

## ND FFA Association Board of Directors Minutes

March 25, 2020; 3:30-6:30 pm CST – Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/204820138>

### 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	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, 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 3:34 pm.

Anderson discussed the agenda and process for the meeting.

Introduction of board members and roll call by Anderson.

### **Secretary's Report:**

The secretary's minutes were reviewed. Kamrath moved, Bingham second to approve the minutes from 11.22.19 meeting. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report:** As of 03/19/2020

**Checking:** \$ 156,373.30 **Savings:** \$0.00 **Investment:** \$ 215,077.34 **Accounts Receivable:** \$34,153.00  
**Aged Debtor's List:** **No Report:** 0-30 days: 31-60 days: 61-90 days: >90 days:

B. Van Berkom moved, Remington second to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

### **State Officer Report:**

B. Van Berkom stated that a senior FFA member spotlight will occur on Sunday and Wednesday through the rest of the school year. SAE Spotlight virtual tour/interviews will occur and be featured on Social Media. Options are being explored for possible trivia nights to engage members through social media platforms.

## **Standing Committee Reports:**

### **Written Applications & SAE:**

Officer Book Rubrics – POA difference between AET and non AET. – No Report

### **CDEs:**

Kleven reported no changes were made to the Small Animal Care CDE. Updates have been made to the CDE guides and posted on ndffa.org. State Convention CDE guides are now individualized by the CDE and are no longer in one guide/document. All CDE/LDE guides will transition to this format. Guides are posted by the FFA event on ndffa.org. The goal is to eventually revamp the entire FFA website to a completely new design.

On March 4, 2020 the board received by email the proposed Agriscience Fair changes. B. VanBerkom moved to accept the proposed Agriscience Fair event changes. Leier seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Parliamentary Procedure: Need to source a new guide. Was not discussed.

**Finance:** No Report

**Events/Activities:** No Report

**Policy:** No Report

### **Old Business:**

- a. Edward Jones Investment Accounts: Establish Strategic Planning Committee no action
- b. FFA Camp Committee: L. Van Berkomp, Curriculum and Facilitation August 7-9, 2020; 90 students plus counselors/presenters. Next step is to setup curriculum, presenters (former state officers), registration link, sponsors, costs, \$2,000 deposit was sent to Wesley Acres. Targeted age group is younger members, but open to Juniors and Seniors. Currently working on registration details. Need to release details very soon before school is out.
- c. NDSF FairEntry: Kleven provided that a test group of advisors is needed to begin entering exhibits on April 1. There is a tremendous amount of setup in the system, but next year should be minimal compared to this year. The state office will need to generate the PDF document to print the exhibit tags and share the file with the advisor to print their chapter tags. Only advisors will be able to enter their chapter exhibits and not individual students. The FFA membership roster will not be able to be uploaded this year, but FairEntry is work on for future years, but is not likely. Advisors will need to enter the name and addresses of each student but can enter the school address for each student or use the FFA roster to copy their physical address. Since the NDSF issues one check to the chapter, the school address can be used. The address is a requirement in FairEntry since the system is setup to receive entry fees and issue checks/payments directly from the system. The first year of entering exhibits will be new for everyone since there has not been a change in the process of entering exhibits for many years. Bregel asked about training for entering the exhibits and due dates. There will be a PDF file of how to enter exhibits and training at a later date for superintendents.
- d. ND FFA Association General Rules and Guidelines: Review & Update: No Report
- e. Districts responses for proficiency, star, creed, national speaking dollars: No Report

### **New Business:**

- a. Winter Leadership Review: Reviewed the results. Blue and Gold Conference was well received. Gold conference helped members decide if they wanted to run for state office. Anderson asked if the board wanted to proceed with moving away from 212 conference programing with National

