

Approved FFA Board Minutes – August 12, 2010

The August 12 Pennsylvania FFA Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Kerri Wickard at 1:40pm in room 202 of the PA Department of Agriculture.

Opening Ceremonies were conducted by the State Officer team. Those in attendance were Kerri Wickard, Matthew Reutlinger, Jillian Gordon, Adam Folk, Caitlin Clarke, Cassie Gutshall, Benjamin Shughart, Howard Poole, Caleb Grove, Molly Walmer, Gretchen Dingman, John Hines, Cliff Wallace, Sherisa Nailor, Nick Isenberg, Daniel Foster, Jean Lonie, Cliff Day, Ronald Frederick, Annette Gray, Penny Brammer, and Mike Brammer. Guests included Mrs. Wallace.

President Wickard welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Each person in attendance proceeded to introduced themselves.

The **minutes from the two previous meetings** were presented by Mike Brammer. *Motion made by Gutshall/Hines to accept the minutes as presented.* The motion passed.

Financial reports were presented by Mike Brammer. Written reports were provided covering a year end budget comparison, current year budget comparison and a listing of checks and deposits since the last board meeting. In addition a financial report from Activities Week was presented. After a few questions concerning the Activities Week financial report President Wickard announced the reports would be filed for audit.

The **Executive Manager's Report** was presented by Mike Brammer. A written report was provided.

The **State Officer Activity Report** was presented by Caitlin Clarke. A written report was provided. It was announced that the training usually received at NLCSO by the Officers was presented at the PAAE summer conference by various individuals. It was a great training session for all officers.

FFA Foundation report - No report. Not in attendance.

PDE report was presented by Cliff Day. Mr. Weller continues to do program reviews. Big "E" and National Convention team certifications have been done. Mr. Day also discussed the Farm Show areas and the award winners we will have at the National convention. No out of state travel allowed for PDE, so neither he nor Mr. Weller will be attending the Big "E" or the National Convention. Several hand outs were presented.

PDA report was presented by Jean Lonie. The Secretary has been busy visiting fairs. Budget continues to be a challenge – FFA line item is safe for now. Ms. Lonie discussed the recently held Ag Ed Summit, HPO's, meeting with Secretary Vito (L&I) on August 26, "pep rally" being planned at the capitol for National Trip winners, and the annual AG Ed report being an update this year. She asked the group to think about a name for "Department 35" at the Farm Show. A joint letter from PDA and PDE Secretaries will be out soon about the Ag Science Fair at Farm Show. Request to increase the quality of the displays. Ms. Lonie then thanked the Association for the award recognition to be given at the National FFA convention. The Secretary is honored and delighted to accept the award.

FFA Alumni Update was presented by Sherisa Nailor.
Oct 2 – Blue and Gold Ball, Radisson hotel, Camp Hill.
October 5 – HOSS's Alumni night.
October 11 – Andy Rill memorial golf tournament in Dillsburg.
State Council meeting – September 14.
Jacket application will be available soon.

PSU report was presented by Dr. Foster. One student teacher out this fall and eight will be out in the spring. Student teachers graduating this year – 80% have jobs. One student at PSU receiving an NAAE award - Alexander Youst. Dr. Foster congratulated PAAE and FFA on the awards to be presented to both at their respective national conventions. He also challenged the State Officers to consider a career as an agriculture educator/FFA Advisor.

Mr. Isenberg presented the **PAAE Report**. Two written reports were handed out. One covered vocational certifications. One covered dates of regional meetings. 166 people attended the summer conference. Next years conference will be hosted by the Northern Region.

Regional Coordinators

Eastern Region – Ron Frederick reported that he had helped with National Chapter applications at Activities Week and also conducted a regional planning session where the region set the yearly calendar. He told the officers if they were not busy at the Big E on Saturday morning they could help with his CDE. He also said he expected to see all of their record books at the contest in February.

Northern Region – Annette Gray reported she attended the sun area planning session. She asked about evaluations for regional coordinators and asked about attending Activities Week as a coordinator? *Foster/Folk moved to include Regional Coordinators and cover expenses for activities week with assigned duties for them to carry out.* Motion passed. It was suggested that the management committee do performance reviews with each regional coordinator and ask for goals of each employee of the Association.

South Central Region – Kelly Bier not in attendance. Hines and Nailor announced regional CDE's will be held April 29.

Western Region – Cecil Lohr not in attendance.

