

ND FFA Association Board of Directors

Minutes

May 1, 2020 9:00 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 Stoppeworth, 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, Anna Stoppeworth, Hannah Remington, Ben Van Berkom
Policy	Aaron Anderson, Craig Kleven, Brian Schneider, Mike Kamrath, Ben Van Berkom

Absent: Nichols joined at 9:59 am

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson at 9:04 am.

Roll call by Anderson.

Secretary's Report:

The secretary's minutes were reviewed. Schneider moved, Kamrath seconded to approve the minutes from 04.15.20 meeting. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- a. **Progress of Virtual Celebration of Members:** Anderson provided a tentative schedule for each day, June 1-4. Consists of Opening Ceremonies, State Degree Recipients, Star Awards, Proficiency, Talent, Special Recognitions, State Officer Retiring Addresses, and announcement of new FFA State Officers. Plan is to pre-record several events individually and keep the videos short to engage the public and FFA members. All items will be posted on Facebook and the ND FFA YouTube Channel each day.
Winders shared that the ND FFA Foundation is working on a convention in a box. The first 1,000 members who sign up will be provided a box, branded with the state officer team picture, career fair items, t-shirt, and other cool items. FFA advisors be on the look-out for a form to sign-up.
Anderson shared that a note from the FFA State Officer team will be included in the box for seniors, identified by FFA advisors, who would have attended the regular convention.

Anderson asked for board input regarding if June 1-4, 2020 is the 91st state convention or 2021 will be the 91st state convention? There will not be official delegate business. Kamrath noted it is the 91st convention because degrees and awards are still handed out, plus celebration of state officers. Okke and Arndt stated to keep the 91st and note (first virtual). Officers stated 91st should be kept. Bregel, “What are other states doing?” Anderson noted, vast majority of states are still calling it a state convention, and some are calling it a virtual convention. Maybe keep the 91st and place “virtual” in the title. Is 2020 truly the 91st state convention on record? Anderson noted the records prior to the 1960’s is vague. Records are not available to confirm if there was a state convention in 1929 or during WWII. Former State FFA Advisor, Steve Zimmerman spent many hours and days researching the history and that is what was he was able to determine.

Anderson stated that if the board is okay with it, the state officers will determine the title for the week of June 1-4, 2020. No objections.

- b. Hosting CDEs: Do we have any more guidance on large gatherings? Nothing besides what the Governor has provided this week in reopening businesses. National FFA will announce in mid-May to consider which CDEs/LDEs can be held. National FFA is opening housing on June 10 and will also use that to determine the level of interest in attending National Convention. If there is a large immediate demand, that will help make additional decisions. The board decided to wait until the next FFA board of directors meeting to determine hosting CDEs. June is not an option. National FFA will share mid-May which CDEs will occur, plus the Governor will have guidelines on large gatherings and this will help the board decide on CDEs at the June meeting. Some teachers are receiving the go ahead to bring in students during the summer for gardening and SAEs. Schools are following state guidelines for participation in events.
- c. FFA Camp: B. Van Berkom contacted Wesley Acres a couple weeks ago about the status of camps and being able to hold FFA camp. Skeptical of camps being held in June. The August camp falls into their fall schedule and FFA will have more opportunities to keep the camp because FFA is an outside venue and not part of the Dakotas Conference of United Methodist Camping. When is the last date to decide regarding holding camp? The June board meeting.
- d. State Officer Election Process: Informational state officer Zoom call was held April 27, 2020. The screening committee and election process will occur over Zoom and an agenda of set times during the day will be established. Anderson and Kleven will oversee the process of the Zoom meeting and selecting committee members but will not be a part of the actual selection process, just logistics. An informational test run over Zoom, covering technology logistics with candidates and the screening committee will be held prior to the actual screening committee days on June 1-2.

New Business:

- a. Agriscience Fair: National FFA is still accepting applications and ND will follow the same path. Application manuscripts are on AET and will be submitted this way and judged online. June 1st deadline and evaluate that week and possibly share results June 4th, but it could be the following week.
- b. NDSF: FairEntry: Email was sent out May 1, 2020 regarding the process and opened for all teachers beyond the test pilot group. Tuesdays Ag Ed chat will be used to discuss entering exhibits.
- c. Next meeting committee work: Kleven will cover in announcements.

Next Meeting Date & Location:

During the current COVID-19 situation, special board meetings will be held on an as needed basis.

Kamrath moved to change the next regular scheduled meeting to Monday, June 1, 2020 by Zoom or the ND State Capitol in Bismarck if COVID-19 meeting guidelines allow. 10:00 am Committee Work; 11:00 am Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Curdy. Motion Passed.

Announcements:

Standing Committee Reports:

- a. **Written Applications & SAE:** Officer Book Rubrics – POA: Difference between AET and non AET.
- b. **CDEs:**
 - i. Parliamentary Procedure: Need to source a new state guide.
 - ii. 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
 - iii. Land Judging
Effective 2021: Two months prior to event
 - iv. Range Judging
Effective 2021: Two months prior to event
- c. **Finance:** Edward Jones Investment Accounts: Strategic Planning?
- d. **Events/Activities:**
- e. **Policy:**

L. VanBerkom moved to adjourn, Stoppleworth seconded the motion. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:03 am.