

## Approved FFA Board Minutes – March 11, 2011

**The March 11 Pennsylvania FFA Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Kerri Wickard** at 6:35pm in room 202 of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

**Opening Ceremonies were conducted by the State Officer team.** Those in attendance were Kerri Wickard, Matthew Reutlinger, Jillian Gordon, Adam Folk, Andrew Roth, Caitlin Clarke, Cassie Gutshall, Howard Poole, Caleb Grove, Benjamin Shughart, Cliff Wallace, Sherisa Nailor, Gretchen Dingman, John Hines, David Steinfelt, Nick Isenberg, Daniel Foster, Molly Walmer, Cliff Day, Cecil Lohr, Kelly Bier, Lloyd Bier, Penny Brammer and Mike Brammer. Guests were Michael Woods and Alex Barzydlo.

**President Wickard welcomed everyone** and thanked them for attending.

The **minutes from the previous meeting in December** were presented by Mike Brammer. *Motion made by Hines/Reutlinger to accept the minutes as presented.* The motion passed.

**Financial reports** were presented by Mike & Penny Brammer. Written reports were provided for the current year budget comparison and a listing of checks and deposits since the last board meeting. *Gutshall/Reutlinger moved to accept the reports as presented.* Motion passed.

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.

**PDE report** was presented by Cliff Day. A written report was provided by him. Announced Secretary Designee for PDE would be Tomalis. Approved program evaluations have started their second round. Mr. Day covered American Degree and Proficiencies update.

**PDA report** was presented by Mike Brammer. New Secretary Designee – George Greig. Secretary and Deputy's will be participating in National Teach Ag Day. Meeting with Deputy Pechart to discuss the PA AE/PDA contract will take place on Thursday March 17.

**FFA Foundation report** was presented by Lloyd Bier. Mr. Bier reported on the changes with personnel and officers within the Foundation. No golf tournament at Huntingdon this year. Fox Chase tournament will be held – tentative – June 27. Foundation has met with HOSS's and the Clemens Food Group. The PA FFA Alumni and Foundation are working together – They will share the cost of the t-shirts for the community service event at SLLC.

**FFA Alumni Update** was presented by Sherisa Nailor. Food drive – Over 6,000 lbs collected. More than 50 Ag Ed t-shirts sold. Refreshments served at ACES and SLLC. Alumni Golf and Blue and Gold Ball will be conducted. The ball will be a joint effort with the Foundation. WLC – 2 scholarships will be presented at SLLC. "Gold Toe SOCS" – Again this year – June 4.

**PSU report** was presented by Dr. Foster. Items covered – ATA t-shirts for teach ag campaign – Enrollment numbers were covered – Restructuring process at the university (College of Ag) – Budget cuts.

Mr. Isenberg presented the **PA AE written report.**

### **Regional Coordinators**

**Eastern Region – Ron Frederick** was not in attendance but provided a written report.

**Northern Region – Annette Gray** was not in attendance.

**South Central Region – Kelly Bier** reported the region had 37 proficiencies in 16 areas. Regional CDE's will be held 4-29

**Western Region – Cecil Lohr** reported on the Western Leadership Conference to be held in Somerset County July 7-8, 2011. He attended Farm Show and Mid-Winter. Regional Contests – 4-27.

## Committees

**Activities Week – Cliff Day** provided a written report. Recommended a committee of Day (Chair), Hines, Nailor and Frederick review the National Chapter Application Judging guidelines at the state level. Discussion was held on finding a rubric for all manuscripts for Public Speaking CDE's. **Mike Brammer** reported the nominating committee would include a Board member from the Northern Region this year. Mr. Steinfelt agreed to serve. Past State Officer will be from the Western Region while the B & I folks will represent the East and South. A recommendation was made to keep the registration costs the same this year. **Folk/Reutlinger moved to keep Activities Week registrations the same as last year. Motion passed.** Mr. Hines gave a verbal report on the costs associated with the event and where we may be able to save a few dollars. **Nailor/Reutlinger moved to change Policy on CDE Restrictions page 10 to state: FFA members are restricted from competing in more than one public speaking contest on the state level. Public speaking contestants are the ONLY members permitted to compete in two conflicting (same day) contests. Other FFA members may compete in more than one CDE, providing they are not conflicting. If any other member participates in two conflicting (same day) contests at FFA Activities Week they will be disqualified from both. Motion passed. POLICY CHANGE – SECOND VOTE REQUIRED.**