- FFA and adopt YourNextSpeaker for the replacement of 212 and continue with Blue through YourNextSpeaker. Schneider moved to move 212 to the YourNextSpeaker platform and develop a name at a later date. Motion seconded by Wolfe. Motion Passed.
- b. FFA Crops Show Review: Six chapters exhibited. 137 entries total. Down nine entries from 2019. Costs for the day, Anderson and Kleven's time and no state officers this year because the Sheyenne Valley FFA provided students to help with processing entries and the NDWS provided a meal. Anderson asked the board's opinion regarding one crop show division and not separate divisions for FFA, 4-H and Open. Just have one show and FFA members could still participate. The board consensus was to move forward with the idea as a proposal for the NDWS crops committee to review for consideration.
- c. The months ahead – strategic vision: Anderson asked the board to share ideas regarding moving forward during the COVID-19 outbreak and school closures. Advisors shared that schools have different directives from administrators as far as traveling and competing in events. Will NDSU close down all activities for the month of June? Districts representatives reported advisors want events to happen but want students, teachers, and volunteers to be safe. Lots of mixed feelings about events. Some want to do something to make it work and do something for the seniors. Kind of hard to figure out which way things will go. Some students have been working on degrees and proficiencies at home. Need to have a backup plan to have some certainty in life. Is it possible for the winter CDE's to average team data from the local events? Figure out who that team is? Other states are considering holding events in an online format. Virtual events: Can everyone agree and be happy that the event is quality and agree upon the outcomes? Winter CDEs have been occurring and time has already been applied compared to the state convention CDEs. If events occur during the summer, what about some teachers without extended contracts or limited extended contracts. Can the winter CDEs be completed by narrowing down the event participation based on the local winter CDEs held? Use local CDEs as a qualifier. Then less judges would be needed. Could chapters that host local winter CDEs, host individual state CDEs? Can other locations and facilities be used besides NDSU and the NDSF center? Current consensus of the group is to hold winter CDEs at state convention. If not possible, consider the NDSF. Consensus of the board was to make a positive decision by April 15 regarding state convention and ultimately the NDSU safety office may cancel campus activities beyond May 15 and make the decision about state convention. Consensus is to stay in the current holding pattern until after Easter.
- d. Winter CDEs, Alternative Options: Discussed under section c. Board members need to visit with their districts about trying to hold at state convention or other locations such as during the NDSF. (Example: Livestock at the NDSF, Agronomy at Bismarck, etc.) How would school administrators handle or approve travel to several individual state events at various locations? How taxing would that scenario be on advisors, members and parents?
- e. State Horse Event April 17: UM has cancelled all campus events for the semester. NDSU expressed concerns about not hosting the event this year and would like another opportunity to host. State convention could be an option. Board shared that their districts wanted to hold horse and winter CDEs at state convention. Advisors have connections in the horse industry, and this CDE could be hosted at another location in ND.
- f. Proficiency Judging on April 5 Postponed to May 1. Nationals has pushed back due dates. Options to Judge: Some districts met on Zoom to discuss how to judge districts proficiency applications. Some districts are meeting in late April to decide the district winners. Districts will be judging online, if need be, through AET. State judging will need a large amount of people to judge

proficiencies online. Details and format will be shared later in April. Possibilities are being explored for electronic opportunities through AET and options are being established for availability the first week of April. How are the state plaques awarded? Are plaques needed to be handed out at the convention? The new state deadline will not allow for time to judge, order and receive plaques. Additionally, with the “shelter in place” governor mandates in many states, such as Ohio, the FFA Distribution Center is closed. Plaques will be provided to advisors at a later date. Districts will need to submit the names and award area winners to the state office.

- g. American & State Degrees new due date May 1: Please submit earlier if possible. State stars should complete the generic star application in addition to the state degree application. Options are being developed with AET for 100% submission and electronic signatures (or waving of them) of State degrees like the American degree. AET is working on details for ND and goal for availability is after the first week of April. Advisors expressed that they can make the new due dates work.
- h. ND STAR Tour Alternatives: State Stars could submit a video summarizing their SAE following selection of finalists instead of the tours. Guided questions would be provided to the finalists. B. Van Berkom moved that State Star finalists submit a video in place of the Star Tour for this year because of the social distancing requirement during the COVID-19 situation. Arndt seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- i. State Convention: National FFA has extended CDE/LDE declarations. If state convention is held as scheduled, consensus of the board is that the May 1 registration deadline is realistic. Is an alternative format with a later date possible if current dates do not work? NDSU has some dates in July and August on a tentative hold, but other entities will be wanting to book their cancelled events, placing pressure on open dates. Convention sessions have been reduced by one session; Wednesday afternoon items have been moved to Tuesday night. Board members need to visit with their districts and see if the four-day schedule should be kept or go to a five-day schedule if winter CDEs and horse is added.

### **FFA Foundation Report:**

Winders reported the SAE application grants have been distributed. 26 total members in ND received \$1,000 towards their SAE: Five from Nationals and 21 from the ND FFA Foundation. If a member receives a National FFA SAE grant, they will not be eligible for a ND FFA Foundation grant in 2020 and moving forward. 12 college scholarship applicants will receive \$1,000 towards college. Ten from ND FFA Foundation and two from Al Giese and ND Community Foundation. Distribution of FFA Jackets at Winter Winder Leadership went well.

### **Next Meeting Date & Location:**

During the current COVID-19 situation, special board meetings will be held on an as needed basis on Wednesdays at 3:30 pm by Zoom. Consensus of the board was to plan to meet after Easter to assess the current situation and discuss state convention, unless a meeting needs to be held sooner.

Arndt moved to hold the next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 8, 2020 at the ND State Capitol in Bismarck. Committee work will begin at 10:00 am. Board meeting will begin at 11:00 am. L. Van Berkom seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Schneider moved to adjourn. Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:33 pm.