

ND FFA Association Board of Directors

Minutes

November 20, 2020 at 3:30 pm CST: Microsoft Teams

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
Beth Allen, 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, Beth Allen, 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: Curdy for the first half.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson at 3:35 pm. Roll call was called by Anderson.

Secretary's Report:

The secretary's minutes were reviewed. Hansen moved; Leier seconded to approve the minutes from 08/10/20 meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: As of 11/18/2020

Checking: \$173,430.90 **Savings:** \$0.00 **Investment:** \$236,002.29 **Accounts Receivable:** \$0.00

Aged Debtor's List: 0-30 days: \$0.00 31-60 days: \$0.00 61-90 days: \$0.00 >90 days: \$0.00

Anderson highlighted the itemized category report from 8/1/2020-11/18/2020. Then reviewed the budget vs. actual report. Noted that it will not be even close because of the COVID pandemic and adjustments to how events operate.

Kamrath moved, Okke second to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

State Officer Report – Hosman:

The State Officer team split in half in order to complete our district leadership contests. Miranda, Jayden, and I took the western half of the state, while Caleb, Hannah, Calli, and Christina took the eastern half of the state. Contests themselves were conducted according to the State's COVID-19 safety protocols, including the wearing of masks except in the case of presenting. Awards ceremonies were offered online and posted to Facebook, while award packets were mailed to chapters.

The officer team also attended the online 93rd national FFA convention. The team stayed at a cabin together in Minnesota and watched all of the convention sessions, and some of us gave radio interviews about the convention. We made videos to introduce each of the sessions for our members and held an Instagram live event in order to engage members throughout convention.

We are planning on meeting in January in Bismarck to discuss plans for a “service in a box” project to bring chapters together during this difficult time. Our team is continuing to toss around ideas on how to engage our members during the pandemic and look forward to future opportunities.

Standing Committee Reports:

Written Applications & SAE: Committee met by Zoom to discuss and decided that the officer book rubrics for district leadership and state convention should be reviewed. AET currently does not have a VP or POA rubric but is considering developing one in 2021.

CDEs: None but noted there are a couple of CDEs that advisors have suggested revisions for.

Finance: None

Events/Activities: Renaming of the Winter Leadership Conferences: 101 Conference (Grades 7-9), Blue Conference (Grades 10-11), Gold Conference (Grades 11-12) and Aspire Conference (State Officer Candidates). Kleven will work with YourNextSpeaker, Inc. to develop appropriate descriptions for the Blue and Gold conferences.

Policy: None

Leier moved; Remington seconded to approve the events/activities report as presented. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- a. FFA Camp Committee Report by Van Berkom: No changes from previous report. Plan to move forward. Credit from last year and will contact Wesley Acres to ensure the camp is open in 2021.
- b. Current Board Policy is no Virtual CDE/LDE competitive state events: Anderson opened up the floor for brainstorming and sharing ideas. If we are going to live in COVID, need to review options for members to participate by moving events online. Wearing masks and close contact has been allowed for events to occur in person. Some events could be held virtually. Tough times we are in and hard to make decisions for virtual vs. in person with the unknowns. Range, Land and District Leadership went well. School administrators were okay with District Leadership because only eight schools or less were participating and they do not like the idea of many schools and statewide attendance. LDEs were delayed and LDEs may be the events to hold online as a smaller trial event. Start selecting CDEs from state convention and hosting online this spring. Qbank has developed resources for CDEs that have been adapted from the National FFA Guidelines. No action taken.

New Business:

- a. State Range Judging Review: Highest participation ever in the joint participation between 4-H and FFA. Went well and members enjoyed the opportunity to participate in person.
- b. District FFA Leadership Review: The reduced numbers and steps in place to minimize risk went well and chapters adapted well. District Five went hybrid about a week before. The participation was lower, but a number of schools were entering quarantine at the time. District Four was happy to participate online but would rather have participated in person. Members noted introducing themselves online, specifically for employment skills, was awkward.
- c. National FFA Virtual Convention Review: Cumbersome to navigate and accesses the platform for the Blue Room, Expo, etc. Chapter officers and members were not engaged and not excited to participate. Surprised there was no keynote address.
- d. American Degree Submission Date: February 15 will be the new state deadline because of National FFA policy and procedures.
- e. Winter Leadership Conference: Virtual Event with \$25.00 registration/member. Deadline to register is

December 1, 2020. The contracted cost with YourNextSpeaker, Inc. is \$5,000.00 and the earlier registration allows for planning purposes. ND State FFA Officers will be involved in the conference delivery. A Community Service Initiative Project is in the very initial planning stages by the state officers. They are meeting January 4-5, 2021 to develop.

- f. State LDE Day: Originally November 23, 2020. Should it move virtually, stay in a holding pattern or move to state convention? All LDEs have been held at state convention in the past and Parli Pro on a different date. Set the Parli Pro date a month in advance for practices to resume. If Winter CDEs can happen, wait until April for Parli Pro to avoid Winter CDEs. For Parli Pro, does a regional qualifier need to be implemented with Districts 3, 4, 5, 6 (east) and 1, 2, 7, 8 (west)? Then have four chapters advance to finals to reduce the number of people and chapters participating in person?

Leier moved to hold all LDEs at state convention except Parli Pro and the state office work with the Parli Pro teams to determine the best time to hold a state Parli Pro event. Bregel seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- g. Winter CDEs – State Event: What will local events look like? Will they be held? To reduce the number in attendance and meet state health department/Governor guidelines, most likely there will need to be a qualifying process for state Winter CDEs. Limit to 45-50 participants/event and keep them isolated to separate event rooms, restrooms and lunch in the NDSF center. Options Presented/Discussed: 1. Qualifier based on data from previous events. 2. Virtual Pre-Qualifier. 3. Entire Virtual Event. 4. Only hold one event per day with reduced numbers and spread out. 5. Could each event (especially agronomy) be held in a regional location and at the same time with the event replicated possibly four times? 6. Could each district or a couple of districts hold a qualifying event? Decided to proceed with the agenda and discuss at the end about meeting in early January to evaluate the COVID environment and plan State Winter CDEs.
- h. State Convention: Planning for in person and realizing it may have to be modified. For 2021 will there need to be qualifying events hosted by the districts to reduce numbers at state convention? COVID is such a factor and state convention is only eight months away, but planning will need to begin soon. What happens to CDEs and LDEs if the current environment continues? Discuss after the first of the year.

FFA Foundation Report:

Allen shared she is really excited in her new Executive Director role. Sponsors are wondering how they can impact this year and want to be able to engage with members, preferable in person. Blue Jackets Bright Futures applications are being judged and results will be released after Thanksgiving. SAE grant application platform will most likely be released from National FFA after December 1, 2020.

Next Meeting Date & Location:

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 3:30 pm CST via Microsoft Teams.

Announcements:

Talking/Discussion points for the State Winter CDE options, Virtual CDEs/LDEs (yes or no), and COVID related items pertinent for discussion prior to the January 13, 2021 board meeting will be emailed to each district representative for discussion with their district.

Adjourn:

Hansen moved to adjourn, Kamrath seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.