

Approved FFA Board Minutes – May 13, 2011

The May 13, 2011 Pennsylvania FFA Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Wickard at 6:30pm 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, Adam Folk, Caitlin Clarke, Howard Poole, Benjamin Shughart, Cliff Wallace, Sherisa Nailor, Gretchen Dingman, John Hines, David Steinfelt, Daniel Foster, Stephanie Shirk, Molly Walmer, Cliff Day, Ron Frederick, Annette Gray, Cecil Lohr, Penny Brammer and Mike Brammer. Guests included Mrs. Frederick and a guest of Molly Walmer.

President Wickard welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

The **minutes from the previous meeting in March** were presented by Mike Brammer. *Motion made by Reutlinger, seconded by Folk to accept the minutes as presented.* The motion passed. *Motion to concur by Reutlinger seconded by Hines.* Motion passed.

Financial reports were presented by Mike & Penny Brammer. Written reports were provided for the current year budget comparison, a listing of checks and deposits since the last board meeting, a listing of CD's, and a financial report on ACES and SLLC . An update on the PAAE work contract with PDA was also provided. With no objections the reports will be filed for audit.

The **Executive Manager's Report and Adult Treasurer's report** was presented by Mike and Penny Brammer. Written reports were provided.

Motion by Foster seconded by Reutlinger to pay all team entry fees to National and Regional competitive events preceding the National Convention and the Big "E" for chapters to compete. Motion failed.

The **State Officer Activity Report** was presented by Caitlin Clarke. A written report was provided.

PDE report was presented by Cliff Day. Not many changes to Farm Show educational exhibits. More details to come. All National CDE teams have been declared. Mr. Day reported he attended the "Train the Trainer" program in Indianapolis. More information will be forthcoming to changes to CDE's and applications for the 2012 year.

PDA written report was presented by Mike Brammer. The Secretary of Agriculture is committed to supporting agriculture education and the FFA.

FFA Foundation report was presented by Stephanie Shirk. Mrs. Shirk reported on the upcoming Golf outing June 27th. Auction items are encouraged from FFA Chapters. The Board participated in a strategic planning meeting, have set goals to find CDE sponsors, have done several business and industry visits and will continue the new State Officer reception at the convention.

FFA Alumni Update was presented by Sherisa Nailor. A written report was provided. Highlights included state officer candidate training June 4-5 and the Andy Rill Memorial golf tournament will take place August 6.

PSU report was presented by Dr. Foster. Items covered – Dr. Hoover has been appointed Associate Dean. Ag & Ext. Ed remaining in the college of Ag. Updated the Board on student teacher enrollment numbers.

PAAE report. Mr. Isenberg was not in attendance. Mrs. Nailor reported teachers summer conference is coming together. Questions should be directed to David Steinfelt.

Regional Coordinators

Northern Region – Annette Gray reported on her activities.

South Central Region – Kelly Bier was not in attendance but did provide a report through Mike Brammer.

Western Region – Cecil Lohr reported on his activities in the Western Region.

Eastern Region – Ron Frederick reported on his regions CDE day. He also discussed programs that might be in jeopardy and also spoke about the cancellation of a teacher's workshop due to the local school wanting to charge for the facility.

Committees

Activities Week – Cliff Day reported DVC and Penn Tech will be helping with CDE's again. Mr. Brammer reported if students go to the pool schools must provide chaperones. Dance will be in the AG Arena. Courtesy Corps will assist with crossing safety.

POLICY CHANGE – SECOND VOTE

Previously stated - *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.*

Nailor reported she has talked to most CDE chairs and would request this matter be postponed until the August Board meeting so she can talk to all.

Foster so moved, seconded by Nailor. Motion passed. Folk moved to concur, seconded by Shughart – Motion passed.

Committee to evaluate the thought of placing CDE's on a three (3) year rotation for changes.

Nailor moved and Steinfelt seconded to place the CDE's on a three year rotation for revisions unless the changes conflict with the National CDE and they be done in three groups. Motion passed with 7 in favor and 2 opposed. Reutlinger moved to concur, seconded by Poole – Motion passed.

