

ND FFA Association Board of Directors – Minutes

November 19, 2021: ND State Capitol – 15th Floor Capitol – ND CTE Conference Room
10:00 am CST – Committee Work for: Written Applications & SAE, CDE, Events/Activities
12:00 pm CST – Lunch in the Capitol Café – 1:00 pm CST Board Meeting

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: Urlacher and Moreno were presenting at the Belfield Junior High Ag Ed Day.

The meeting was called to order by Fideldy-Doll at 1:00pm. Roll call was called by Fideldy-Doll.

Secretary's Report:

The secretary's minutes were reviewed. Hansen moved; Pastir second the motion to approve the minutes from the 8.08.21 meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: As of 11/15/2021

Checking: \$212,598.73 Savings: \$0 Investment: \$294,148.51 Accounts Receivable:
Aged Debtor's List: 0-30 days: \$15,517.00; 31-60 days: \$0.00; 61-90 days: \$2,260.00; >90 days: \$25.00
 Over \$60,000.00 still needs to be paid for (National Convention, AET, Dues to National FFA)
 Moved by Leier; second by Allen to approve the treasurers report as of 11/15/21. Motion passed.

State Officer Report – Kuhn:

Since our last meeting the school season has started and is fully underway which has led our team to wonderful opportunities. In September our officer team helped run Range Judging which was a learning experience for those who have not participated in that event before. In October our team helped run District leadership, which showed us all the work and dedication needed for our competitive events to run smoothly. In October our team served as delegates at the National FFA Convention where we advocated and voted in ND interest across a

variety of issues and suggestions before the body. Since school started our team has had a variety of chapter visits across the state where we have put on workshops and interacted with members. Our team looks forward to the rest of the year beginning with State LDE day on Monday.

Standing Committee Reports: Committee Work Conducted at 10:00 am

a. Written Applications & SAE:

Recommend transitioning to use the Program of Activities in AET for 2022. Each chapter would be expected to complete the POA in AET and submit to state office by October 15. Recommend removing the officer books from being submitted at District Leadership in 2022. Recommend the officer books submitted at State Convention will be on probation in 2022 as it does not meet the minimum number of individuals. As per state policy, if a minimum of 30 individuals do not submit books in each area in 2022, a motion will be placed before the delegates in 2023 to discontinue officer books as an event at State FFA Convention.

Moved by Pastir to approve the Written Applications & SAE Committee Report. Kuhn second the motion. Motion Passed.

b. CDE:

Livestock: Update language regarding six classes: Classes may consist of Beef, Sheep, Swine, or Market Goats. Classes could be Breeding or Market. Performance data could be used. Change the test resources and content. Agronomy: No changes recommended for 2022 – Form a Committee during the 2022 season to review as the season progresses. Potentially meet one or two Saturdays at the Winter CDEs. State Convention: Discussed forming a committee to relieve some of the responsibilities for NDSU with the Agriculture Technology and Mechanical Systems. Horse Evaluation: NDSU suggests ND FFA follows the National FFA Rules to open the options for class offerings. Greenhand Quiz: Recommend updating questions for the Greenhand Quiz resources pages in the FFA Student Handbook to pages 1-53. Conduct of Chapter Meetings: Reviewed proposals submitted by Rick Vannett. More discussion will need to occur after state LDE day for Conduct of Chapter Meetings and Parliamentary Procedure handbook reviews. Discussed increasing the Courtesy Corps members per chapter at state convention to three members. More Courtesy Corps members are needed to reset (align chairs, pick-up garbage, place reserve seating placards out, etc.) the convention hall after every convention session.

Hansen moved to approve the CDE Committee Report. Curdy second the motion. Motion Passed.

c. Finance: Did Not Meet – No Report

d. Events/Activities:

FFA Camp Dates were discussed for late June or the first week of August. Suggested the FFA Camp Committee submit details (registration, agenda, curriculum, etc.) to the state office by 2/15/22 for approval and review before releasing info to advisors by 3/1/22.

NDSF Livestock Show:

The committee does not recommend a joint FFA and 4-H Livestock Show in 2022 because there is not enough time to research the topic and implement if the decision is to move forward. Recommends FFA meet with 4-H to discuss for future years. Items to consider. Judging guidelines and methodology are not the same for showmanship, so a new manual/guide would have to be created. Ribbons/placing system differs between organization, creating confusion for premiums. A combined showed could limit student entries - some kids show in both shows so they can enter more animals.

