

Michigan FFA Board of Directors

December 14, 2005

I. Call to Order

State President Jason Smith called the meeting of the Michigan FFA Association Board of Directors to order at approximately 1:08 P.M. at the Holiday Inn West of Lansing on December 14, 2005.

Members of the student board in attendance included Jason Smith, Julie Thelen, Kylee Zdunic, Tony McCaul, Ashley Stickler, Andrea Kerbuski and Alan Gust. Members of the adult board present included Randy Showerman, Steve Beattie, Tom Condon, Jason Griffith, Emily Opper, Ren'ee Bryant, Mark Forbush, and Eddie Moore. Consultants to the board in attendance included Dave Wyrick, Beth Stuever, Charles Scovill, Charles Snyder, Bart Marshall, Floyd Beneker, and Megan Hirschman. Also, in attendance were Jeremy Glaspie, Dennis Rudat, Jeno Revera, Michelle Sidel, Tate Forbush, Jessica Couch, Tracey Groom, Kyle Fiebig, Karl Merchant, Cathy Lalonde, Tracey Hoffman and other guests.

II. Opening Ceremonies

Kylee Zdunic moved to suspend the rules and dispense with opening and closing ceremonies, seconded by Tony McCaul. Motion passed.

III. Secretaries Minutes

The secretary's minutes from the December 24th board meeting was submitted to the board by Kylee Zdunic. A motion to accept the secretary's minutes was made by Tony McCaul, seconded by Alan Gust. The motion passed.

A motion for the adult board to sustain the motion to accept the secretary's minutes was made by Beth Stuever, seconded by Charles Snyder. The motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Tony McCaul gave the treasurers report.

V. Michigan FFA Association

A. State Officer Report

Jason Smith gave a brief state officer report discussing what the officer team is doing.

1. Seeds of Hope

The State officer team was able to raise money for the Seeds of Hope program. Overall, the total amount of money earned by the FFA organization as a whole is over \$500,000.

2. National Convention

The team had a successful National Convention. The delegate process was an exciting part of convention to be part of. He told the board to feel free to ask any of the officers about the process.

3. Chapter Blitz

Chapter Blitz was successful, most all chapters in the state were visited and now the officers are working on filling requests.

4. State Convention

The officers are busy working on state convention. We are working on new ideas for convention since we are moving to the Auditorium this year. He said it was wonderful to work with the convention director, Nicole Campbell, and that she was doing a wonderful job.

B. State Advisor's Report

Dr. Showerman gave the state advisor's report. He introduced Charles Snyder who will be a new member to our board, he was a past projects consultant and advisor and we are excited to have him on board. The state curriculum that many of the board members have been reading in the newspapers is going to happen and it will be affecting FFA in a positive way. Agriscience is going to become a required core science class. He asked all the teachers to get their Winter PDI information into the office. He informed the board that he had meet with Farm Bureau to discuss the tractor driving contest and it will be held on July 18th and the Ag Expo. No child left behind was discussed by the board members. In addition, funding for FFA programs in schools will be becoming a problem if agriscience does not become a part of the core curriculum.

C. State Project Consultant Report

Mr. Wyrick gave the project consultant report. He noted that this week is finals week which is the reason for the absences of several state officers. The broiler contest had 200 entries. In addition, Baines will be bought and it will stay open as well as continuing to host the FFA contest. Regional Degree scoring will be on January 7th and the degrees are due at that time. On January 13th proficiency scoring will take place. Many judges have been contacted and we are having a great response. Charlie Arensmeier is currently working on putting all of his records in computer format and all the chapters will be able to see their chapter's history on the FFA web site soon.

1. National Convention

He informed the board of the following regarding National Convention and the achievements of Michigan

- The state officer team had a great exhibit at the Hall of States.
- Ryan Peterson was elected to a National Office.
- Braidie Butters from Homer won in the Equine Area
- TJ Ross from St. Louis was a star candidate as well.

VI. Michigan FFA Alumni

A. President's Report

Floyd Beneker gave the Alumni Report. He informed the board that Lori Chamberlain is the new director. Right away she went on the administration trip to national convention. 11 administrators and school board members attended this trip. The alumni are working on the brochure to raise funds for scholarships. The WLC application is due January 15th. Rosters will be mailed out in 3 to 4 days. He was very proud to inform the board that the

alumni had an increase in membership. Charles Snyder mentioned that the alumni had discussed buying the state officers lifetime memberships for the alumni.

VII. Michigan FFA Foundation

A. Director's Report

Megan Hirschman gave the foundation report. First she introduced herself to everyone present. She informed the board that she is busy planning many fun activities. She handed out the toy tractor stuffers that were in Michigan Milk Producers and other forms of advertisement as well. There is an ad in the Michigan Farm News as well for the toy tractor and the money is designated for convention and the Creed which will be adding 4 pages.