Proficiency and American Degree Update – Mr. Day reported there are 23 state winning proficiency applications and 56 American Degrees being submitted to National FFA. In addition we should have three applications being submitted for star areas. At this time only one Honorary Degree application has been received. They are due to him by June 1.

Record Book Committee – POLICY CHANGE – SECOND VOTE

Previously reported - *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. Foster/Shughart moved to lay this matter on the table. Motion passed.*

Foster moved and Wickard seconded to reconsider the minutes and correct this previous motion by striking SAE only and inserting ALL BUT RECORD BOOK CONTEST. Motion passed. Folk moved and Shughart seconded to concur. Motion passed.

New vote taken on this policy – Foster moved and reutlinger seconded. Motion passed. Folk moved to concur and Poole seconded. Motion passed.

NOW POLICY

Allow the AET (Agriculture Education Tracker) record book system as an alternate record keeping option in Pennsylvania for all but the record book contest.

Keystone Degree Verification Process – POLICY CHANGE – SECOND VOTE

Previous motion - *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.*

After a lengthy discussion this motion passed with 5 voting in favor and 4 opposed.

NOW POLICY

Eliminate the record book as part of the verification process at the State Keystone Degree verification process. Add a required signature of a different advisor from another chapter to the application.

Committee appointed to develop a new verification process – On the committee will be Dingman, Nailor, Day, Brammer and one at large that is currently using the AET system. Brammer will find the at large person. Report to follow in August.

Affiliate Membership Committee – Postponed from the March meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Brammer recommended no action at this time to allow the new system from National FFA on collecting rosters to start before this decision is made. No action taken.

Policy Manual Review Committee – At the previous meeting the question was asked about the “State Officer Advisory Council”. Mr. Brammer reported his findings and asked the Board members to let him know their thoughts on reinstating this council. No action necessary at this time.

National Chapter Award Committee – Hines presented a written proposal. (See end of minutes)

Hines moved to accept. There is an implied second. Motion passed. Folk moved to concur, seconded by Clarke. Motion passed.

State Leadership Camp/School – This committee will be handed over to the new State Officer team.

Photography CDE – Matthew Reutlinger provided a written report.

Hines moved to accept and start in 2012 as an activity after providing teachers with the information. Motion passed. Folk moved to concur, seconded by Shughart. Motion passed.

Chesapeake Bay Clean Up Event – Howard Poole reported contact has been made with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and they are exploring options. *Poole moved to table this until next year. Seconded by Folk. Motion passed. Nailor moved to concur, seconded by Hines. Motion passed.*

Summer Convention update provided by Kerri Wickard and Mike Brammer. The team is working hard and deadlines are being met. Mr. Brammer asked if there were any objections to having three state officers from CT in attendance if they pay their own way. No objections noted. He also asked if there were any objections to having the officer candidates in groups for the first round and they be scheduled for their first round, so they are not sitting all day in one room. No objections noted. There are 31 candidates this year.

2012 SLLC – Mr. Brammer reported he has several proposals for hosting this conference. An announcement will be out soon. Probably will not return to the Holiday Inn.

Old Business

Board members Dingman and Steinfeld – Completing their first term. Mr. Day reported the votes have been tabulated – Both will return for a second three year term. Congratulations and Thanks!

New Business

NEW Charter presentation from York College – *Nailor moved to accept. Seconded by Hines. Motion passed. Folk moved to concur, seconded by Clarke. Motion passed.*

Election of Board President and Vice President –

Nailor nominated Wallace for President. Having no other nominations, Mr. Wallace will continue as President. Foster nominated Nailor for Vice President. Having no other nominations Mrs. Nailor will continue as Vice President. Poole moved to concur, seconded by Clarke, motion passed. Congratulations!!

Future meeting dates were provided.

President Wickard thanked the Board for their dedication and commitment and thanked them for a great year. The Board returned the favor of thanking the officers for a great year.

The meeting was adjourned with closing ceremonies at 9:25pm.

**Mike Brammer
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Executive Manager**