

**ND FFA Association Board of Directors
Minutes**

June 1, 2020 Committee Work 10:00 am – Board Meeting 11:00 am CST Zoom Meeting:

Members/Directors:

Aaron Anderson, State Advisor	Brent Arndt, Dist. 4	Benjamin Van Berkom, FFA President
Craig Kleven, State Exec. Sec.	Breana Bregel, Dist. 5	Christina Bingham, FFA Secretary
Thomas Winders, FFA Foundation	Brian Schneider, Dist. 6	Anna Stoppleworth, FFA Vice President
Ben Curdy, Dist. 1	Mike Kamrath, Dist. 7	Mikayla Wolfe, FFA Treasurer
Lance Van Berkom, Dist. 2	David Leier, Dist. 8	Madeliene Nichols, FFA Sentinel
Kasey Okke, Dist. 3		Hannah Remington, FFA Parliamentarian

Officers:

President	Aaron Anderson
Vice President	Brian Schneider
Secretary	Craig Kleven
Treasurer	Mike Kamrath

Standing Committees:

Written Applications & SAE	Brian Schneider, Kasey Okke, Ben Van Berkom
CDEs	David Leier, Lance Van Berkom, Breana Bregel, Christina Bingham, Madeliene Nichols, Craig Kleven
Finance	Aaron Anderson, Mike Kamrath, Mikayla Wolfe, Tommy Winders
Events/Activities	Aaron Anderson, Brent Arndt, Ben Curdy, Anna Stoppleworth, Hannah Remington, Ben Van Berkom
Policy	Aaron Anderson, Craig Kleven, Brian Schneider, Mike Kamrath, Ben Van Berkom

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson at 10:35 am.

Roll call by Anderson.

Secretary's Report:

The secretary's minutes were reviewed. Schneider moved; Bingham seconded to approve the minutes from 05.1.20 meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: As of 05/28/2020

Checking: \$ 186,065.48 Savings: \$0.00 Investment: \$ 205,998.79 Accounts Receivable: \$5,834.00

Aged Debtor's List: No Report:

0-30 days: \$0.00 31-60 days: \$338.00 61-90 days: \$1,062.00 >90 days: \$4,434.00

Arndt moved, Leier second to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

State Officer Report:

B. Van Berkom reported the state officers have implemented a large social media campaign the last couple of months. The focus has been on a senior and SAE spotlight, plus trivia night. Virtual convention, writing scripts, making videos and editing has consumed the last month. The current state officers will drive to the new state officer's home on Thursday to record a video announcing the new state officers and place a sign in their yard.

Standing Committee Reports:

Written Applications & SAE:

Officer Book Rubrics – POA difference between AET and non AET. Plan is to go through the rubrics prior to the August meeting.

CDE:

Parliamentary Procedure: Need to source/develop a new state guide. David Leier reached out to the National Coordinator. They would be willing to work with ND. National Coordinator referenced Shane Dunbar guides should not be used as the official guide because Roberts Rules of Order should be used. Does ND utilize Shane Dunbar's guides? David Leier will reach out to Shane Dunbar regarding the status of the guide and resources. If there is one, David will share with Craig and maybe order a few copies for the board meeting in August for review.

Land judging numbers may be lower than average this summer. May be hard to do and need to consider combining with Range for 2020.

Kleven will send out a survey to advisors asking for input on the following:

State Convention Group B: Talent, Courtesy Corps, Agricultural Communications, Farm & Agribusiness Management, Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems (Basic, Intermediate and Advanced), Nursery & Landscape, and Floriculture. Effective April 1, 2021 Land Judging Effective 2021: Two months prior to event Range Judging Effective 2021: Two months prior to event

Finance: Audit will be conducted prior to the August meeting.

Events/Activities: Reviewed FFA Camp discussion. Discuss later in the agenda. Discussed District Leadership potential changes of not hand shaking, not handing out awards, possibly no Greenhand Quiz and Quiz events to limit numbers to follow CDC guidelines. This is all discussion this point in time. Reviewed how Land and Ranging Judging could look in August & September to follow CDC guidelines.

