

Pennsylvania FFA Board of Directors

Minutes – December 9, 2016

President Baker-Mikesell called the meeting to order at 1pm with Opening Ceremonies being performed by the State Officers.

In attendance were; Libby Baker-Mikesell, Jacob Kline, Sarah Gonzalez, Madeline Buss, Jill Palmer, Garrett Jenkins, Tricia Hojnowski, Sherisa Nailor, Joanna McKelvey, Holly Oberholtzer, Doug Brown, Ayla Miller, Luke Kerstetter, Daniel Foster (via phone), Neil Fellenbaum, Sarah Sparks, Ron Frederick, Annette Gray, Cliff Wallace, Kelly Bier, Cliff Day and Mike Brammer. Welcome given by Baker-Mikesell.

- Minutes and Financial Reports-Brammer
 - *Kline/Buss moved to accept the minutes as presented - Motion passed. Fellenbaum/Kerstetter moved to concur – Motion passed.*
 - Financial report presented. *Palmer/Jenkins moved to accept the report. Motion passed. Fellenbaum/Miller moved to concur. Motion passed.*
- State Officers Report present by Gonzalez.
- FFA Foundation report presented by Sparks
 - Sparks shared new CDE/LDE payout schedule.
 - *Sparks/Oberholtzer moved to accept the new schedule as policy. Motion passed. Jenkins/Buss moved to concur – Motion passed*
SECOND VOTE NEEDED IN MARCH.
- FFA Alumni report presented by Nailor
 - Blue & Gold Ball was held
 - 827 jacket applications – will award 462.WLC applications are out. Will award TWO full scholarships and TWO half scholarships. Presented at Mid-Winter.
- PSU Update provided by Dr. Foster
 - Final presentations next week
 - Thanked PAAE for sponsoring three students to attend NAAE.
 - DIY Program
 - Global Learning in Ag.
- PAAE Update presented by Fellenbaum
 - 21 attended NAAE last week.
 - Board will attend Farm Show Reception with board meeting the following day.
- PDE Update- Day – Farm Show entries provided:
 - 31 Demos – 16 window exhibits – 10 Landscapes – 54 Ag Science teams and 73 individuals – numerous horticulture exhibits.

REGIONAL COORDINATORS

- Eastern-Frederick
 - Nov 2 – CDE's held – 520 students
 - Keystones and Star selections done.
 - Thanked Tom Hojnowski for taking over Big "E" E&NR
 - Concerned about CDE's at Farm Show – Not "contributing" to the trip funds.
- Northern-Gray
 - Keystone and Stars selected
- South Central- Nailor for Bier
 - Keystones and Stars selected
 - Need Community service on check sheet – Keystone Degree
 - April 25 – Regional CDE's
- Western- Wallace
 - Keystone and Stars selected

- WPLC – Last week of June 2017

****Secretary of Agriculture Russell C. Redding spoke to the Board**

COMMITTEES

- CDE Standing Committee- Sparks – Written report attached.
 - *Recommendation 1 – Passed*
 - *Recommendation 2 – Passed*
 - *Recommendation 3 – Passed*
 - *Buss/Hojnowski moved to concur – Motion passed.*
- SAE/Financial Literacy Committee- Fellenbaum – Written report
 - *Proficiencies – Miller/Sparks amended 65 to 50 – Passed. Jenkins/Buss moved to concur – Passed. Recommendation passed with amendment.*
 - *Keystones – Passed. Jenkins/Gonzalez concurred – Passed*
 - *Other – No action taken*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Public Speaking Policy Change – Not allowing students to participate in a second CDE/LDE who are speakers. **SECOND VOTE – VOTE FAILED.**
- *McKelvey/Sparks moved, “Students cannot compete in a conflicting scheduled CDE/LDE at Activities Week.” Passed. Palmer/Buss moved to concur. Passed. SECOND VOTE NEEDED.*

NEW BUSINESS

- Foster presented a discussion item and asked to have all comments/concerns sent to him – Should we allow 4-H (maybe the new director) to have a voting seat on the FFA Board?
- State Degrees and Honoraries.
 - *Palmer/Buss moved to accept 357 State Keystone Degrees. Passed Sparks/Fellenbaum moved to concur. Passed.*
 - *Palmer/Gonzalez moved to accept 12 Honoraries and 3 Special awards. Passed. Fellenbaum/Sparks moved to concur. Passed.*
- Budget Committee – Nailor asked to appointment to the budget committee the following: Nailor, McKelvey & Sparks. *Miller/Oberholtzer moved to accept. Passed. Palmer/Hojnowski moved to concur. Passed.*
- Conference Review Committee – Nailor asked by Brammer to appointment a committee to review all leadership conferences the Association conducts for rigor and relevance. Nailor suggested, Current State Officer, Past State Officer, 2 teachers not on the board, 1 current board member, and 1 current senior student (selected from Second Year Scholars). *Jenkins/Gonzalez moved to accept. Passed. Fellenbaum/Sparks moved to concur. Passed.*
MCKELVEY WILL CHAIR.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Activities Week 2017 – Convention sessions will be in the Bryce Jordan Center
- Second Year Scholars for SLLC have been selected.
- Next meeting will be March 3 in State College.

