

**Michigan FFA Association
Board of Directors Meeting
December 15, 2011
5:00PM – 6:00PM Committee Meeting
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338 Natural Resources, MSU**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:48pm on Thursday, December 15, 2011 by Addie Spolyar, the State President. 25 members and guests were present: all members of the 2011-2012 Michigan FFA State Officer Team, Eddie Moore, Doug Pennington, Cathy LaLonde, Carolyn Bloodworth, Dave Wyrick, Henry Reinart, Brian Kiesling, Mike Wenkel, Steve Beattie, Mark Daniels, Royce Humm, Kevin Nugent, Jason Gehrke, Ramey Lunceford and Randy Showerman. Missing: Bethany Schreur and Mallory Weber.
- II. Opening Ceremonies: FFA State Officers
- III. Secretary's Report – Casie Forbush
 1. 25 members and guests present. September minutes presented.
 - a. Carolyn Bloodworth moved to accept. Kevin Nugent second. Motion passed.
 - b. Jennifer DeClerg moved to sustain. Connor Hubbard second. Motion Passed.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Jennifer DeClerg (Katie Jo Gentner wasn't here yet)
 1. The Michigan FFA Association's account balance as of November 30, 2011 is \$53,199.08. There are outstanding bills pending the system, approximately \$10,000. The balance in our contingency fund as of November 30, 2011 is \$169,467.67.
 - a. Brian Kiesling moved to accept. Doug Pennington second. Motion passed.
 - b. Jennifer DeClerg moved to sustain. Connor Hubbard second. Motion passed.
- V. Michigan FFA Association
 1. State Officer Report: Addie Spolyar
 - a. Past things: National Convention, Chapter Blitz's, Potential State Officer Candidate meeting
 - b. Future things: Winter Retreat, State Convention Preparation
 2. State Advisor Report – Randy Showerman
 - a. Past three weeks working with 10 different schools adding Ag and Natural Resources programs next year
 - b. Next year at the state level we will not be opening the system up for new in Ag and Natural Resources programs – revision of its standards in that time
 - c. Deadline is February 1st to add new programs
 - d. Introduction to “Segment Q” – changing how they structure the classes
 - e. Rosters – out of 103 chapters, we had all but 17 turned in on time, and we currently have 5191 members registered.
 - f. If you take an Ag student to FFA activities should they be a member of the FFA? YES
 - g. They need to be on the roster if they are to attend anything FFA related (contests, conventions, conferences etc.)
 - h. Mr. Wyrick and Dr. Showerman took a trip to Saginaw Career Center to visit and talk with administration
 3. State Executive Secretary Report – Dave Wyrick
 - a. Pop tabs = success
 - b. Roster – be patient technology isn't our friend right now
 - c. Officer winter retreat – Alex, Gabe and Ryan will be running it

- d. Fowler – never had an ag program and now they are getting started with one
 - e. Urban Ag and Greenhouse management are a go on proficiency apps
 - f. You don't have to be going to school to become an Ag Teacher to be slated/chosen as a state officer
- VI. Michigan FFA Alumni – