**ND FFA Association Board of Directors Minutes**

March 20, 2019 Meeting 4:30 PM Web Based: Zoom Meeting

**Members/Directors:**

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| Aaron Anderson, State Advisor | Brent Arndt, Dist. 4 | Caleb Boehm, FFA Secretary |
| Craig Kleven, State Exec. Sec. | Dan Spellerberg, Dist. 5 | Morgan Krizan, FFA V. President |
| Tamra Maddock, Foundation | Brian Schneider, Dist. 6 | Billie Lentz, FFA Treasurer |
| Julie Woodbury, Dist. 1 | Mike Kamrath, Dist. 7 | Cassidy Walth, FFA Reporter |
| Lance VanBerkom, Dist. 2 | David Leier, Dist. 8 | Lucas Rath, FFA Sentinel |
| Lane Moellenkamp, Dist. 3 | Brianna Maddock, FFA President | Jacy Hauge, FFA Parliamentarian |

**Officers:**

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| President | Aaron Anderson |
| Vice President | Brian Schneider  |
| Secretary  | Craig Kleven  |
| Treasurer | Julie Woodbury |

**Standing Committees:**

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| Written Applications | Brian Schneider, Dan Spellerberg, Lane Moellenkamp, Brianna Maddock, Lucas Rath, Cassidy Walth |
| CDEs | David Leier, Mike Kamrath, Lance VanBerkom, Brent Arndt, Caleb Boehm, Jacy Hauge, Morgan Krizan, Craig Kleven  |
| Finance & Events/Activities  | Julie Woodbury, Tam Maddock, Billie Lentz, Aaron Anderson |

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson at 4:34 pm.

Aaron asked for agenda additions. Woodbury asked about electing board members. District board representatives from 1, 3, and 5 will need to be elected by August 1.

Rath was absent. Lentz joined at 4:47. Krizan joined at 6:00 pm.

**Secretary’s Report:**

The secretary’s minutes were reviewed.

Hauge moved, Spellerberg seconded to approve the minutes from 11.12.18. Motion passed.

Kamrath moved, Arndt seconded to approve the special meeting minutes from 11.28.18. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** As of 3/19/2018

Checking: $160,580.24 Savings: $52,418.64 Investment: $ 153,550.64 Accounts Receivable: $40,265.00 is one-two months out and mostly from Winter Leadership Conference and FFA Membership Dues.

The current budget was presented and is on track.

Aged Debtor’s List: Details were not covered.

Moellenkamp moved, Arndt seconded to approve the treasurer’s report. Motion passed.

**State Officer Report:**

President Maddock reported on the team activities since the last meeting:

Winter Leadership Conference, Participated in local Winter CDEs, Chapter Banquets, Winter CDEs, State Convention Planning, Adopt a Chapter, Horse Selection on the 23.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

CDE Committee: Google Docs for committee work for the next CDE review.

Advisors can place comments and suggestions in the document. Do not delete from the document.

*State Convention Group A (Effective 2020):* Milk Quality & Products, Meats Evaluation & Technology, Small Animal Care, Dairy Cattle, Food Science & Technology, Dairy Cattle Handlers, Horse Evaluation & Selection

*State Fair (Effective 2020)*

Finance & Events Activities:

Committee met last fall and Anderson has visited with the NDSF. A $300.00 stipend will be awarded to a chapter to participate by sharing chapter interactive exhibits in technology and precision agriculture.

**Old Business:**

FFA Camp: Wesley Acres Camp & Retreat Center

August 2-4, 2019 are the available dates. Craig provided a proposed budget. $200.00 appears to be the minimum camp registration. Wesley Acres does not have a minimum camper number. Anderson reported the state officers have discussed hosting a camp during the past seven years. Discussed visiting with the state convention delegates. The biggest hurdle for parents may be transporting kids to camp and not registration. The last couple weeks of July during the NDSF and first week of August are open dates. Is this an ideal time?

Leier moved to host an FFA Camp, second my Hauge. Motion passed. President Maddock moved to postpone to the August meeting. Motion passed.

State Teach Ag Results (STAR) Program Grant – ND Update

Kleven shared that the committee has met. In the next couple of weeks, ND will receive $5,000.00 to use by December 31, 2019. If the committee meets the requirements in 2019, $8,000.00 will be warded in 2020 for ND to use in teacher recruitment and retention. Strategies include Ag Ed Career Pathway Poster, Teach Ag Intern at NDSU, New Teacher Welcome packets, Alternative Certification Teacher (ND TIP), Teacher Recognition, and NDSU Ag Ed Day.

**New Business:**

Winter Leadership Conference Review

Anderson noted it was a great conference weekend. Wish FFA could utilize another place besides the Ramkota Inn.

Elite Conference or Gold Conference in 2020

For seniors (a max of 40-50 who apply) who want to continue their FFA journey after their senior year and are considering running for a state FFA office. Moving forward with conference planning (determine name) and information will be gathered from the delegates at state FFA convention. Details releases in the Fall of 2019

Alternative to 360˚ Conference

The reviews of 212˚ and 360˚ are not always positive, especially 360˚. Anderson reached out to Rhett Laubach and Kelly Barnes about trying a different alternative. A one-page summary of expenses between 360˚ and an alternative was provided. Consensus were the change would be good.

Leier moved to replace the 360˚ conference with the alternative conference proposed. Kamrath second the motion. Discussion was held that 360˚ would be the first conference to change because it is drier and not as engaging. Then if the new conference goes well a replacement for 212˚ would be investigated. The former ALD conference is no longer under copyright by National FFA. Rhett and Kelly conduct similar conferences in other states and could replace both 212˚ and 360˚. Motion passed.