Closing ceremonies were performed and the meeting was adjourned at 5pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Gonzalez – FFA State Secretary
Mike Brammer – FFA Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS: SAE and CDE/LDE Committee Recommendations

CDE/LDE COMMITTEE

Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Accept the proposal submitted by the Senior Prepared Public Speaking and Conservation Public Speaking LDE chairs.

Conservation and Senior Prepared Speaking Events

Board Recommendation

As per the public speaking chairs, it is our recommendation to the FFA board to combine the Conservation and Senior Prepared Speaking events. These events would align to National FFA rules by following the suggested format below:

- Qualifying competitions in both Conservation and Senior Prepared events, county through regional, would not have to change the manner in which those events are conducted.

Manuscripts:

1. All 24 state-level manuscripts will be judged by one qualified judge prior to activities week, and those scores will be provided to pool and finals round judges as each speaker presents their speech.
2. The National FFA's manuscripts rubric will be used. These are the only raw rubric scores that are made available to contestants.

Tuesday Afternoon

Conservation and Senior Prep regional place winners compete in a Preliminary Pool Round:

1. All 24 entrants would be divided into four pools, each with six competitors, as follows:

Pool 1	Pool 2	Pool 3	Pool 4
E Region, 1 st place Sr Prep	SC Region 1 st place Sr Prep	W Region 1 st place Sr Prep	N Region, 1 st place Sr Prep
N Region, 2 nd place Sr Prep	E Region, 2 nd place, Sr Prep	SC Region, 2 nd place Sr Prep	W Region, 2 nd place Sr Prep
W Region, 3 rd place Sr Prep	N Region, 3 rd place, Sr Prep	E Region, 3 rd place Sr Prep	SC Region, 3 rd place Sr Prep
N Region, 1 st place Con	W Region, 1 st place Con	SC Region, 1 st place Con	E Region, 1 st place Con
W Region, 2 nd place Con	SC Region, 2 nd place Con	E Region, 2 nd place Con	N Region, 2 nd place Con
SC Region, 3 rd place Con	E Region, 3 rd place Con	N Region, 3 rd place Con	W Region, 3 rd place Con

2. Pools would compete simultaneously.
3. Each pool would be evaluated by at least two judges using the National FFA scoring rubrics. Each judge's rankings would be used to place the top two competitors in each pool, leaving eight finalists to advance to the Final Round on Wednesday morning.
4. Each speaker would receive judge feedback forms for at the conclusion of each round.
5. The Preliminary Pool Round would require four rooms.
6. Speakers eliminated in the Preliminary Pool Round would win bronze certificates. They would not be called to the stage at the awards session.

Wednesday

Qualifiers from the Preliminary Pool Round compete in the Final Round:

1. The Final Round would be judged by a group of three new judges using the National FFA scoring rubrics. Each judge's final rankings would be used to place all eight competitors.
2. The Final Round would require one room, preferably an auditorium.
3. Finalists placing eighth through fourth would receive silver certificates, and they would receive their awards at the awards session.
4. The winner of the Final Round would compete at The National FFA Convention, and 2nd place goes to The Big E. The top three places would receive gold certificates, and they would be recognized on stage at the awards session.

Speakers that are eliminated in the Preliminary Round:

1. During registration all speakers must register for a day two event or will be required to attend the Prepared Public Speaking LDE to observe the top eight speakers.
2. The following CDE's are single day events and participants may pre-register for these events:
 - a. Wildlife
 - b. Aquatics
 - c. Land Judging
 - d. Meats Evaluation
3. If a speaker does not report to their second day event, they will be disqualified from the Prepared Public Speaking LDE.

Other Suggestions:

1. The committee would like to keep the current chairs and co-chairs of the Conservation and Sr. Prepared LDE.

Recommendation 2: The payouts for the combined Conservation Public Speaking and Senior Prepared Public Speaking LDEs should be consistent with all other public speaking LDEs.

Recommendation 3: Accept all CDE/LDE rules as posted on the website.

