

Approved FFA Board Minutes – August 26, 2011

The August 26, 2011 Pennsylvania FFA Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Hall at 6:10pm in room 121 of Borland Hall at PSU.

Opening Ceremonies were conducted by the State Officer team. Those in attendance were Casey Hall, Matthew Schaeffer, Sarabeth Royer, Sarah Kessler, Jenna Moser, Matthew Dodson, Tyler Claypool, Cliff Wallace, Sherisa Nailor, Gretchen Dingman, John Hines, David Steinfelt, Deb Seibert, Daniel Foster, Kerri Wickard, Cliff Day, Ron Frederick, Annette Gray, Cecil Lohr, Caleb Wright, and Mike Brammer. Guests included Mrs. Frederick.

President Hall welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending and asked for introductions of all.

The **minutes from the previous meeting in May and June** were presented by Mike Brammer. A motion made by Schaeffer, seconded by Royer to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed. Motion to concur by Hines seconded by Dingman. Motion passed.

Financial reports were presented by Mike 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, a 2011 year end budget comparison and a PSU Activities Week final financial report. An update on the PAAE work contract with PDA was also provided along with an update on the AG Career Network. With no objections the reports will 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 Sarabeth Royer. A written report was provided. It was acknowledged that two current officers, Jenna Moser and Sarah Kessler were now accredited parliamentarians. Question asked if commitments were being filled ok with a smaller team – Answer, YES!

PDE report was presented by Cliff Day. Big E and National Convention trip winners were provided to all. Farm Show department 35 – 12 schools - \$1000 paid to each chapter.

PDA written report was presented by Mike Brammer.

FFA Foundation written report was presented by Mike Brammer.

FFA Alumni Update was presented by Sherisa Nailor. She reported the golf outing raised \$5000. The Andy Rill Memorial Endowment is now at \$25,000. The Blue & Gold Ball will be held Oct 1. The HOSS's night will be Oct 4.

PSU report was presented by Dr. Foster. Items covered – 100% of graduates are employed – 31 freshman in AEE 100 this year. Dr. Foster is aware of two openings this year.

PAAE report - Mrs. Seibert provided a written report.

Regional Coordinators

Eastern Region – Ron Frederick reported on his regions activities. He will be helping develop the National FFA Vet Skills CDE.

Northern Region – Annette Gray reported on her activities.

South Central Region – Kelly Bier was not in attendance.

Western Region – Cecil Lohr reported on his activities in the Western Region. Mr. Lohr asked that he be replaced within one year - Had a great Western Leadership Conference – Commended the officers on a job well done!

Committees

Activities Week – Cliff Day reported on all proposed CDE changes for the 2011-12 year through a written report. Hines moved and Nailor seconded, to eliminate the Ag Issues CDE and replace it with the Ag Marketing CDE – effective 2012. Motion passed. Schaeffer/Moser moved to concur. Motion passed. Discussion continued for sometime on all CDE changes. A motion by Claypool seconded by Kessler to accept the report as presented. Motion passed. A motion to concur by Dingman, seconded by Wickard was made. Motion passed. Discussions will be held at Fall PAAE meetings and report back at the December FFA Board meeting.

Kerri Wickard reported on the recent convention activities and the delegate reports. A written delegate report was provided. The current officer team will review and report at the next meeting for any action.

OLD BUSINESS

POLICY CHANGE – SECOND VOTE – NOW POLICY

Claypool/Moser 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.

Nailor/Hines moved to concur. Motion passed.

NEW Keystone degree application and verification process was discussed lead by Dingman, Day and Nailor. Mr. Day reported verifications will take place on November 19 at PDA starting at 9:30am. Discussion on new application and the verification requirements followed. *Dodson/Kessler moved to accept the changes to the application and the verification process. Motion passed. Dingman/Wickard moved to concur. Motion passed.* NEW application and rules will be posted on the web site.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proficiency results were discussed – Suggested a letter be sent to National FFA.

Nov 2 and Nov 9 a webinar with Kevin Keith will be held to cover updates to CDE's, Proficiency applications and American Degrees.

Ag Career Network will hopefully be live by September 15.

Fall Leadership Conference will be held October 4

Honorary American and American Degrees were announced.

One student from PA will be in National Chorus from Conneaut Valley FFA.

NEXT MEETING – Policy Manual and Handbook review.

Future of the State Chorus?

Future meeting dates were provided. Next meeting will be December 9, 2011 at PSU, 6:30pm

The meeting was adjourned with closing ceremonies at 9:35pm.

**Mike Brammer
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