Policy: No Report

Old Business:

- a. FFA Camp Committee: B. Van Berkom shared that all the United Methodist Camps at Wesley Acres have been canceled for 2020. FFA camp is an outside entity and could be held if FFA followed all social distancing guidelines. The deposit can be rolled into 2021 and no charges in 2020. Can we social distance? Is there more risk in signing up students and then canceling it? Get hopes up and then cancel? Another thing taken away. Is Land and Range judging an option to ease back into FFA events? Is it best to start a new event (camp) in 2021 instead of 2020? Will members sign up with the possibility of restricted attendance? How will parents react?

Schneider moved to postpone the 2020 camp to 2021. Second my Wolfe. Motion passed.

- b. Revised ND FFA Association General Rules and Guidelines: Kleven reviewed the revised ND FFA Association General Rules and Guidelines. Leier moved to approve the revised ND FFA Association General Rules and Guidelines. Arndt second the motion. Motion passed.
- c. Districts responses for proficiency, star, creed, national speaking dollars: Use the dollars as the National FFA has intended. Kamrath moved to keep the payments consistent as in the past for the National FFA dollars. Second by Remington. Motion passed.

New Business:

- a. Degrees, Proficiency Application Judging Review: Advisors expressed the convenience of judging on your own time and not a Sunday. Notes were provided to specific applicants. Negatives by some was there was no face to face to allow discussion and ask questions. The application was truly evaluated

and did not have an advisor present to influence what the proficiency meant. Application had to be completed correctly and sell itself. Districts need to teach and help advisors learn how to evaluate and judge the proficiencies. In the future, districts will be able to judge online. Degrees are still being evaluated and wrapped up. Only 30% of the State Degrees were accepted on the first review and only 4% of the American Degrees were accepted on the first review. The manual checklists and community service guidelines must be used by the advisor and member.

- b. Virtual State FFA Convention Update: Starts on June 1 and videos will be released according to the schedule. State officers have been busy developing videos. Anderson and B. Van Berkom have been busy editing videos.
- c. FFA Members' Annual Dues Payment to the ND FFA Foundation: Averages \$10,000.00 Annually – Review the policy and summary of payments. Anderson shared the history of the how the dues is structured and why the \$2.00 member or 1/3 of the affiliated dues are paid to the ND FFA Foundation. Winders noted the dollars are appreciated because it is an easily budgeted line item for the ND FFA Foundation. A consistent dollar amount helps both entities set budgets. Board agreed that the payment needs to be honored for June 2020. Then evaluate at the next board meeting in person because it will be easier to discuss number. ND FFA Association finalizes budget in August and ND FFA Foundation in November.
- d. ND Review Eligibility Requirements for National CDEs & LDEs: Review the Frequently Asked Questions Document: <https://ffa.app.box.com/s/h136nk3q3kzysacv9ywur07e9i8z47fm> All CDEs & LDEs will not occur at the 2020 National Convention because of COVID-19. ND needs to determine eligibility for participating in the 2021 National FFA Convention CDEs & LDEs at the August board meeting to determine 2020 District Leadership eligibility. Individual events will be easier to send two individuals than trying to bring back college students into a team event. Will schools be okay with the travel liability of college students participating and travel to state events?
- e. Land Judging August 6, 2020 in Dickinson: Board agreed to move forward.
- f. Range Judging in September: Board agreed to move forward.
- g. District FFA Leadership & State LDE Day: Need to have discussions ahead of time with host sites and school administration. Checklist will be utilized for planning of district leadership. Online registration will occur ahead of time.
- h. Board Member Elections/Committee Assignments at the August meeting: Districts two, four, and six are up for reelection. District six is the only district that will need to elect a new board member because Schneider has served six years.

FFA Foundation Report:

Winders reported the convention in a box is moving along with over 1,000 signups. Boxes will be sent out in releases of 250 at a time. Emma Maddock started May 26, 2020 as an intern and works 20 hours/week.

Next Meeting Date & Location:

- a. August 2020 and hold the meeting when/if NDAAE meets in person.

Announcements:

Anderson: Thank You to the 2019-20 FFA State Officer Team for your contribution to the FFA Board of Directors and ND FFA Association.

Board was reminded to review the schedule for the 91st Virtual Convention and join online this week.

Adjourn:

Curdy moved to adjourn, Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:12 pm.