NDSF Premiums:

The committee recommends the removal of the tractor operator sweepstake points since it is not an exhibit and is a competitive event. Instead, the event should be treated similarly to a CDE with gold, silver, and bronze awards, a baby bison and traveling trophy. The committee recommends the premium booklet be updated to reflect changes to premiums to a flat rate for livestock and static and remove all current factors for premium payout. The committee recommends keeping the drawing for chapters accumulating over 5,000 points.

LDE Day:

Suggested dates as November 15 or October 17 at the ND State Capitol and Heritage Center.

VanBerkom moved to accept the Events/Activities Committee report. Zingg second the motion. Motion Passed.

e. Policy:

Recommended that chapters who register will not be allowed to participate in the FFA event/activity, unless there is a catastrophic event and will be handled on an individual basis by the state office staff. Put in a grace period for non-funded/approved ND CTE programs to regain funding/approval. If they do not, the FFA Chapter Charter is revoked. Recommended that to be a FFA member, a member needs to be enrolled in the local Agricultural Education program.

Curdy moved to accept the Policy Committee report. Pastir second the motion. Motion Passed.

Old Business: None

New Business:

a. Committee Action Items:

Hansen moved to submit the Program of Activities in the AET starting in 2022. Each chapter would be expected to complete the POA in AET and submit it to the state office by October 15. Lee second the motion. Motion passed.

Hansen moved to remove the chapter officer books from being submitted at District Leadership starting in 2022. Beth second the motion. Motion passed.

Hansen moved FFA chapter officer books submitted at State Convention will be on probation in 2022 as it does not meet the minimum number of individuals. As per state policy, if a minimum of 30 individuals do not submit books in each office in 2022, a motion will be placed before the delegates in 2023 to discontinue chapter officer books as an event at State FFA Convention. Pastir second the motion. Discussion occurred for and against. Motion Passed.

Leier moved for the Livestock Evaluation CDE to consist of six classes of livestock: Beef, Sheep, Swine, or Meat Goats. Classes will be Breeding or Market. Performance data could be used. Eliminate the domestication unit from the test and remove the odd/even year rotation and use the units pertaining to Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Goats in the designated resource. Eight-minute time limit for non-reason classes with flexibility to increase the time when a market lamb class is used to allow for handling of the lambs. Gallagher second the motion. Motion Passed.

Leier moved that the state office form a committee to review the Agronomy CDE. Kuhn second the motion. Motion Passed.

Leier moved that state office form a committee to review the Agricultural, Technology and Mechanical Systems CDE to focus on which parts of the CDE could be handled by NDSU, secondary agricultural education teachers, or others. Pastir second the motion. Motion Passed.

Leier moved to update the Horse Evaluation CDE by adding Horsemanship and Trail as options and identify/post the patterns prior to the event. Eliminate Western Riding and the Team Activity event. Okke second the motion. Motion Passed.

Leier moved to increase the maximum number of Courtesy Corps members from two members to three members per chapter and re-evaluate the numbers after FFA State Convention. Lee seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Leier moved to update the Greenhand Quiz Handbook to state that the questions for the Greenhand Quiz will originate from pages 1-53. Kuhn second the motion. Motion passed.

Zahradka moved to utilize the previous formed FFA Camp committee to establish FFA Camp guidelines under the direction of the state office. Kuhn second the motion. Motion Passed.

Zahradka moved to remove the Tractor Operator Sweepstake Points from the point calculation at the NDSF. Lee second the motion. Motion Passed.

Zahradka moved to update the NDSF premiums to a flat premium rate per point awarded for static, static-livestock, and livestock. The premium rate is finalized based on dollars available. Kuhn second the motion. Motion Passed.

Curdy moved that the date for LDE day be moved to the third Monday of October for five years. Allen second the motion. Discussion occurred for and against. Motion Failed.

VanBerkom moved that a survey be created by the state office to collect feedback for future LDE dates. Lee second the motion. Motion Passed.

Leier moved that FFA registration deadlines for FFA Activities and Events be established. If registration or materials are late, chapters will not be eligible to participate. The state office has the discretion to work with unique situations. Okke second the motion. Motion Passed.

Okke moved that to be a chartered ND FFA chapter a school must have and 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.

