

**Pennsylvania FFA Board of Directors  
Approved Minutes – August 8, 2014  
Ferguson Building – PSU**

**President McLaughlin called the meeting to order** at 11:00am. In attendance were: Katie McLaughlin, Tony Rice, Victoria Herr, Lisa Boltz, Matt Brake, Mara Tate, Grant Carlton, Ellen Aurand, Mike Clark, Holly Oberholtzer, Doug McCracken, Sherisa Nailor (Alumni), Mark Lowery (Foundation), Daniel Foster (PSU), David Bittner (PAAE), Annette Gray, Ron Frederick, Chris Toevs, Penny Brammer, Valerie Fry and Mike Brammer. Opening ceremonies were performed by the state officers. McLaughlin welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

**Minutes presented by Mike Brammer.** *Carlton/Brake moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed. Nailor/Clark moved to concur. Motion passed.*

**Financial reports were presented by Mike Brammer.** All reports will be filed for audit.

**Victoria Herr presented the State Officers** activity report since being elected. Tony Rice presented on the State President's conference and the national delegate issues.

**FFA Foundation report** was presented by Mark Lowery, President. Report is attached.

**FFA Alumni** report was presented in writing by Sherisa Nailor, President.

**PDA** – No report.

**PSU report was provided** by Daniel Foster in writing.

**PDE Report** – Mr. Day provided a written report.

**PAAE report was provided by** David Bittner, President Elect.

**REGIONAL COORDINATORS**

**Ron Frederick** – Eastern Region – Regional meeting held July 1 – 38 attended. Regional CDE's will be held Oct. 21 and April 28.

**Gray** – Northern Region – Gave an update on activities in the region. Discussion on National Chapter Award applications judged.

**Bier** – Not in attendance – Nailor reported regional CDE's will be April 28.

**Goodge** – Not in attendance. Aurand reported on the Western Leadership Conference.

**Activities Week /CDE's** – Mr. Day reported on comments from CDE chairs. Suggestion made to use a feedback card for public speaking events. Oberholtzer reviewed Eastern Region concerns. Thought - Create a final four speaking event.

**Bittner/Nailor moved** to create a standing CDE committee that would report to the Board at each meeting on CDE issues. Committee members would include: PSU rep, PDE rep, PAAE rep, Foundation rep and current state officer. **Nailor/Bittner moved to amend** by striking current state officer and adding current Board member and the PAAE rep would be the CDE liaison. Amendment passed. Main motion as amended passed. Boltz/Herr moved to concur. Motion passed. **Committee members will be: Fry, Nailor, Day with the PSU and Foundation reps to be determined.**

**Convention Review** – Presented by Chris Toevs – Review of the delegate issues.

**Bittner/Nailor moved** to refer the Livestock showmanship issue and the digital scrapbook issue to the newly created standing CDE committee. Motion withdrew by Bittner.

**Bittner/Clark moved** to make the standing CDE committee a special committee instead of a standing committee. Motion passed. Tate/Herr moved to concur. Motion passed.

**Bittner/McCracken moved** to refer the Livestock showmanship issue and the digital scrapbook issue to the newly created special CDE committee. Motion passed. Herr/Rice moved to concur. Motion passed.

**2015 CDE Changes** – Suggested changes to Agronomy, Aquatics, Wildlife, E&NR, Vet Science, Parli Pro, Talent and Floriculture.

*Foster/Lowery moved to accept all changes. Motion passed. Tate/Brake moved to concur. Motion passed.*

**Novice Parli-Pro Event committee report – Written** – *Nailor/Bittner moved to refer this to the special CDE committee. Motion passed. Carlton/Brake moved to concur. Motion passed.*

*Nailor/Toevs moved to have the Public Speaking judges provide speakers with a feedback card and to start public speaking events one half hour earlier. Motion passed. Herr/Boltz moved to concur. Motion passed.*

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Keystone Appeal Process and reasons** – *Bittner/Nailor moved to establish three categories of Keystone Degree applications when approving by the committee; (1) Approved, (2) Approved pending corrections, (3) Denied with no appeal. Motion passed. Brake/Herr moved to concur – Motion passed.*

### **\*\*\*SECOND VOTE – NOW POLICY\*\*\***

**Ag Issues Recommendation** from Conococheague and Greenwood Advisors to conduct the CDE at Farm Show as a qualifier for National Convention. *Bittner/Lowery moved to refer this matter to the special CDE committee. Motion passed. Tate/Boltz moved to concur. Motion passed.*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Proposed policy on CDE trips presented in writing by Foster.**

**Proposal #1 – Passed with 6 for and 3 against. SECOND VOTE REQUIRED.**

**Proposal #2 – Passed. SECOND VOTE REQUIRED.**

**Tate/Herr** moved to concur on both proposals. Motion passed.

**Marketing Plan CDE** – **Bittner/McCracken** moved to eliminate this CDE. Motion passed. Tate/Boltz moved to concur. Motion passed.

*Bittner/Clark moved to reconsider. Motion passed. Tate/Boltz moved to concur. Motion passed.*

*Bittner/McCracken moved to refer the matter to the special CDE committee. Motion passed.*

*Brake/Herr moved to concur. Motion passed.*

### **Announcements/Concerns:**

- **Security issue** during Activities Week – Discuss at next meeting
- **Affiliate membership/AET accounts** should be on the agenda for the next meeting. Chapters have more AET accounts than FFA membership.
- **Suggestion to recognize ALL winners** (Ag Science Fair, etc.) at state convention.
- **Future Board meeting date** –December 12, 2014, 6:30pm at PSU.

**Closing ceremonies** were performed and the meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Manager