

ND FFA Association Board of Directors

Minutes

August 10, 2020: Zoom Board Meeting 10:00 am CST

No committee meetings: Committees will meet later to discuss items below.

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
Thomas Winders, FFA Foundation	Missy Hansen, Dist. 6	Christina Greuel, FFA Treasurer
Ben Curdy, Dist. 1	Mike Kamrath, Dist. 7	Calli Hauck, FFA Reporter
Lance Van Berkom, 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 Berkom, Breana Bregel, Craig Kleven, Breanna Hosman, Jayden McDonald
Finance	Aaron Anderson, Mike Kamrath, Tommy Winders, 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

Absent: Winders and Greuel. Curdy joined during old business agenda item 7.b. Hosman left the meeting during the new business agenda item 8.e.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson at 10:05 am.

Roll call and introductions was called by Anderson. Anderson thanked everyone for attending and representing their district. He explained that everyone on the board has an opinion and vote. He also covered resources on the FFA Board of Directors page on the ndffa.org website.

Secretary's Report:

The secretary's minutes were reviewed. Leier moved; Kamrath seconded to approve the minutes from 06.1.20 meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: As of 08/04/2020

Checking: \$177,494.22 **Savings:** \$0.00 **Investment:** \$222,370.70 **Accounts Receivable:** \$958.00

Aged Debtor's List:

0-30 days: \$0.00 31-60 days: \$0.00 61-90 days: \$0.00 >90 days: \$958.00

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

Anderson shared the updated 2020-21 budget with the board and corrected the typo regarding the AET expense for \$20,000.00 instead of \$2,000.00. July 1 begins the fiscal year. Noted the income dollars are down because the largest revenue generator (State Convention) was not held. FFA Camp is an added expense but plans to break even in year one. National Convention housing will no longer be coordinated by the state office. This is a change in National FFA policy. The budget shows an approximate \$20,000 in deficit spending because of lost revenue.

Kamrath moved; Hosman seconded to approve the 2020-21 budget as presented. Motion passed.

State Officer Report:

Hosman shared the following report: "Good morning, everyone! With the pandemic, our team hasn't had the most traditional experience, but we've definitely been making the most of our situation despite its challenges. We were elected on June 4th, and we experienced base camp training the following week over zoom. Our facilitators were Ethan Dado and Trey Elizondo. With them, we learned about inclusivity, priorities, ethics, and self-discovery and we also began to get to know each other as a team.

Our next event as a team was the State Officer Summit in which we learned how to properly advocate for agriculture. Over zoom, all of us met hundreds of other officers from around the country and participated in small groups with them.

That same week as a team we participated in our first legislative visit with Senator John Hoeven and he gives his regards to NDFFA. We spoke beforehand with his staffers Aaron Weber and Savannah Block about a few important issues pertaining to agriculture.

This past week, our team was fortunate enough to come together in person for checkpoint 1 training, where we learned about workshop facilitation and effective communication. Ethan Dado was again our facilitator and he video called our team for the training.

Following training, we participated in our very first CDE event which was land judging. We were squad leaders, then we announced awards and assisted in cleaning up after the contest. All of these events were very successful, and we are looking forward to what the rest of our year and state officers will bring."

Standing Committee Reports:

No Reports: Committees did not meet because of the annual meeting, election to the board and committees. Anderson covered the work needed by the committees and meetings will be set up at a later date.

Old Business:

- a. Board Member/Officer Elections and Committee Assignments: Current board members decided to remain on their respective committee assignments. Those committee assignments are reflected on page one with the final committee listing. The new committee members are below.
 1. Vice President: Nominated Leier. Van Berkomp moved to cease nominations and cast unanimous ballot for David Leier. Remington seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 2. Treasurer: Kamrath stated he would continue to serve as Treasurer. Leier moved to cease nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Mike Kamrath to serve as Treasurer. Hosman seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 3. Written Applications: Missy Hansen will serve as the new advisor representative. Caleb Hauck and Calli Hauck will serve as the state officer representatives.
 4. Events and Activities: Molly Zahradka will serve as the new advisor representative. Hannah Remington and Miranda Clarys will serve as the state officer representatives.
 5. CDE Committee: Breanna Hosman and Jayden McDonald will serve as the state officer representatives.

- b. FFA Members' Annual Dues Payment to the ND FFA Foundation: Anderson shared the history of the \$2.00 per member being sent to the Foundation and the dollars exchanged in dues and sponsorships between the two entities. This was to help start the Foundation in the early 1980's. The history of payments was shared with the board. Discussion was held that the membership dues should stay with the association since those were paid by the members for association activities. The only event that generates dollars for the association is state convention and winter leadership.