**Nailor/Folk moved to form a committee to evaluate the thought of placing CDE's on a three (3) year rotation for changes. Motion passed. On the committee will be Nailor, K. Bier and Day. A report is expected by the next board meeting in May.**

Discussion on posting sample questions to the web site from CDE's and the nominating committee sample questions.

*Clarke/Nailor moved for a five minute recess at 8:32pm.*

### Meeting reconvened.

**Record Book Committee – Mr. Wallace** reported for this committee. **Foster/Reutlinger moved to accept the report which stated to allow the AET (Agriculture Education Tracker) record book system as an alternate record keeping option for SAE only. Motion passed. POLICY CHANGE – SECOND VOTE REQUIRED. AS AMENDED MAY 13 - USE FOR ALL EXCEPT RECORD BOOK CONTEST**

**Keystone Degree Verification Process – Hines/Reutlinger moved to eliminate the record book as part of the verification process at the Keystone Degree verification process. An Amendment was made by Nailor to add a required signature of a different advisor from another chapter. Amendment passed. Motion as amended passed. POLICY CHANGE – SECOND VOTE REQUIRED.**

**Affiliate Membership Committee – Report** provided by Isenberg via L. Bier to *offer affiliate membership as an option starting 2011-12. Hines/Poole moved to postpone this until the next meeting. Motion passed.* Mrs. Brammer will provide additional information before a vote is taken on this matter.

**Policy Manual Review Committee – Mr. Wallace and Mr. Day** met prior to the Board meeting and reviewed a 1995 policy manual. Only question raised was the "State Officer Advisory Council". Mr. Brammer will check with Frederick, Kline and Kalupson to get feedback.

**State Leadership Camp/School – Cassie Gutshall** reported her committee was surveying camps and will have another report at the next meeting in May.

**Photography CDE – Matthew Reutlinger** provided a written report. No action taken. More details at the next meeting.

**Chesapeake Bay Clean Up Event – M. Brammer** asked who was to chair this committee since it was never assigned to anyone. Howard Poole volunteered to chair. Report at the next meeting.

**SLLC Update – Jill Gordon** gave a verbal report.

**Update on the Scholarship Program** was provided by M. Brammer – 130 applications received. 22 came from Washington County. Contact will be made with Range Resources soon.

## Old Business

None

## **New Business**

**Ag Career Network** – M. Brammer reported on the new Ag Career Network. More details will follow.

**National Teach Ag Day** – PDE Secretary Designee meeting with four teachers and two FFA State Officers. PAAE and FFA Board will be represented. PDA Secretary Designee and Deputies will be teaching at local programs.

**Truck and Tractor Pull asking for an FFA Display** – Michael Woods (Cumberland Valley volunteered)

## **Announcements and Other**

Mr. Wallace announced the resignation of Cecil Lohr - effective July after the Western Leadership Conference.

Alex Barzydlo and Michael Woods presented a proposal to the Board to have tours and a community service event at Activities Week on Wednesday afternoon for those students who are not involved in anything during that time. ***Hines/Folk* moved to allow them to proceed as long as there is no cost to the Association. Motion passed.**

Mr. Day announced if any student wants to go swimming during Activities Week – Advisors must provide a chaperone.

Also – Dingman and Steinfelt – First term on the Board is complete this June. Day will survey the regions for their wishes. Both agreed to stay on if elected to another term.

**Future meeting date:** May 13, 2011 at PDA starting at 6:30pm.

**Meeting was adjourned with closing ceremonies by the State Officers** at 10:35pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Mike Brammer*

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