VanBerkom moved that the state office write up a policy for ND FFA membership and present at the March meeting. Okke second the motion. Motion Passed.

b. State Range Judging Review: Fideldy-Doll/Kleven

- i. Location Reeder. Event Host was the Scranton FFA. Did not have some cards due to a miscommunication with 4-H. Advisors/Teachers: 15; Members: 87; Supporters/Judges: 5; Total Attendance: 107. Hansen stated the last couple of years have limited ND's opportunities for FFA members without a national event.

- c. District Leadership Review: Fidely-Doll/Kleven Results are on the FFA website. Do we need to review the need for registration? What is the ideal date for the registration to be due? Advisors be sure to work with members to fill out judging card scantrons. Total Attendance was 1,466 people.

District	Advisors/Teachers	Students	Supporters/Judges
1	11	202	30
2	15	141	22
3	12	118	15
4	10	93	11
5	14	154	11
6	10	142	13
7	18	198	19
8	14	169	24

- d. National Convention Review: Fidely-Doll stated ND represented well without behavior problems. Teams: 8 golds, 5 silvers, 1 bronze; 8 Teams in the Top 10; Individuals: 38 golds, 41 silvers, and 27 bronze; 11 Individuals in the Top 10. ND FFA shared with National FFA to not continue the pre-qualifying of state winning teams to become eligible to participate at the National Convention. ND determines the state winner, the winner automatically advances to participate in person and not required to qualify through a virtual qualifier event.
- e. State LDE Day: Fidely-Doll reported that LDE Day will be held November 22nd at the ND State Capitol and ND Heritage Center. Anticipated attendance is approximately 257 students, 49 advisors, and 38 judges. Schedule is posted on the FFA website with portions of the day open to the public.
- f. Winter Leadership Conference: Fidely-Doll reported registration is open. Refer to the FFA website for details. Registration closes on December 1. Winter Leadership Conference will be held January 8-9, 2022 at the Ramkota Hotel and the Bismarck Event Center. Estimated attendance: 1100. Conferences held included: 101 (grades 7th-9th), Blue (grades 10-11), Gold (grades 11-12), and Aspire (grades 12 – interested in being a state FFA officer).
- g. Winter CDEs: Fidely-Doll reported Winter CDEs are scheduled for March 21, 2022 in Minot held at the NDSF grounds. Anticipated attendance is 500+ (was 532 in 2021).
- h. Other: None

FFA Foundation Report – Allen:

Annual ND FFA Foundation meeting and Annual Election of Board of Directors occurred this week. 92 National FFA Convention travel stipends were awarded at \$250.00. LEAD is the acronym for a new group/organization for FFA Foundation Directors across the USA. A ND FFA Foundation Semi-Formal GALA will be held in Fargo in November 2022 for adults only to serve as a FFA Foundation Fundraiser. Only one Trade Union left as a STAR Partner. They want access to students only and not any extra items/benefits of a STAR. Unique advertising is happening with BEK Communications. A TV add will run starting on December 1 during “Trent on the Loose”, a new program on BEK TV. The FFA Foundation is advertising in the 2022 ND

Agricultural Magazine. 374 applications for the Blue Jackets Bright Futures Program. \$17,500.00 received to support the program. A fundraising campaign will launch in the FFA Foundation magazine summer issue and recognize the 20-year anniversary of state officer teams. The campaign will continue each year and serve as a fundraiser for the current FFA state officer team expenses. Allen will be reaching out to stakeholders to determine the use of Foundation dollars for current and future programs. FFA Camp was brought up by Ben VanBerkom who was elected to the Foundation Board at the meeting as a donor/sponsor representative. Ben VanBerkom requested that the FFA Camp go under the FFA Foundation, but the FFA Foundation Board directed that for liability reasons, the camp should not be under the FFA Foundation. Ben VanBerkom requested funds to support FFA Camp. The FFA Foundation Board approved \$2,500.00 to FFA Camp for 2022.

Discussion occurred by the FFA Association Board of Directors regarding FFA Camp.

The FFA Camp was not approved for 2022 and direction was not given by current state staff to solicit dollars for FFA Camp and for developing a separate FFA Camp entity. The FFA Camp committee structure needs to be evaluated. The committee needs to put a plan in place for 2022, as discussed earlier in the meeting. The FFA Camp committee will work with the state office.

Next Meeting Date & Location:

March 22, 2022 at 4:00pm CST meeting via Microsoft Teams. Committees were directed to complete work prior to the meeting.

Announcements:

None

Adjourn:

Zingg moved to adjourn, Pastir second the motion. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:27 pm.