Kamrath moved to keep the \$2.00 members' dues with the Association and not send to the Foundation. Hosman second the motion. A 2/3 majority vote is required to change the policy in the bylaws. A hand vote was taken. 13 in favor and one opposed. Motion passed.

New Business:

- a. Virtual State FFA Convention Review: Anderson commended the former state officers and state staff for their work. Unique engagement of members and others was higher than the normal virtual engagement during in person convention week. Kleven reported that Anderson and Ben Van Berkom were the diligent people in developing and editing videos.
- b. Land Judging Review: Was held Thursday, August 6, 2020 at the NDSU Extension Research Center in Dickinson. Members and advisors worked well at social distancing and minimized contact points.
- c. Range Judging September 24, 2020: Will be held in the Center, ND area. NDSU has an extensive COVID policy for employees and 4-H members. Any proposals need to be signed by the appropriate administrators. ND FFA will work with NDSU to meet the requirements to hold the event together. This process occurred with land judging.
- d. District FFA Leadership & State LDE Day: Anderson reviewed the detailed District Leadership proposal that was shared with the board prior to the meeting. This includes but not limited to online registration, attendance rosters, judges, events held, event location/facilities, number of participants/LDEs held, masks, limited contact points, awards, meals, etc. The proposal will be a document for advisors to share with their administration and district host sites so they know how District Leadership will be conducted during COVID-19.

Discussion occurred: If the Greenhand Quiz and Quiz is not held or held virtual, "Will there be finger pointing regarding cheating with the quizzes"? Earlier the board approved CDEs to not be held virtual because of authenticity of the events. Maybe these events are the two to try online before trying other CDEs/LDEs. Q-Bank is tied into judging card and could be the platform used to administer the quizzes. Could the Greenhand Quiz go online, and the regular Quiz be limited to three contestants? However, this could add about 33 more members in attendance, granted some are in other events. Can the events be held online and not calculated into the Chapter of the Day points calculation?

Kamrath moved to approve the District Leadership Proposal as presented. The proposal simply stated the quizzes would be virtual or not held. Remington second the motion. Motion passed and the document title is the "District Leadership Plan".

Curdy moved to not count the Greenhand Quiz and Quiz scores towards the Chapter of the Day calculation. Remington seconded the motion. Discussion occurred: "If the scores do not count towards the Chapter of the Day, will the top two chapters still advance to state?" Board concurred that the top two chapters in quiz will move forward to compete at state convention as in the past. Vote taken. Motion passed.

Current rules state that all employment skills job applications are completed at the event site and three copies of each item are turned in at registration. Proposal is that all employment skills items for the event will be submitted online at the time of registration, eliminating the number of contact points,

papers submitted, and space needed to fill out the job application. Most job applications are submitted online, even if they are filled out in person, plus all other supporting material.

Leier moved to suspend the rules and submit all employment skills LDE items online at the time of registration. Hosman seconded the motion. Discussion was held that this would be a good practice for future years. All items for National FFA employment skills are submitted online. Vote taken Motion passed.

- e. Student Waiver Form: Anderson reviewed the new proposed student waiver form. This form updates/addresses the personal conduct and COVID language that the current waiver form does not address. The form would be signed once for the year. Do the participants need to re-sign the COVID addendum prior to each event? The 30 days of acknowledging COVID exposure/high risk areas raises concerns for allowing everyone to participate if ND is deemed high risk by another state. Change all 30 days to 14 days. This will be an FFA form and not a standard state CTSO/CTE form.

Zahradka moved to accept the Student FFA Waiver Form as presented. McDonald seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

- f. Winter Leadership Conference: Need a new name to replace the 212° Conference because that is copyrighted by National FFA. YourNextSpeaker, LLC is contracted.

Okke moved to refer the name change to the Events/Activities committee with the power to act. Leier second the motion. Motion passed. Anderson serves on the committee and will be contacting members in the next couple of weeks.

- g. Board Member Report during NDAAE PDC: No longer needed with PDC becoming virtual last week. Agenda no longer calls for it.
- h. Drake/Anamoose FFA Charter: Entering Second Year of No Teacher: Current association policy states that an FFA Chapter Charter is suspended after 12 months of no agricultural education teacher teaching and operating the program. Van Berkomp moved to suspend the Drake/Anamoose FFA Chapter until an agricultural education teacher/FFA advisor is hired. Remington second the motion. Motion passed.

FFA Foundation Report:

No Report: Winders was not in attendance. Winders is attending graduate school at NDSU this fall and has resigned as the FFA Foundation Executive Director, effective August 24, 2020.

Next Meeting Date & Location:

Friday, November 20, 2020 in Bismarck at 3:30. In person preferred and online option will be available.

Announcements:

None

Adjourn:

Curdy moved to adjourn, Kamrath seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:38 pm.