Committees

Activities Week – Cliff Day covered CDE evaluation summary and activities week meeting with teachers at PAAE. He covered suggested changes to tractor driving CDE – Mike Brammer to contact Chairman Turner for a proposal. Mr. Day discussed Ag Science Fair - Mike Brammer to contact Chairperson Smith-Wells for a proposal. Discussion held on National Chapter application judging. Suggested the four regional coordinators be the judges. *Hines/Grove moved to form a committee chosen by the President to look at fees paid for judges, etc., at Activities Week.* Motion passed. On the committee will be: Penny Brammer – Cliff Day – Matt Reutlinger – Howard Poole – John Hines

Keystone Degree Committee – Nailor and Frederick reported the application is on line and ready. A reminder to teachers should go out about the NEW application soon. Mr. Day reported the 2010 review process will take place November 20th.

Middle school/Home school/Cyber school Committee – Mr. Weller not in attendance. Mike Brammer asked if this committee was to remain an active committee, could it be re-assigned. Some who were selected to serve on this committee are no longer around. In addition, the committee has never met since it was created in August 2009. *Nailor/Shughart moved to have someone ask Mr. Weller if another chair can take over or should we just eliminate this committee?* Motion passed. Original members were: Mr. Weller, chair – Dr. Foster, Nailor, PJ Adam, Barrick, Hoover, and Brammer. Mr. Day will check with Mr. Weller.

Record Book Committee – This committee met prior to the Board meeting. Chairperson Wallace reported an update and more development with our current system are needed. Exploring an option of having an on-line system as well. It was asked for the current State Officers to provide feedback on the current record book system. Committee members are: Wallace, Foster, Frederick and Nailor.

Policy Manual Revisions – This committee was established in March 2010. No chair was ever assigned. Mr. Wallace will serve as the chair. On the committee is: Wallace – Day – Walmer – Brammer.

Old Business

2010 State Convention and delegate issues were reviewed by Past State President Molly Walmer. A written report was provided. The current State Officers will present recommendations at future meetings concerning the delegate recommendations.

Fall Leadership Conference – Mike Brammer provided the following:
October 5, 2010 – Blair County Convention Center – Limit of 35 chapters this first year – 5 students – 5/7 Chapter Officers – Workshops being developed. AEE 295 will be teaching chapter officer workshops. Registration fee hopefully no more than \$20. Agenda and registration will be coming soon.

Horse Judging 2nd place team to the Quarter Horse National Congress instead of the Big E – David Steinfeld was not in attendance but it was believed that his discussion with the chair of this CDE recommended – NO!

2nd VOTE*

Policy: All changes to PA FFA CDE's must be submitted by state CDE chairs to the PA FFA Board by the Summer Board meeting. Changes will then be advertised through the PA AG Ed List Serve before the required 2nd vote. All changes approved by the Board will again be advertised through the PA AG Ed List Serve after the 2nd vote. (1st vote will occur at Summer Board meeting. 2nd vote will occur at December Board meeting.)

Folk/Dingman moved to accept this policy. Motion Passed. EFFECTIVE SUMMER 2011.

NEW Business

Affiliate Membership discussion presented by Mike Brammer. Information was provided on this new program offered by National FFA. *Gutshall/Nailor moved to present this information at the upcoming regional PAAE meetings in the fall.* Motion passed. It was recommended this information be sent to the list serve two weeks prior to all regional meetings.

DISCUSSION: Would the Ag Issues Forum CDE be more successful if hosted at another event such as SLLC? *Nailor/Folk moved to conduct the AG Issues Forum CDE at the Farm Show, allowing participating chapters to add to their portfolios which would be judged at Activities Week.* Motion passed. Nailor is to contact Dellinger for comments. Brammer is to contact Farm Show to see if it is possible to have a stage at the 2011 Farm Show to conduct this year.

DISCUSSION: Policy needed to prohibit members of chapters not in good standing from participating in events above the chapter level. Brammer is to have a policy proposal at the next Board meeting.

DISCUSSION: CDE Revisions may be better if on a three-year cycle to make changes and if changes were required to come through the contest chairperson. This matter placed on hold for now.

DISCUSSION: What is considered community service when evaluating the new requirements for FFA degrees? Proposed new page for the record books was introduced. The new Keystone degree application has a section to add the activities. This must be non duplicated activities. National FFA is using the honor system for this section.

Budget committee for the 2011-12 fiscal year was established. Serving on this committee will be: Wallace, Hines, Dingman, Alumni representative and a Foundation representative.

Dates of future meetings:

December 10 at PSU – 6:30pm

March 4, 2011 at PSU – 6:30pm

May meeting date to be determined at PDA.

Closing Ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Brammer

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