She has been working with Toyota as a sponsor. She's also talking to them about sponsoring the hole in one for the golf outing possibly. Pfizer is going to be the headlining State Convention. Monsanto is participating in the dollar a bag promotion. The Ag Heritage license plates are continuing as well, it is \$25 for a new license plate and \$10 to renew a license plate.

The direct mail campaign has begun as well. She has sent thanks for giving cards out as well as the Toy Tractor envelopes. She is planning on creating a marketing plan around each sponsorship program from now on to help promote all of the sponsors. She is also working on the planned giving program that will reach out to the FFA families and will also visit alumni's.

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

No Report

C. Awards and Activities Committee

No Report

D. Events & Awards Committee

No Report

E. Career Development Events Committee

Charles Scovill informed the board of the recommendations the CDE committee had on the following proposals (All of the following recommendations were provided on paper to all of the board members):

The first recommendation is to accept the proposal for a written test in the 2006 Milk Quality and Dairy Foods contest. A motion to accept the recommendation was made by Kylee Zdunic, seconded by Andrea Kerbuski. The motion passed.

A motion for the adult board to sustain the motion to accept the recommendations was made by Steve Beattie, seconded by Mark Forbush. The motion passed.

The next recommendation was in regards to the Forestry contest. A motion to accept the recommendation was made by Andrea Kerbuski, seconded by Tony McCaul. The motion passed.

A motion for the adult board to sustain the motion to accept the recommendations was made by Jason Griffith, seconded by Dr. Moore. The motion passed.

The recommendation to add a skid steer and lawn mowing section to the tractor driving contest was then presented. A motion was made by Kylee Zdunic to accept the recommendations, seconded by Alan Gust. The motion passed.

A motion for the adult board to sustain the motion to accept the recommendations was made by Steve Beattie, seconded by Beth Stuever. The motion passed.

F. State Officer Policy Committee

No Report

IX. Old Business

A. Leadership Training Committee

Mr. Griffith informed the board that the committee recommends that SLCRO should be restructured in order to train regional officers to present a workshop with the recommendation that they put on a Regional activity that would teach chapter members about the Program of Activities. A motion was made to accept the proposal by Tony McCaul, seconded by Andrea Kerbuski. The motion passed.

A motion to sustain was made by Charles Scovill, seconded by Mark Forbush. Motion passed.

B. State POA

Jason Smith informed the board that the state officer team is currently developing this.

X. New Business

A. State Contest Winner

The proposal was presented to the board by Jessica Couch. She informed the board of the situation her livestock judging team was in this past year. A motion to refer this proposal to the CDE committee was made by Steve Beattie, seconded by Emily Opper. Motion Passed.

The motion to sustain was made by Andrea Kerbuski, seconded by Kylee Zdunic. Motion Passed.

B. Over Due Accounts

The motion to accept this proposal was made by Beth Stuever, seconded by Emily Opper. Motion Passed.

A motion to sustain was made by Julie Thelen, seconded by Kylee Zdunic. Motion Passed.

C. Fiscal Year

This proposal was withdrawn.

D. Made For Excellence

The motion to accept the proposal to return to the Made For Excellence conference in the fall was made by Charles Snyder, seconded by Mark Forbush. Motion Passed.

A motion to sustain was made by Julie Thelen, seconded by Alan Gust. Motion Passed.

E. Crop CDE

The motion to postpone definitely until January 10th when an electronic vote will be taken on whether or not we should make changes to the crops CDE was made by Mark Forbush, seconded by Charles Scovill. Motion Passed.

A motion to sustain was made by Julie Thelen, seconded by Andrea Kerbuski. Motion Passed.

F. Leadership Contest Dates

A motion was made to refer this proposal to the Finance Committee for review by Mark Forbush, seconded by Charles Scovill. Motion Passed.

A motion to sustain was made by Tony McCaul, seconded by Alan Gust. Motion Passed.

G. Demo and Ag Issues CDE

A motion was made to accept the proposal by Julie Thelen, seconded by Tony McCaul. Motion Passed.

A motion to sustain was made by Beth Stuever, seconded by Bart Marshall. Motion Passed.

H. Board of Directors Approval Process

The board chose to ignore this proposal.

A motion was made by Beth Stuever that any CDE proposals must be accompanied by specific recommendations presented to the board at least 30 days prior to the meeting, otherwise a review of the whole contest will be done on a regular basis as determined by the CDE committee (who will determine a timeline to perform this task that will be presented at the next board meeting). The motion was seconded by Bart Marshall. Motion Passed.

A motion to sustain was made by Julie Thelen, seconded by Alan Gust. Motion Passed.

I. Disciplinary Action

Dr. Showerman informed us that Kevin Gadd had submitted his resignation as the Region IV State Vice President. A motion to accept Kevin's resignation was made by Mark Forbush, seconded by Dr. Moore. The motion passed.

XI. Closing Ceremonies

A motion was made by Kylee Zdunic, seconded by Ashley Stickler to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed.

A motion to sustain was made by Mark Forbush, seconded by Bart Marshall. Motion Passed.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kylee Zdunic