

ND FFA Association Board of Directors
Minutes
March 24, 2021 at 3:30 pm CST: Microsoft Teams
Members/Directors:

Aaron Anderson, State Advisor	Molly Zahradka, Dist. 4	Caleb Hauck, FFA Secretary
Craig Kleven, State Exec. Sec.	Breana Bregel, Dist. 5	Hannah Remington, FFA Vice President
Beth Allen, FFA Foundation	Missy Hansen, Dist. 6	Christina Greuel, FFA Treasurer
Ben Curdy, Dist. 1	Mike Kamrath, Dist. 7	Calli Hauck, FFA Reporter
Lance Van Berkom, Dist. 2	David Leier, Dist. 8	Jayden MacDonald, FFA Sentinel
Kasey Okke, Dist. 3	Breanna Hosman, FFA President	Miranda Clarys, FFA Parliamentarian

Officers:

President	Aaron Anderson
Vice President	David Leier
Secretary	Craig Kleven
Treasurer	Mike Kamrath

Standing Committees:

Written Applications & SAE	Missy Hansen, Kasey Okke, Craig Kleven, Caleb Hauck, Calli Hauck
CDEs	David Leier, Lance Van Berkom, Breana Bregel, Craig Kleven, Breanna Hosman, Jayden McDonald
Finance	Aaron Anderson, Mike Kamrath, Beth Allen, Christina Greuel
Events/Activities	Aaron Anderson, Molly Zahradka, Ben Curdy, Hannah Remington, Miranda Clarys
Policy	Aaron Anderson, Craig Kleven, Breanna Hosman, David Leier, Mike Kamrath

Absent: Allen was sick, Calli Hauck, Christina Gruel joined at 4:00pm. Leier left at 5:00pm for graduate school.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson at 3:31 pm. Roll call was called by Anderson.

Secretary's Report:

The secretary's minutes were reviewed. Kamrath moved; Hosman seconded to approve the minutes from 1/13/21 meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: As of 3/23/21

Checking: \$197,393.64 Savings: \$0.00 Investment: \$273,155.36 Accounts Receivable: \$11,767.00 (Majority is Dues)

Aged Debtor's List: 0-30 days: \$0.00 31-60 days: \$0.00 61-90 days: \$0.00 >90 days: \$0.00

Kamrath Moved; Clarys seconded to approve the treasurers report as of 3/23/21. Motion passed.

State Officer Report – Hosman: The State Officer Team has been attending various Winter CDEs and helping where needed. We most recently started planning for State Convention, writing scripts, editing PowerPoints, and deciding on Convention entertainment. Banquet season will be beginning soon, and the officers are preparing speeches, emailing teachers, and preparing workshops for chapter visits. State Winter CDEs happened last Monday, March 22nd, and each officer assisted in overseeing competitions. We look forward to banquet season and State Convention.

Standing Committee Reports:

- a. **Written Applications & SAE:** Officer Book Rubrics – POA: Difference between AET and non AET for VP and Reporter Rubric Clarification – No Report
- b. **CDEs:** Kleven provided an overview of each CDE/item up for review and proposed changes.
 - i. State Convention Group B: Changes Effective April 1, 2021
 1. Talent: Review/Approve Proposed Changes
 2. Courtesy Corps: Review/Approve Proposed Changes
 3. Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems:
 - a. Basic: Review/Approve Proposed Changes
 - b. Intermediate: Review/Approve Proposed Changes
 - c. Advanced: Review/Approve Proposed Changes
 4. Floriculture: Review/Approve Proposed Changes
 5. Nursery & Landscape: No Changes Recommended
 6. Agricultural Communications: No Changes Recommended
 7. Farm & Agribusiness Management: No Changes Recommended

Kamrath moved to approve CDE changes as presented, minus the addition of the job interview practicum in the Floriculture CDE and clarification on the Ohm's Law and Power formulas on the formula page and reference the Agricultural Systems and Mechanics, 2nd Edition © 2019, ISBN: 978-0-8269-3680-6 or the 1st Edition to update the formulas page. Clarys second the motion. Motion passed.

The word "Guidelines" will be removed from the "ND CDE/LDE Guidelines" and the word "Handbook" will be used to align with National FFA language. ND has developed individual handbooks for each CDE/LDE instead of one large guideline for the specific event/activity/convention.

- ii. Land Judging Effective 2021: Two months prior to event – No Report and no directive to change the event.
 - iii. Range Judging Effective 2021: Two months prior to event – No Report and no directive to change the event.
 - iv. Parliamentary Procedure: New state guide needed. Need a plan or committee formed. Kleven shared an option would be to adopt two National LDEs and with potential modifications.
 1. Conduct of Chapter Meetings Grades 7-9: This would enhance middle school participation at district leadership and the local level. Additionally, allow for national participation for this age group of members and would replace the current Greenhand Parli Pro event that is conducted in some districts. District representatives are to visit with their districts and report back at the June meeting.
 2. Parliamentary Procedure: Adopt the national CDE and since it would follow those guidelines, chapter officers would not have to make up the Parli Pro team and it would be open to any member who wants to participate. District representatives are to visit with their districts and report back at the June meeting.
- c. **Finance:** No Report
 - d. **Events/Activities:** No Report
 - e. **Policy:** No Report

LDEs are up for review for the fall along with Winter CDEs.

