**ND FFA Association Board of Directors Minutes**

November 12, 2018 Meeting 1:00 PM 1st International Bank & Trust Bismarck, ND

**Members/Directors:**

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| Aaron Anderson, State Advisor | Brent Arndt, Dist. 4 | Caleb Boehm, FFA Secretary |
| Craig Kleven, State Exec. Sec. | Dan Spellerberg, Dist. 5 | Morgan Krizan, FFA V. President |
| Tamra Maddock, Foundation | Brian Schneider, Dist. 6 | Billie Lentz, FFA Treasurer |
| Julie Woodbury, Dist. 1 | Mike Kamrath, Dist. 7 | Cassidy Walth, FFA Reporter |
| Lance VanBerkom, Dist. 2 | David Leier, Dist. 8 | Lucas Rath, FFA Sentinel |
| Lane Moellenkamp, Dist. 3 | Brianna Maddock, FFA President | Jacy Hauge, FFA Parliamentarian |

**Officers:**

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| President | Aaron Anderson |
| Vice President | Brian Schneider  |
| Secretary  | Craig Kleven  |
| Treasurer | Julie Woodbury |

**Standing Committees:**

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| Written Applications | Brian Schneider, Dan Spellerberg, Lane Moellenkamp, Brianna Maddock, Lucas Rath, Cassidy Walth |
| CDEs | David Leier, Mike Kamrath, Lance VanBerkom, Brent Arndt, Caleb Boehm, Jacy Hauge, Morgan Krizan, Craig Kleven  |
| Finance & Events/Activities  | Julie Woodbury, Tam Maddock, Billie Lentz, Aaron Anderson |

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson at 1:25 pm. All 18 members were present. Julie Woodbury joined via Zoom meeting. One guest was present, Jacob Dailey, student teacher at Napoleon. Introductions were made.

**Secretaries Report:**

The secretary’s minutes were reviewed. There were corrections made to the standing committee list. David Leier was listed twice and should be removed from written applications. Lane Moellenkamp’s name should be added to written applications. “Jacey” should read “Jacy”.

VanBerkom moved, Kamrath seconded to approve the secretary’s minutes. Motion Passed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** As of 11/6/2018

Checking: $64,205.37 Savings: $52,412.03 Investment: $144,875.08 Accounts Receivable: $97,658.52

Aged Debtor’s List: A majority of the total is from National FFA Convention. The 31-60 day debt of $6,123.52 is from NDAAE for PDC and is pass through dollars for expenses that the FFA Association paid because a credit card was needed for immediate purchases. The >90 day debt of $25.00 each is DLB, LaMoure, and Nedrose. $820.00 is Parshall.

Moellenkamp moved, Arndt seconded to approve the treasurer’s report. Motion passed.

**State Officer Report:**

President Maddock reported on the team activities since the last meeting:

 -Checkpoint Training in August -DL: Four traveled East and three traveled West

 -Range Judging one officer -National FFA Convention delegate committee work

 -Winter Leadership planning the past two days

 -Adopt a Chapter initiative is moving along. Some chapters have responded and working together, but

 some have not responded. Planning a social and meeting during Winter Leadership conference.

FFA Foundation Executive Director Maddock moved to Suspend the Rules by moving the standing committee reports after new business in the agenda because of time constraints. Hague second the motion, motion passed by 2/3 majority with 17 yes and 0 no votes.

**Old Business:**

State FFA Degree Requirements-Article VI, Section E, 8: Directors shared input from their respective districts regarding the proposed wording and meaning.

Schneider move to amend the constitution and bylaws pertaining to the State FFA Degree Requirements in Article VI, Section E, 8 to read: “Have participated in at least five different FFA activities above the chapter level. (Static exhibits at local, regional and state fairs are excluded”.) The written applications committee will develop a guideline explaining the activities. FFA Foundation Executive Director Maddock seconded the motion, motion passed by 2/3 majority with 14 yes and 3 no votes.

NDSF Static Judging:

Discussion was held on judging statics at the NDSF on Thursday afternoon instead of Friday morning. Then all judging would be completed before the NDSF opens on Friday, but tabulations would be the only item occurring on Friday morning. Should Tractor Driving move to Thursday or stay on Friday?

Kamrath moved to hold the NDSF FFA Static Judging on Thursday afternoon and Tractor Driving remain on Friday. Hauge second the motion, motion passed.

State Convention Career Fair:

Attendance at the career fair is low and suggestions were discussed. Possibly move it to the student union and incorporate it into another activity. Move it to the last day. Move it near the residence dinning center. Provide a free t-shirt to those who participate. Use a passport card to visit booths and when it is completed the student receives a free t-shirt and is entered in a drawing for a gift card or another item.

No action taken.

FFA Camp:

A FFA Camp that would be self-sustaining meaning no cost to the association and no advisor involvement needed because camp staff would cover activities and chaperone duties. The first week of August at the Shepherd’s Hill at the Crossroads near St. John, ND. Two nights/three days for about 90 students. Replacing the Maddock Officer retreat and Carrington Presidents Conference.

VanBerkom moved to have Anderson lead the process to explore hosting a ND FFA camp and allow financial resources to be allocated for exploration of the FFA camp. Boehm seconded the motion, motion passed.

**New Business:**

Additional Constitution and Bylaw changes because of the changes in National FFA membership types.

Spellerberg moved to change Section C to read: "Alumni and Supporters Membership" - Membership shall be open to former active members, collegiate, and honorary FFA members, present and former professional agricultural educators, parents of FFA members, and others interested in, and in support of the FFA.

Strike out Article V, Section D.

~~Section D "Collegiate Membership" - Collegiate membership shall be open to students who are enrolled in agricultural courses or who are pursuing career objectives in the industry of agriculture at a two or four-year postsecondary institution having a collegiate FFA chapter.~~

Strike out Article VII, Section E.

