

Amended FFA Board Minutes - March 5, 2010

The March 10 Pennsylvania FFA Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Molly Walmer at 6:30pm in room 210 of the Ferguson Building at PSU.

Opening Ceremonies were conducted by the State Officer team. Those in attendance were Molly Walmer, Tyler Funk, Brittany Wilmer, Billy Boring, Caleb Wright, Allison Hoover, Sam Barrick-Poust, Heather Miller, Alex Spease, Coty Covert, Billy Saylor, Mike Brammer, Gretchen Dingman, John Hines, Cliff Wallace, Wayne Irish, Sherisa Nailor, Cliff Day, Jean Lonie, Ronald Frederick, Cecil Lohr, Kelly Bier, Kerry Richards, PJ Adam, Kelly Over, and Tracy Hoover. Guests included, Mrs. Frederick, SaraBeth Wanbaugh and Ivan Martes (Puerto Rico).

President Walmer welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

The **minutes from the previous meeting** were presented by Mike Brammer. *Hoover/Hines moved to accept the minutes.* The motion passed.

Financial reports were presented by Mike Brammer. It was announced that Range Resources would be co-sponsoring SLLC this year. *Miller/Hines moved to accept the financial reports and file for audit.* The motion passed.

The 2010-11 Budget was presented by Wayne Irish/Mike Brammer. *Wright/Wallace moved to accept the budget.* The motion passed.

The **State Officer Activity Report** was presented by Samantha Barrick-Poust. A written report was provided.

Kelly Over presented a report from the State Officer Committee. More details to follow. She also reported on behalf of the collegiate FFA.

FFA Foundation report was presented by Kerry Richards. Dr. Richards reported on the new dinner theatre fund raiser scheduled for June. Also reviewed was the SLLC promotional video. An overview of Farm Show was presented. Golf tournament dates are schedule – July 20 (East) and Aug 9 (Huntingdon).

PDE report was presented by Cliff Day. Mr. Day gave an update on Farm Show and the Ag Ed displays and events. PA Garden Expo had a good show. Six Chapters exhibited there. Discussion on Ag Science Fair and HPO's and WIB's followed.

PDA report was presented by Jean Lonie. She thanked the State Officers for all of their help at recent events. Ms. Lonie reported on the budgeted line item for FFA – She suggested letters of thanks. A follow up to Farm Show, HPO's, and WIB's was discussed. She reported on "Teach AG Day" and National FFA Week. The Secretary and Deputy Secretaries were involved all week with events and activities actually teaching in three schools. She also reported on the International visitors and the forum held this past week. Secretary Redding has been nominated to serve on the advisory board to C.A.S.E.

FFA Alumni report was presented by Sherisa Nailor. Mrs. Nailor reported the food drive raised over 3300 pounds of food. Pennies of Hope for Haiti will be collected at SLLC. A free set of Heritage Station Markers will be given to the chapter that raises the most money. The Alumni will continue to support the dances at ACES, SLLC and Activities Week. Plans are underway to conduct State Officer Candidate Training again but at a new level. Blue and Gold Ball will be held in October. HOSS's night will be October 5.

PSU report was presented by Dr. Hoover. The college has budget concerns like everyone else. C.A.S.E. – webinar was held. Dr. Foster planning to attend an in-service for CASE.

Mr. Irish presented the PAAE Report. He commended the State Officers for a great job at Mid-Winter convention.

Regional Coordinators

No Northern Region report – Annette Gray was not in attendance. Regional CDE's are set for May 10.

Kelly Bier gave the South Central Region Report. She reported speech manuscripts are to be postmarked by March 22. The region has 41 proficiencies in 17 areas. Four areas with more than three applications. Regional CDE's at HACC Midtown II, April 9.

The Eastern Region Report was given by Ronald Frederick. Mr. Frederick reported March 22 would be speaking CDE's. Annual Region CDE day will be May 5. He mentioned a discussion on increasing membership still need to be had.

Western Region, Cecil Lohr gave the report. Mr. Lohr reported that the Regional Speaking CDE's are set for April 7th at the Cranberry Church.

Committees

Activities Week/CDE's Report was given by Cliff Day. He met with Amy Gregor, new coordinator at PSU for Activities Week. April 1 should be the "Go Live Date" for registration. The chairperson list is being finalized. Registration costs will be the same as last year. Delaware Valley College and Penn College have offered their assistance where needed with CDE's during the week. Tractor Supply has also offered assistance.

Cliff Day reported for the Keystone Degree Application Committee. Mr. Day lead a discussion and at the conclusion it was decided the committee will meet again and bring a revised application to the May Board meeting for approval.

Middle/Home/Cyber School Chapter Committee - No Report was available.

Old Business

Mid-Winter Review was presented by Heather Miller. An open discussion concerning guests, speeches, etc. followed.

ACES Review was presented by Caleb Wright. 1116 people attended the two weekend event. Discussions are being held about conducting this conference over a three weekend period. Positive comments to the officers from the teachers about the conference.

FFA Knowledge Contest at Activities Week was discussed. *Miller/Hines moved to conduct the contest this year on Wednesday as a trial contest.* Motion passed. Kelly Bier will be the chair for this contest.

A written record book contest report was provided by Mr. Frederick.

A five minute recess was taken at 9:12pm.

The **meeting reconvened** at 9:20pm

New Business

Mr. Brammer presented the Board with a new chapter charter application from Erie Central Tech HS/CTC. *Covert/Adam moved to accept the charter.* Motion passed.

Mr. Brammer informed the Board that the State Nominating Committee this year will require a Board member from the Western Region. The Past State Officer will be from the South Central Region and the business and industry representatives will be from the North and East Regions.

The Pennsylvania Record Book program was discussed. *Wallace/Miller moved to form a committee to re-evaluate the current system and send it to business and industry for validation/review. Also, to further authorize a study of an online record book with a deadline to report back to the Board of September 2010.* Motion passed. On the committee will be: Cliff Wallace, Daniel Foster, PJ Adam, Kelly Bier, Sherisa Nailor, Ron Frederick, Allison Hoover.

Hoover/Nailor moved to form a policy manual revision committee and report back Sept, 2010. Motion passed. On the committee will be Mr. Day, the Board President, the immediate Past FFA State President, and an ex-officio member Mike Brammer. (Sherisa Nailor removed as the minutes were amended.)

Conference Courtesy Corps – Ron Frederick – Mr. Frederick stated no discussion needed at this time.

Farm Show Sale Dress Code – Everyone should send thoughts to Cliff Day concerning this matter and FFA recognition.

Proficiency Application Evaluation Procedures – Mr Day provided a written report and stated the evaluation process will take place at SLLC. ALL applications are to be returned by April 16.

Mike Brammer provided a report on new membership degree requirements for 2011. He will share with all teachers at regional PAAE meetings.

SLLC Review – Molly Walmer reported SLLC is ready to go with 413 people registered.

OTHER

Next Meeting – May 21, 2010 at The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, 6:30pm – room 309. President Irish reminded the adult board members that elections for President and Vice-President would occur at that meeting. Prior to the meeting the National Officer Candidate Selection Committee will meet to choose our National Officer Candidate for 2010. Two Board members must serve on the committee.

Closing Ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Brammer

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