Meals of Hope Food Packaging Event 2020

State Officers announced the event at Winter CDEs. Kleven provided a brief update and an email will be sent to advisors on Thursday. Be sure to contact Kleven about details and inform Kleven of fundraising activities and donations. More will be shared at State FFA Convention.

ND State Crops Show Review

Anderson reported 143 crop samples were entered from seven FFA chapters. Discussion was held about the amount of dollars and time spent by the FFA association. What is the benefit and impact on members? The cost is low as most of the state officers are driving in from Fargo. The total cost of meals and mileage is less than $200.00. There is now an agricultural education program in Valley City, local members maybe asked next year to assist with the preparation of the samples and recording of the placings instead of state officers.

Winter CDEs reviews:

A survey link via Survey Monkey was emailed. Some responses have been submitted and more discussion will occur later as more surveys are completed.

Livestock: Can the event start earlier? Does the logistics of bringing in the animals affect start time? Most chapters are staying over-night, but some choose to drive in so that will alter travel plans for some chapters. Should market lambs not be sourced to prevent student’s exposure to Club Lamb Fungus? Two different producers bring in beef classes. If not, then producer just bring animals and not serve as an official. Only eight members placed the breeding ewes’ class correctly. Do advisors need to verify placings? Official reasons need to be typed and sent out or announced in the judging arena, so they can be heard. Change the time to seven minutes for NR classes.

Awards: Announcing of the top five was: Five, Four, Three, and the top individual is …. The second-place person was never announced and makes it harder to follow online. Discussed not announcing the bronze and silver awards, like state convention.

Agronomy: Discussed that people stated there was only 8 pans and 12 kids on a couple of rotations, so they were limited on time to review them. Soils practicum was too long at 54 pages. Some new concepts were possibly introduced at the team event; should have been introduced earlier. Make sure there are two tests and two weed control guides for five kids to work together on the team problem.

Ag Sales: Multiple rounds for the team events, but this would lengthen the day.

State Winning Team Plaques – National FFA No Longer Provides

ND FFA could provide a nice state team plaque in the shape of ND; it would cost $100.00/plaque. Maybe $30-$40 for one like the plaque National FFA provided and maybe $50-$60 for a nicer design of the National FFA plaque.

Spellerberg moved that the ND State FFA Association provide a black plaque for state winning teams. Schneider second the motion. Motion passed.

Schneider moved to provide the plaques starting when they ended at the 2018 state FFA convention. Spellerberg second the motion. Motion passed.

FFA Events: Male and Female Chaperone Requirements

Many schools have implemented requirements of male and female chaperones during overnight stays. Is a requirement needed for State FFA convention since the rooms are isolated? Not a huge issue among the residence halls. It is nice to have the female/male chapter chaperone presence in the female/male residence halls. Advisors can work together to provide room checks and serve as female/male chaperones. Anderson suggested that he would place a recommendation on housing that a male and female chaperone should be assigned at state FFA convention.

Honoree State and American Degree Recipients

Honorary State FFA Degree: Anderson provided a list of nominations to the board provide by chapters, state office, and foundation. Spellerberg moved to accept the following names for the honorary state FFA degree: Ted and Sarah Pietron of Wahpeton Ace Hardware; Desi Severance, Wyndmere Agricultural Education Instructor; Mary Schneider, Volunteer/Supporter from Napoleon; William (Bill) Ongstad, Harvey FFA Alumni; Dr. Adam Marx, NDSU Agricultural Education; Jaden Schmidt, FFA Administrative Assistant; Justin Benz, Alumni/FFA Volunteer state Livestock Official, Beulah; Cody Wardner Alumni/FFA Volunteer state Livestock Official, Mercer; Jean Johnson, Ag Country Farm Credit Services, Grand Forks; Bill Zing Hazen Agricultural Education Instructor. VanBerkom seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Honorary American Degree:

No names were submitted.

Honorary American Degree for Teachers:

Hauge nominated Mr. Pete Hetle. Spellerberg nominated Mrs. Amanda Huettl. Motion passed.

**Next Meeting Date:** June 7, 2019 1:00 pm – Bismarck ND – Location to be announced. Committee work will be conducted in the morning (time to be announced).

**Other:**

Review the agronomy CDE: Consider updating the noxious weeds list because it changed January 2019. Modern Livestock & Poultry Production Textbook editions for the Livestock Evaluation event. Add both items to google DOCs for the CDE committee to review.

Anderson shared that one hard cover speaker case with wheels was purchased for moving speakers between events and storage. Three more cases will be purchased.

The two FFA screens were sold to NDCTE for $2,000.00. FFA can still use the screens. Anderson suggested purchasing a 10’ tall by 20’ wide screen for the middle of the stage during state FFA convention for the listing of award recipient names. The view would be larger, sharper and names would be easier to read. Max cost of $5,000.00. The carrying case would be about 6” wider than the previous case, but only one case will be needed for transport. No action taken.

Spellerberg asked advisors to visit with their respective districts about moving Small Animal Care and/or Environmental & Natural Resources to be held during the Winter CDEs. CDE committee will review.

ND FFA Foundation Report:

Executive Director Maddock asked advisors to visit with their respective districts if $1,000-$1,200.00 is worth spending on bus transportation for tours at state convention. Please see if there are drivers available. A special invite only tour is being arranged at a construction site in downtown Fargo. Details to follow as they evolve.

April 10 is FFA day with the legislators at the ND State Capitol. Chapters are invited to participate by serving the meal and visiting with legislators. Plains Ag and Farm Credit Services are now star partners. Lynnes Welding will no longer be a Star Partner and will focus on professional development

Anderson thanked everyone for their time.

Spellerberg moved to adjourn, Arndt seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.