that are not aware of AET is because their teacher is not aware of it and/or not using it. State Degree, Proficiency Applications, Star Applications are decreasing. Why is this? Should the state or chapter pay for the use of AET? Do the applications become all locked and non-unlockable? Need more professional development for teachers.

Auditing:

Set dues at \$6.00 and approve the budget presented. Do members know and understand how to interpret the financial numbers?

Community Service:

Winter Leadership is an area to do community service projects and keep it there. Provide chapters with a list of community service projects through ND FFA Serves. Need more communication on what the applications will be judged on. Does 101 conference do this or all conferences during Winter Leadership? During Winter Leadership, do the older members work with the younger members to develop projects to align with the ND FFA Serves project.

FFA Alumni & Outreach:

Members do not see much of the FFA Alumni. Members do not know how to become an Alumni Member.

LDE Committee:

Demonstration action items discussed.

State Officers Interactions:

Members want state officers at more local FFA events. More social media and general media marketing.

Program of Activities:

Some chapters do not utilize a POA very much and some would like help with incorporating a POA. A POA is submitted to the State FFA Office because it is required in the Constitution and By-Laws.

Winter Leadership:

More hands-on activities requested, but specific examples were not provided. Open breakfast ½ hour earlier.

Old Business:

- a. FFA Camp: Van Berkomp was not present. Curdy provided a brief overview on the behalf of the committee. Capped at 90 members, not a focus on curriculum like at Winter Leadership, focused on networking and fun activities. Registration is open. VanBerkomp will be sending out an email to the email list serve.
- b. AET Review of Cost & Application Submission District Reports: No action taken.
- c. American FFA Professional Development District Reports: District 4 & 5 said Yes. Is a midwinter professional development conference coming back? Hold during that time.

New Business:

- a. CDE Committee Action Items:

Bregel moved to establish a Conduct of Chapter Meetings Grades 7-9 per the national handbook for district and state. The LDE would be probational for two years. Seconded my Clarys. Motion Passed.

- b. State FFA Parliamentary Procedure and Employment Skills Review: Space at the Event Center was adequate. Rooms available at the capitol for LDE Day in 2021 could be limited.

Demonstration – add clarification to the handbook regarding topics and ability to perform dependent upon the location (facility) of state event.

- c. Proficiencies, State FFA Degree, National Chapter, Food for America Application Judging Review: Anderson shared that he was working on third revision of state degrees until two weeks before state convention.

Okke moved to have the State FFA degree deadline the same as the American FFA Degree deadline, February 15. Seconded by Hosman. Motion passed.

Food for America applications are only one-three per year. Do we need to continue it? How to increase awareness? No action taken.

State Star application is lengthy. Do we need to develop a separate application that is not as lengthy and detailed as the current application? Need more feedback provided to the teachers on the applications submitted. Keep the State Star Application the current due date of April 1. No action taken.

- d. State Convention Review: Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems Handbooks were not followed, and it was suggested to pull the CDE from NDSU. Superintendent provided details in an email. Need to sign-up for the chapter time slots for Advanced Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems CDE by May 22. Not all past state CDE resources are available in the Google drive. Convention Hall layout was better for hearing and seeing during the sessions. Floriculture identification is hot and limited in space. Plan was discussed and spaced viewed during convention. Dairy Cattle Evaluation written test in the Gate City Bank Auditorium was a plus. Food Science & Technology CDE, a non-full team can sit for a couple hours before they participate. More advisors needed to be in the dance room and not the hallway. Objectiveness of dress code for dances varies among advisors and needs to be addressed. Dances create all kinds of issues and is it really needed at convention? Entertainment starts at 10:00 pm and makes it a late night for members and advisors. Can we start evening convention sessions 30 minutes earlier and move up entertainment start times? Can we use more than one entrance to the convention hall? Great to be back in person at NDSU.
- e. NDSF Advisor Assignment Signup, FairEntry: Signup will be out the week of June 14. Contact Craig Kleven with FairEntry and Advisor Assignment questions.
- f. Land Judging will occur in Grand Forks County on August 5. Hosted by NDSU Extension Service of Grand Forks County. Chapters interested in serving as a host for FFA Range Judging, please contact the state office.
- g. State 4-H invited State FFA to a meeting held May 19, 2021.
 - i. Joint Professional Development Options – Do training together and enhance discussion and collaboration. Opportunity to share resources available by NDSU.
 - ii. Joint Leadership Event Options – Hold combined youth leadership conference/events.

- iii. NDSF Collaboration Options for 2022 Livestock Shows: Is there an interest in developing a joint committee? Directors stated it needs to be explored and committee formed to evaluate and review options.
- iv. General Collaboration in State Events CDE events were discussed.

- h. Board Member Elections/Committee Assignments at the August meeting: Districts seven & eight are up for re-election. Both Kamrath and Leier are eligible to serve another three-year term. District Elections must occur prior to August 1. Kamrath stated that Bill Zingg will replace him as the District 7 representative.

- i. National FFA Convention CDEs/LDEs declarations by July 1. Qualifying events for teams begin in August. Anderson will send an email the week of June 14 regarding details.

- j. Congratulations to Aaron Anderson on the National FFA Board of Directors appointment as the NASAE Central Region Representative.

- k. Other: Members noted during delegate work and directors shared the need to post more deadlines for American Degrees, Scholarships, etc. on Social Media.

FFA Foundation Report – Allen:

Allen would appreciate advisors to share their feedback and the students' feedback from the Career & Education Fair, Banquet, Auction, etc. during State Convention. Steffes Group, Inc. has provided sponsorship for the NDSF.

Next Meeting Date & Location:

Bregel moved to hold the next meeting on Sunday, August 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Radisson Hotel in Bismarck. Seconded by Curdy. Motion Passed. Committee work may occur prior to the meeting.

Announcements:

None

State Officers Additional Business:

Need to clearly define FFA state officers campaigning guidelines in the FFA State Officer Handbook.

May need to address the constitution if there are not enough members running for state office so that we do not operate in violation of the bylaws.

Adjourn:

Bregel moved to adjourn, Hosman second the motion. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:44 pm.