

Michigan FFA Board of Directors

December 15, 2004

I. Call to Order

State President Ryan Kramer call the third meeting of the Michigan FFA Association Board of Directors to order at 1:03 P.M. in the Comfort Inn at Mount Pleasant on December 15, 2004.

Members of the student board in attendance included Ryan Kramer, Matt Jakubik, Nathan Baker, Aaron Preston, Doug Albright, Jeff Peterson, Jake Riske, Nicole Welchner, David Wise, Melissa Smith, and Dustin Petty. Members of the adult board present included Randy Showerman, Tom Condon, Megan Burgess, Steve Beattie, Emily Opper, Jason Griffith, Jerry Block, Ren'ee Bryant, Mark Forbush, and Eddie Moore. Consultants to the board in attendance included Jeff Hawes, Floyd Beneker, Kate Powers, Beth Stuever, Tom Smith, Bart Marshall, and Charles Scovill. Also in attendance was Charles Arensmeier.

II. Opening Ceremonies

Opening ceremonies were conducted by the 2004-2005 state officer team to open the meeting.

A motion to add review of Star State Degree recipients selection process to the agenda under new business was made by Jake Riske and seconded by Matt Jakubik. The motion passed.

A motion to sustain was made by Jerry Block and seconded by Mark Forbush. The motion passed.

III. Secretary's Minutes

The secretary's minutes for the September 29, 2004 meeting were read. A motion to accept the secretary's minutes was made by Aaron Preston and seconded by Matt Jakubik. The motion passed.

A motion to sustain was made by Steve Beattie and seconded by Emily Opper. The motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Aaron Preston announced that as of December 1, 2004 there was _____ in the FFA checking account. The transition to the University's checking account will be complete by January 1, 2005.

V. Michigan FFA Association

A. State Officer Report

State president Ryan Kramer gave the state officer report. The Michigan Farm Bureau Conference and Discussion Meet was that day and the next day. Regional degree scoring is the first week of January. The officers are busy preparing for state convention and for leadership contest.

B. State Director's Report

The State Director's report was given by Dr. Hawes. He is busy preparing for state convention and the regional degree scoring. The FFA office is still preparing to move. The date for the move is January 21, 2005. He also discussed the convention moving to the auditorium in 2006.

C. State Advisor's Report

The association needs to collect the money that they are owed by chapters for various things such as conference and contest registration fees.

VI. Michigan FFA Alumni Report

A. President's Report

The administrator's trip to national convention went well. We need to try and get more participation for next year. The outstanding affiliate and outstanding member applications are due on January 1st. A new scholarship fund has been established. The alumni's annual meeting is on February, 5 2005.

VII. Michigan FFA Foundation

A. Director's Report

The Chevy truck program was a success. At least \$30,000 was made. The 2005 FFA tractors are in stock. They are available at Tractor Supply Company.

The Business and Industry visits are complete for the fall. The foundation has added two new sponsors.

VIII. Old Business

A. CDE Committee Assignments

The contests have been grouped and individuals need to sign up for the committee of their choice.

B. Governance Committee Member Appointment

The governance committee added two members from the adult board. Steve Beattie and Mark Forbush volunteered to be on the committee. A motion to add Steve Beattie and Mark Forbush to the governance committee was made by Matt Jakubik and seconded by Doug Albright. The motion passed. A motion to sustain was made by Tom Condon and seconded by Jerry Block. The motion passed.

IX. New Business

Auditing Committee Report

The auditing committee report was given and Doug Albright made a motion to accept it. The motion was seconded by Matt Jakubik and it passed. A motion to sustain was made by Eddie Moore and seconded by Megan Burgess. The motion passed.

Doug Albright made a motion to refer the non-profit auditing to the finance committee. It was seconded by Melissa Smith. The motion passed. Eddie Moore

made the motion to sustain and it was seconded by Megan Burgess. The motion passed.

B. Broiler Contest Recommendation

Concerns with the scoring of the Broiler contest were addressed. Aaron Preston made a motion to refer this issue to the Career Development Event Committee. Seconded by Doug Albright. The motion passed. Steve Beattie made a motion to sustain the student's actions. The motion was seconded by Megan Burgess and it passed.

C. CDE Certification

A proposal to change the Floriculture contest to include a certification program was made by the Michigan Horticulture Teacher Association. A motion to accept the written proposal and to make a recommendation to add a portion for students who don't make the initial cut to learn more about floriculture was made by Tom Condon and seconded by Jason Griffith. The motion passed. Matt Jakubik made a motion to sustain and it was seconded by Doug Albright. The motion passed.

D. Honorary Degree Recommendations

Dustin Petty made a motion to accept the list of Honorary Degree Recipients that was assembled by the State Officers. The motion was seconded by Nicole Welchner. Matt Jakubik amended the motion to exclude the people who already received their degrees. The amendment was seconded by Doug Albright and it passed. The motion also passed. Mark Forbush made a motion to sustain and Megan Burgess seconded. The motion passed.

E. Star State Degree

A proposal has been made to change to selection process of the star state degree winners. The proposal includes removing state officers from the selection process, adding industry members to the selection board, and removing the names from the applications. A motion to refer this issue to the events and awards committee was made by Melissa Smith and seconded by Dustin Petty. The motion passed. A motion to sustain was made by Emily Opper and seconded by Mark Forbush. The motion passed.

F. Disciplinary Action

Disciplinary action was taken on Steven Darke. Mark Forbush made the motion to remove Steven from office and it was seconded by Eddie Moore. The motion passed.

X. Closing Ceremonies

The officer team conducted closing ceremonies.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:09P.M.