

ND FFA Association Board of Directors Minutes
Friday, June 7, 2024 – 1:00 pm CST
15th Floor Conference Room – State Capitol & Microsoft Teams

Members Present

Nikki Fideldy–Doll, State Advisor	Ty MacDonald, FFA President
Jeremy Carkuff, Dist. 1 (via Teams)	Jack Stoppleworth, FFA Secretary
Amanda Huettl, Dist. 2	Ian Dukart FFA Vice President
JoDee Free, Dist. 3	Anna Hauge, FFA Treasurer
Callahan Lemar, Dist. 4	Annaliese Rauschenberger, FFA Reporter
Jeff Bjugstad, Dist. 5	Ryan Slaubaugh, FFA Sentinel
Missy Hansen, Dist. 6	Ireland Watterud, FFA Parliamentarian
Bill Zingg, Dist. 7	Beth Allen, FFA Foundation
David Leier, Dist. 8	Laiken DeMorrett, FFA Foundation

1. Call Meeting to Order

Fideldy–Doll called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. CST.

2. Roll Call

Fideldy–Doll conducted roll call.

3. Secretary’s Minutes 03.21.2024

It was moved by Watterud, seconded by Slaubaugh, to approve the 03.21.24 minutes as presented. Motion passed.

4. Treasurer’s Report

Fideldy–Doll gave the treasurer’s report. She reported that as of 05.21.24 the FFA checking account had \$430,835.27; Edwards Jones account had \$303,229.22 and there were no chapters past 90 days due with bills.

Allen moved to accept the treasurer’s report as read, seconded by Dukart. Motion passed.

5. State Officer Report: MacDonald

MacDonald reported that the State Officer team has been busy traveling across the state, attending numerous spring banquets. This year they had 62 banquet requests and were able to fulfill 58 of those requests. In the entirety of the year, they also had a total of 36 chapter visit requests, and were able to fulfill 30 of those requests.

He reported that this past week was a busy one for his team as they helped to run all of the sessions at State Convention. It was a fun week of interacting with

members, handing out awards and playing hug-roulette with Mrs. Hanson. He thanked to all who helped make it go so smoothly. His team is very appreciative of the opportunity to serve in the capacity of state officers this past year. He thanked the Board of Directors for their hard work and making it possible for them to have a successful year.

6. Foundation Report: Allen

Allen reported that the FFA Foundation Store did over \$10,000 of sales during State FFA Convention in two days. The banquet was well attended with over 430 people in attendance. The college and career fair had over 58 vendors in attendance even with the switch to Memorial Union due to the rain. The Foundation received \$20,000 from Alliance Pipeline, and most of the money will be used during PDC in August. They will be providing planners for all teachers 0-5 years in teaching along with others who would like them. The Foundation is working to decide how they will do Blue Jacket distribution with the change in District Leadership events. The Foundation is working with National FFA to see the best way to do this. Allen reported that this would be her last meeting, and Laiken DeMorrett will be attending the future board meetings as the new Executive Director.

7. Standing Committee Reports

a. Written Applications & SAE

Hansen stated that the POA Committee met on May 13th, 2024. The board discussed reviewing the State Degree Handbook and the State Star Application. They would like to see the State Program of Activities at each November meeting to approve, and then see the final State Program of Activities at the June meeting. They suggest keeping all the POA requirements for chapters the same in 2024-2025.

Stoppeworth moved to approve the Written Applications Committee Report, Watterud seconded, and the motion passed.

b. CDE

The CDE Committee met on May 15th, 2024 and discussed Food Science, Tractor Driving, a Land Judging Card and Chapter of the Day Points. There will be motions made on the changes in New Business. There has been discussion about Ag Mechanics, but they are wanting to wait until they have more details.

Leier moved to approve the CDE Committee Report, Watterud seconded, motion passed.

c. Finance

Free reported that the Finance Committee has heard good feedback on the latest dues proposal. The committee feels confident that it is the best dues model that has been presented.

The committee also reviewed the 2024-2025 budget, which will be voted on in new business.

Huettl moved to approve the Finance Committee Report, Leier seconded, and the motion passed.

d. Events/Activities

Huettl reported that the Events & Activities Committee met and locked in dates for Winter CDEs through 2029. 2030 could change due to the calendar changing. Lemar also reported that District 4 would have their District Leadership on December 10th.