Old Business:

a. FFA Camp: Van Berkom nothing to report. Committee has not met. Camp dates are reserved.

New Business:

a. State FFA Crop Show Review: Anderson shared six chapters participated, with 114 samples submitted. Lowest participation on record. Held just prior to and on display during the ND Winter Show.

b. State Winter CDEs Review: Anderson shared the preliminary data from the survey. Overall, the event was well received. Late start was liked, but maybe start earlier in the day. This was part of the COVID plan. Advisors appreciated the no registration table, members cards/scan card was labeled with a mailing label and the fact that members went directly to their CDE.

Agronomy: Liked the two groups of rotations but try to eliminate more of the wait time. Easier for pan classes with less people. Liked the use of 4-H Hall. Balcony worked well for scoring. Lighting was much better with no dark spots and shadows.

Agricultural Sales: Test on the tables and packages opened early. Implement an overall Agricultural Sales Superintendent to coordinate because the CDE started much later than scheduled with no person in charge. Survey results stated advisors liked having only the top teams advance to the finals round of team presentations. Eight teams were used because that is approximately 20% of the teams and 20% is the factor for awarding Gold placings. Potentially consider implementing an individual call back.

Livestock Evaluation: Smaller ring size in a non COVID year. The preassigned seating for reasons was appreciated and should be used in the future. Livestock officials wanted refreshments but were not provided because of COVID. Data sheet was used in livestock and questioned the use of it in a COVID year and previous discussions.

c. State Parli Pro & Employment Skills LDE - April 7 at the Bismarck Events Center: Anderson shared items are in place. Finals will be livestreamed.

d. Proficiencies, State FFA Degree, National Chapter, Food for America: Anderson reminded deadlines are posted for all items. Electronic scoring for proficiencies will be used starting April 8. On April 11 after the NDAAE in person meeting, advisors can judge online in the same room if desired. Electronic judging of proficiencies is an additional cost for future years but is much simpler than paper judging.

e. State Convention: Anderson stated a full in person state convention is being planned. Convention logistics and confirmation of holding CDEs/LDEs is being communicated and worked through with various NDSU contacts. Livewire is on board for convention stage and sessions.

f. American FFA Degree Submission and Professional Development: Kleven asked directors to discuss with districts to see if this is a need for professional development and when because of the changes in the last couple of years. The manual check sheet and community service guidelines have been updated and are not being used by members and advisors, causing additional unnecessary work/time for all entities at the local, state, and national levels.

g. AET Review of Cost and Application Submission (lock or unlocked): Anderson shared the cost of the statewide subscription is approximately \$20,000.00 per year. A non-statewide subscription would cost approximately \$175-\$575.00/chapter. The errors and omissions that are occurring are also related to the ability to just fill out a degree or a proficiency application because it is unlocked. The initial plan was to lock AET after the first four to five years. Locking the applications would cut down on many of the errors and omissions from students each year and provide a better understanding of financial record keeping for both students and advisors. ND is one of very few states that allow these applications and degrees to be unlocked.

Kamrath noted that one of his members AET records were reviewed by the tax planner and the tax planner said it made tax planning simple because they were a nice complete set of records. Shows the value of using AET for record keeping. Visit with your districts about the cost and to lock or unlock as an action item for the June meeting.

h. **Honorary State and National Degree Considerations:** Anderson stated there was no submission by chapters in 2021. Anderson shared the nominated Honorary American Degree list from 2020 (that was not submitted because of the online National FFA Convention). The 2020 names will be moved forward to 2021. Adam Marx, Tamra Maddock, Fred Bakke, Tracey Hartwig, Troy Enga and Dan Spellerberg. Honorary State Degree list was shared. Mick Kjar, Katie Pinke, Carah Hart, Christina Dockter, and Marsha Kapphahn. Okke Moved to accept the list as presented. Kamrath second the motion. Motion passed.

i. **Other:** None

FFA Foundation Report – Allen:

Allen was sick and absent. Anderson stated that Kayla Hart sent an email to the secondary email list serv regarding the FFA Foundation & Alumni Auction during FFA State Convention. Anderson noted the great work Allen is completing as the executive director.

Next Meeting Date & Location:

Friday, June 11, 2021 at 1:00 pm in Bismarck. Location TBD. Curdy moved and second by Okke. Motion passed.

Announcements:

None

Adjourn:

Okke moved to adjourn, Hosman second the motion. Due to no further business, meeting adjourned at 5:21 pm.