ND FFA Association Board of Directors Minutes

March 22, 2018 Webex Meeting. 3:45 PM (Rescheduled from March 5th, 2018)

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| Members: |  |  |
| Aaron Anderson, State Advisor | Brent Arndt, Dist. 4 | Marissa Tuhy, FFA Secretary |
| JoDee Free, State Exec. Sec. | Dan Spellerberg, Dist. 5 | Cierra Dockter, FFA Vice President |
| Tamra Maddock, Foundation | Brian Schneider, Dist. 6 | Hannah Gress, FFA Treasurer |
| Julie Woodbury, Dist. 1 | Shawn Feiring, Dist. 7 | Alicia Hellman, State Reporter |
| Lance VanBerkom, Dist. 2 | Alan Geiger, Dist. 8 | Abagail Volk, State Sentinel |
| Lane Moellenkamp, Dist. 3 | Cole Ketterling, FFA President | Warren Swenson, State Parliamentarian |

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson at 3:58 pm via Webex conference call.

All members were present.

**Secretaries Report:** The secretary’s minutes were reviewed. There were no corrections or additions.

Spellerberg moved, Schneider seconded to approve the secretary’s minutes. Motion Passed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Handouts were distributed via email which included a year to date budget, net worth statement, debtors report, and a category report.

As of 2/28/2018: Checking $127,403.15 Savings $52,392.44

Investment $158,124.72 Accounts Receivable: $44,236.50

Moellenkamp moved, VanBerkom seconded to approve the treasurer’s Report. Motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

Written Application: None

CDE Committee:

Floral:

1. Plant ID
   1. Splitting this part of the contest into 2 sections with one section having added 10 equipment ID items. This will take one additional room in the greenhouse. NDSU does have space for this.
   2. Each section will be 30 minutes with 30 plants in one room and 20 plants/10 equipment items in the other.
   3. The list of equipment ID from National FFA has been edited for use.
   4. This would change total points to 300. (60 ID items at 5 points each.)
2. Customer Assistance/Sales
   1. Change time to 30 minutes
3. Written test
   1. 50 questions worth 4 points each, changing total points to 200 (currently 250)
4. Problem Solving
   1. Time allotted to 30 minutes
   2. Change to 10 questions at 10 points each. Total would be 100 points (currently 200)
5. The above suggestions would change total points to 900. This would have 1/3 of the CDE being written/problem solving and 2/3 being hands on/ID based.

VanBerkom moved, Feiring seconded to approve the Floral CDE changes presented by the CDE committee. Motion passed.

Nursery Landscape

1. Plant ID
   1. List updated by Dr. West, NDSU
   2. Plant ID from 50 to 40 specimens
2. ID of Pests, Disorders, and Insects
   1. Ten items worth 5 points each
3. ID of Equipment & Supplies
   1. Ten items worth 5 points each
4. Verbal Customer Assistance
   1. New format
   2. See attached example
5. General Knowledge Exam
   1. Point value change from 4 to 3 points per question
6. Landscape Estimating
   1. Twenty Questions (was 10)
   2. Five (5) points each (was 15)

Free moved, VanBerkom seconded to approve the Nursery Landscape CDE changes presented by the CDE committee. Motion passed.

Addendum K Policy Manual:

The addendum needs to be updated as we have gone through a 3-year revision cycle. It will have the addition of “effective 2018” or whatever year changes for each group will become effective. Updated section below:

* 1. Group 1
     1. District Leadership CDEs (and the State event they move on to) Effective 2018
     2. Winter CDEs - Agronomy, Ag Sales, Livestock Effective 2019
  2. Group 2
     1. State Convention Group A: Milk Quality & Products, Meats Evaluation & Technology, Small Animal Care, Dairy Cattle, Food Science & Technology, Dairy Cattle Handlers, Horse Evaluation & Selection. Effective 2020
     2. State Fair Effective 2020
  3. Group 3
     1. State Convention Group B: Talent, Courtesy Corps, Agricultural Communications, Farm Business Management, Basic Agricultural Mechanics, Intermediate Agricultural Mechanics, Advanced Agricultural Mechanics, Nursery Landscape, and Floriculture. Effective 2021
     2. Land Judging Effective 2021
     3. Range Judging Effective 2021

Moellenkamp moved, Schneider seconded to update Addendum K of the policy manual with the proposed changes as shown. Motion passed.