Watterud moved to accept the report, MacDonald seconded, and the motion passed.

e. Policy

Leier reported that the Policy Committee met on May 14th, 2024. The committee would like to see all board meetings in person. They would also like to look at the Board of Directors Policy Manual to ensure it is up to date and outline how the new FFA State Staff Position will be handled. They also will review the CDE/LDE Rules and the General Rules to check for duplication. They committee will review the Constitution and Bylaws with the goal of having it prepared for the delegate body to vote on at State Convention. They would also like to change the LDE deadline to August 15th.

Hansen moved to accept the report, Slaubaugh seconded, motion passed.

f. 2024 ND FFA State Convention Delegate Committee Report

The Delegate Committee Reports were given to the board to review.

- i. The Auditing Committee recommend that state dues remain at \$6 for 2024-2025 year. We also recommend that chapters continue to look into affiliation models and how we can achieve it by the year 2027 goal.
- ii. The FFA Week Interactions Committee recommends that the association makes it easier to request State Officers and increases the advertising

they do about State Officer Visits. The committee would like to see the FFA Week Implementation Guide sent to the chapter officers instead of just to advisors. Overall, finding ways to make sharing chapter FFA Week activities easier and more visible to others as well.

- iii. The Non-Competitive Events Committee suggests the following actions: That marketing is increased for FFA camp, there are regional buses to help students get to camp, and to add CDE and speaker workshops to the schedule. For the Fall Leadership Conference, we would recommend diversifying speakers, and adjust the time held to allow younger members to have time to sign up. Lastly, additionally Non-Competitive Events for members to try contests informally with activities and other noncompetitive events.
- iv. The action recommended by the SAE Recognition & Promotion committee is as follows: Have the state association request two members from different chapters nominate a member to spotlight Supervised Agricultural Experiences on social media each week. Create testimonial videos or slides from previous grant recipients to display at events such as Fall Leadership. Add a beginner and advanced division to Supervised Agricultural Experiences, so that participants can be recognized or awarded for their hard work, and not be overshadowed by older and more developed SAE's.
- v. The State Officer Interactions committee came to the conclusion that they would like to recommend the following actions: Create a drop-down or suggestion box on the state officer request form where advisors can choose a workshop or activity that state officers can do at a chapter visit, or create a state officer request form for members of the public and post the link to the state officer request form on social media to better inform the members on what is available. Post information on topics that state officers have developed workshops for, and when advisors want a certain workshop to be given, they have the option to request the officer that facilitates that workshop. Add a virtual option for state officer visits or have state officers reach out to chapters that have not been visited. Give more information to advisors on how to request a state officer and what state officers might do at a chapter visit.
- vi. The State Program of Activities Committee recommends that examples/templates for chapter Program of Activities to be created, tutorials on how to fill out the POA on AET, reports on the success or

failure of State POA activities be provided to the State Program of Activities Committee in the future, and star chapter awards to recognize good POA's in the state.

- vii. The Transparent Communication Committee recommends first that an effort be made to make the ND FFA Website easier to navigate for students, with a worksheet made available to teach younger members where information can be located within the webpage. A second recommendation was made, suggesting that the FFA Association utilize the Remind app, to connect with chapter presidents rather than having all information passed through advisors.

8. Old Business:

- a. There was no old business.

9. New Business:

a. Standing Committee Reports:

i. Written Applications & SAE

ii. CDE

1. Hansen moved that if there is a tie in the Tractor Driving Contest, it will not be broken and both students will earn first place, receive a baby bison and the \$250 award. Zingg seconded. The motion passed.
2. Leier moved that the Chapter of the Day points for Conduct of Chapter Meeting be changed to 9 points for Gold, 6 points for Silver, and 3 points for Bronze. Huettl seconded. The motion passed.
3. Leier moved that Chapter of the Day points for Advanced Quiz is changed to 6 points for Gold, 4 points for Silver, and 2 points for Bronze. Watterud seconded. Motion passed.
4. Huettl moved that point values be removed from the Officers of the Day for Conduct of Chapter Meeting and Parliamentary Procedure for the Chapter of the Day calculation at District Leadership. There would still be Officers of the Day recognized, but their chapter would not receive points. Lemar seconded. Motion passed.
5. Free moved that districts are responsible for providing their own ribbons for Officers of the Day for Conduct of Chapter Meetings and