~~Section E. Collegiate FFA chapter members and FFA advisors shall be entitled to wear the official gold owl pin.~~

Schneider second the motion, motion passed by 2/3 majority with 17 yes and 0 no.

State Range Judging Concerns:

An FFA advisor shared concerns about the weather conditions of the cold windy day, judging materials not being consistent, and an error in tabulations. Judging in the cold rain was not ideal and maybe for future events the contest could be delayed during the day. Contestants were told to dress for the conditions. The state event is setup by the schedule of the State NDSU Extension Range Specialist. The incorrect judging materials is regarding an old scoring card that was mistakenly printed by NDSU Ag Communications, hence created the mistake for some of the contestants, but was corrected for most.

Suggestions were that required pre-registrations be conducted as with other state CDE registrations. Chairs for the events be established and look at a way for advisors to review the results on judgingcard.com 15 minutes prior to awards and results going live. Possibly through a password protected platform in judgingcard.com, sent through a text message or email.

District Leadership:

Discussion was held on taking a day for FFA and not rushing through the day to hurry up and get back to school. Consider moving the quiz events to the first item of the morning and this would allow more time for tabulations and accuracy of the tabulations ensuring the proper rules have been followed for team scores, etc. Then there would not be such a rush at awards time. In one district, the judges need to leave by noon. Quiz events may push back the other events. Parli Pro always starts early and right away.

Visit with districts about schedules and assigning advisors to specific events, then notifying the state office ahead of time with District Leadership schedules and plans.

State Parli Pro:

Discussion was held on having a copy of Roberts Rules of Order in the judging rooms for a reference. However, the official state guide is the blue book, Parliamentary Procedure Judging Guide, 2nd edition and this should be the final ruling.

National FFA Convention:

Pre-registration for sessions was a little more difficult because of the demand for the Garth Brooks concert. Frustration occurs when the upper bowl is empty at the session because chapters did not attend, but the session was sold out. Maybe when all the sessions are held in Lucas Oil Stadium in 2019, there will be plenty of space for everyone and ease the problem of session registration.

National FFA could open registration earlier in the summer instead of September.

Online streaming was down during the week.

ND housing will now change to two hotels. The current hotel, Indianapolis Marriott, and the new hotel, Embassy Suites.

Winter Leadership Conference:

Registration is open, and the schedules are like past conferences. State officers recently conducting planning sessions over the weekend.

The state officers are working on a toy service project. Toys will be collected and distributed to Sanford and CHI St. Alexius hospitals in Bismarck. Details will be sent later by the state officers.

The state officers will be hosting a social for their adopt a chapter project. State officers will contact chapters with the details.

Anderson shared information on an Elite Conference for 2020 Winter Leadership. Past state officers would facilitate. 30-50 of the best seniors looking to take leadership to the next level such as state officer candidates. There would be an application with pre-requisites.

Spellerberg moved that Anderson will lead the process to explore and develop an Elite Conference for 2020 and dollars allocated to complete the process. Arndt seconded the motion, motion passed.

State Wide Food Service Project:

Members have shared that they wanted a service project during Winter Leadership and not a speaker. Discussion was held on a day of service during state convention or winter leadership. Winter Leadership is the leadership event and makes the most sense because of schedules. The board agreed to move forward and pursue a large food packing (200,000 meals) event during Winter Leadership in 2020. Kleven will take the lead on the event.

4-H asked to join State Winter CDEs in Minot:

ND 4-H would like to join the FFA Livestock Judging State CDE and hold the events in conjunction. Some coaches are traveling two separate weekends for livestock judging and then another weekend for horse. Discussion was held: 4-H has different classes. Would members be allowed dual entry in both events? Cost and logistics is a concern and to make sure the members can see the classes with the extra people around the ring.

Hauge moved that 4-H can join FFA if they pay their share of the expenses, does not interfere with the FFA schedule, does not impact judging around the pens and dual participation by members is allowed in both events. Anderson has the power to negotiate and act. Krizan second the motion, motion passed.

State Teach Ag Results (STAR) program:

Kleven shared program details and requirements regarding the NAAE Teach Ag grant program for recruitment and retention of agricultural educators. A state committee is being formed and hope to have full commitment by the deadline of November 16, 2018. Kleven will serve as the lead contact.

State Winter CDE Dates:

March 18, 2019: State Livestock, Agronomy, and Ag Sales at the NDSF center.

March 23, 2019: State Horse Judging in Fargo, ND

**Standing Committee Reports:**

Winter CDEs:

Due to the constraint of time and nearing 5:00 pm hour of the meeting room no longer being available, no break out time and minimal discussion was held regarding the Winter CDE’s review for the December 1 deadline. The board discussed the variety of ND Weed Lists (such as prohibited, noxious, restricted, etc.) and incorporating/updating the lists of plants/seeds into the agronomy event. Should align with what the state identifies. Some counties even have their own list. Concerns were expressed about pictures and mounts being used for identification. The quality and consistency vary from one event to the next.

It was suggested that the insect list should progress towards and image the nationals list.

Several attempts by phone and email were made to contact Bruce Bachmeier regarding possible changes, but there was no response.

Due to time constraints, it was agreed that if the CDE committee has suggestions/changes that should be made, the committee should discus by email and then propose those changes to the board by email. Then a vote of the board by email or Zoom meeting should be held. December 1, 2018 is the deadline.

Finance & Events/Activities:

Did not meet due to time constraints and no reports were provided regarding the special committee of NDSF Interactive Programming.

Next Meeting Date: March 20, 2019 at 4:30 pm via Zoom Meeting. Invitations will be sent out by email.

VanBerkom moved, Krizan seconded to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:56 pm.