Special SAE Committee Recommendations to the Board

Pennsylvania FFA Board Meeting

Friday, December 9, 2016

Chair: Tony Rice, *Member Representative*
Kelly Bier, *Proficiency Specialist*
Michael Clark, *Teacher Representative*
Carole Fay, *SAE Specialist*
Neil Fellenbaum, *Teacher Representative*
Daniel Foster, *Penn State Representative*
Ronald Frederick, *Eastern Region FFA Coordinator*
Douglas Masser, *Teacher Representative*
Katherine McLaughlin, *Member Representative*
Sherisa Nailor, *Teacher Representative*
Melissa Sankey, *Penn State Representative*
Sarah Sparks, *Foundation Representative*

Recommendations

Changes to Proficiencies

1. Chapters submitting proficiency awards will be required to have a minimum of one teacher representative or proxy participate in the scoring process. A teacher representative may not be a current or future student teacher and may not represent more than one chapter.
2. A chapter may only submit a maximum of two proficiency applications in each proficiency category at the state level
3. A student may only submit a maximum of two proficiency applications per year.
4. Each proficiency category's applications and scoring results will be reviewed by a final review committee to ensure consistency and accuracy of applications. The four regional coordinators and the SAE specialist will serve as the final review committee.
5. If an application has a final average score less than 50 points, it will not be eligible for state winner or state finalist recognition.

Changes to Keystone Degree Applications

6. Applications will require all SAE plans.

Changes to Keystone Degree Applications Continued...

7. Applications will require a minimum of one picture of his/her project.
8. Keystone Degree applications will be locked to AET.
9. A combination of hours and money as the minimum requirement for the Keystone Degree Application will be implemented in the online application.
10. Other Keystone Degree application changes:
 - a. Remove "met" checkbox from the activity verification and change to a "manual check."
 - b. Add Community Service to the manual check.
 - c. Change community service "Organization" category title to "Benefitting Organization."

Other Discussion

1. The special committee recognizes and approves the use of livestock raised as a 4-H project as an appropriate SAE.

PA FFA Foundation Payout for Contests

Established: December 9, 2016

Standard Team Event Payout: \$1640

- **\$1000** per team travel stipend to attend National Convention (**\$250** per team member)
- **\$450** per team travel stipend to attend Big E (**\$112.50** per team member)
- **\$100** for 1st place individual
- **\$90**, 5 plaques at \$18 dollars each: 1st, 2nd, 3rd place individual and 1st and 2nd place team
- Events Include:
 - Agriculture Mechanics and Technology
 - Agronomy
 - Dairy Cattle Management
 - Farm And Agribusiness Management
 - Food Science
 - Floriculture
 - Forestry
 - Horse Evaluation
 - Livestock Evaluation
 - Milk Quality and Products
 - Nursery/Landscape
 - Poultry Evaluation
 - Veterinary Science
- Unique Scenario:
 - Parliamentary Procedure ~ \$2211 (6 member teams)
 - Meats Evaluation ~ \$940 (3 member team, no contest at Big E)
 - Marketing Plan ~ \$1277.50 (3 member team)
 - Environmental and Natural Resources ~ \$1486 (team event only)
 - Conduct of Meeting ~ \$1536 (Big E contest, 6 members)
 - Ag Issue Forum ~ \$1036 (Team Event at Nationals only)
 - Ag Sales ~ \$1190 (No Big E contest)

Individual Event: \$516.50

- **\$250** individual travel stipend to attend National Convention
- **\$112.50** per team travel stipend to attend Big E \$100 for individual
- **\$54**, 3 plaques at \$18 dollars each: 1st, 2nd, 3rd place individual
- Events Include:
 - Creed Speaking
 - Employment Skills
 - Extemporaneous Public Speaking
 - Prepared Public Speaking, Senior
- Unique Scenario:
 - Dairy Cattle Handlers ~ \$854 (1st place individual goes to Nationals; 2nd through 5th place make up team for Big E as a team event)
 - Safe Tractor and Equipment Driving ~ \$266.50 (Big E only)

Events offered only at the state level:

- FFA Knowledge ~ \$154 (1st place and 3 plaques)
- Aquatics ~ \$154 (1st place and 3 plaques)
- Prepared Public Speaking, Junior ~ \$154 (1st place and 3 plaques)
- Wildlife ~ \$154 (1st place and 3 plaques)
- Small Gas Engines ~ \$390 (Team wins \$200; if 1st Individual is not on the team \$100 is awarded; 5 plaques)

Farm Show Event:

- Landscape Design ~ \$150 (1st place travel stipend to Big E, Farm Show premium \$300)
- Scrapbook ~ \$115 (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Payout to Chapters)

Special Scenarios:

- Talent Contest Placing ~ \$154 (1st place and 3 plaques)
- Land Judging ~ \$1190 (1st Place team goes to alternative contest, 1st place individual and 5 plaques)
- Band and Chorus ~ \$1500 (\$250 per individual selected to attend Nationals)