Parliamentary Procedure if they choose to give them out. Leier seconded. Motion passed.

iii. Finance

The was moved by Hansen to approve the 2024-2025 budget. Free noted that we should change the budget to reflect a \$2,300 income from Foundation sponsorship or whatever that amount may be. She also recommended adding \$10,800 to the equipment budget for two new scantron machines. Fidely-Doll noted the Service Project line will be removed since that has been absorbed by Leadership Conference. Zingg seconded the motion. Motion passed.

iv. Events/Activities

No action items.

v. Policy

Leier moved to change the deadline for LDE changes to August 15th. MacDonald seconded. Motion passed.

b. State Star Tour Review

Fidely-Doll was very impressed by the Star Tour and enjoyed her time with the judges. We had 14 candidates this year.

c. American Star Submission Review

Fidely-Doll said that Ethan Arnold from the Harvey FFA Chapter has been nominated to be an American Star Farmer and Kirsten Boehm from the Richland 44 FFA Chapter has been nominated to be an American Star in Agriscience. Both names have been approved for the American Degree by the state office and forwarded on to the National FFA Organization for review.

d. State Proficiency Judging, National Chapter, Food for America Review

Fidely-Doll reviewed state proficiency applications. She said that there were 25 applications moving forward to nationals.

Fidely-Doll shared that there were ten National Chapter applications this year.

Fidely-Doll said that Food for America had six chapters submit applications. All chapters were recognized on stage at State Convention and Finley-Sharon was the winner

e. State Horse Evaluation CDE Review

Fideldy-Doll congratulated Medina for being the state champion for Horse Evaluation. This event took place on May 7 at NDSU. Fideldy-Doll mentioned that 4-H mentioned working together for Horse Evaluation and a few other events, but our contests are different, so this would take work to make sure all the details are worked out far enough in advance. This was referred on to the CDE Committee to look into.

f. State Convention Review

Fideldy-Doll said that State Convention student attendance was 1,164. This does not include special registrations. The attendance was a record number. There were 116 advisors/adults in attendance. Space continues to be an issue in Benston Bunker Field House. There are conversations about where we might be able to move to, but they are in the beginning stages.

There were recommendations to change the Screening Committee process. Allen moved to refer reviewing the Screening Committee process to a special committee of 5 and the power to report back to the board with recommendations. Watterud seconded. Motion passed.

Committee members are David Leier, JoDee Free, Jeff Bjugstad, Callahan Lemar, and Ty MacDonald. David Leier will be the chair.

Board members provided their feedback on the 2024 State Convention.

g. National FFA Convention CDEs/LDEs Declarations

Fideldy-Doll said that information will be sent out on the listserv this week to notify everyone that if they had a state winning individual or team that they would need to notify her by June 16 if they would be going or not to nationals. If the winning chapter is unable to attend, then the second-place individual/team is eligible to go.

h. NDSF Advisor Assignments, FFA Exhibits & FairEntry

Fideldy-Doll reported that information has been sent out. A reminder for people to do their Advisor Assignments and fair entries.

i. Land Judging & Range Judging

Fideldy-Doll said that Land Judging will be held from August 1st in Rolla. Range Judging will be from September 19th in Tioga.

j. August Board Meeting-Election of Officers & Committee Assignments
(Includes Designation of Committee Chairs)

Fideldy-Doll reminded board members that election of officers and committee assignments will take place at the August 4th board meeting.

Colby Steeke will take over for David Leier in District 8.

Bill Zingg will stay on for another term.

10. FFA Camp Report

Lemar reported that the committee is wanting to include a bussing option for students to help them get to camp. Fideldy-Doll would like to see the bussing options before they are finalized and see the contracts. Huettl added that this was an interest by the delegate committee at State Convention, but was a recommendation for 2025.

11. Next Meeting Date & Location:

The board will meet on Sunday, August 4, 2024, at 2:00 pm at the 15th Floor CTE Conference Room in the State Capitol. Committee work will need to occur prior to August 4.

12. Adjourn:

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 4:10PM.