**Old Business**

State Convention CDE Participation

The attached document was presented to show what CDE/LDEs members can participate in the same time. This was developed to eliminate double of CDEs and to allow them to flow better during convention.

State Officer Election procedures

The new procedures and committee information were reviewed as this will be the first year for this process. Documents can be found on ffa.org under State Officers.

State Parliamentary Procedure date changes

Currently National FFA is still allowing us to declare our national team one week before the convention. In the event that this changes we have discussed to emergency options. These options are to be presented to districts to discuss and choose one.

Emergency Option 1 – Winter Leadership (Qualifying round Saturday morning and Finals Saturday night)  
Emergency Option 2 – State Convention

State Officer Application:

Currently the state officer application is a word document and emailed/mailed to the office. We have looked into putting this application on the AET system. This would allow electronic submission and add the SAE information would be automatically pulled from the system. No financial records would be added. The document would not be locked and all information could still be typed in without pulling anything from the AET record book system.

VanBerkom moved, Schneider seconded to move the state officer application to the AET system. Motion passed.

State Fair book

Outcome of Survey:

1. Leave SAE Agreement as is in State Fair Book. Yes 10 No 2
   1. SAE Agreement not changed
2. Do NOT require ownership dates. Yes 6 No 6
   1. Nothing was changed in book
   2. We need to further discuss and decide for the 2019 fair.
3. Remove Chapter Herdsman Plaques/Awards Yes 10 No 2
   1. Have been removed from book
4. One Individual Herdsman Award Yes 11 No 1
   1. Has been changed in book
5. Remove chapter plaques and put money towards sweepstakes drawings. Yes 10 No 1 Abstain 1
   1. Have been removed from book
   2. Sweepstakes drawings of $200 for 5 chapters that have accumulated of 5000 points will be held at PDC in August.

By removing these awards, we will save approximately $1300 on awards. This savings will be the money put towards the sweepstakes drawings.

**New Business:**

Insurance Quotes:

Insurance has been purchased for the scanners that tabulate our CDE events. This costs $88 for the two scanners that are worth $8000. It was discussed whether we should purchase insurance to cover the rest of the equipment in storage or at the Foundation Office.

Moellenkamp moved, Swenson seconded to allow state staff to control the decisions of what items should be insured. Motion passed.

State Convention Banquet

Discussion on options/ideas for the banquet. We are currently at 460 people and capacity is 480 people. The banquet is important to our members, sponsors, and families so we need to be considering what happens when we reach the limit and what options do we have.

Lakota/Dakota Prairie FFA Chapter Coop

Dakota Prairie has offered a ½ time teaching contract to Courtney Miller and would like to coop FFA chapters with Lakota.

Spellerberg moved, Woodbury seconded to accept the coop of Lakota/Dakota Prairie FFA Chapter. Motion Passed

Review of Winter CDEs

Can we start earlier?

Livestock overall quality was low and advisors are concerned about that and the data given to judgers. Concerns also on judges taking reasons. How do we find enough quality judges-livestock?

Ag Sales: Consistency in team room judging is a concern. What options do we have to make this a better situation?

Option 1 – Make Winter CDE’s events state qualifying. Only top % of students and/or teams from preliminary events advance to state. This would cut down on number of judge’s tables and team rooms. Students will still have many opportunities at regional events to participate.

Option 2 – Have a second individual judging round that will take the top 2 from each judges table for an additional sale. Could make them all sell same product.

Option 3 – Add an additional practicum to ag sales.

Option 4 - Other ideas from chapters?????

Agronomy: More insects—update to national list. Moving part of the team event to an individual practicum.

Have these conversations with your districts and ask for ideas from them. The Winter CDEs are under revision this year, effective in 2019.

Announcements:

1. Federal Charter-It is in committee. An email was sent out with information
2. Horse Judging is April 7th. Information has been sent out with registration links.
3. State Proficiency judging is April 8th in Bismarck at the Quality Inn at 2 pm.

The next meeting date will be Monday June 11th. Time and location TBD.

Spellerberg moved, Dockter seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.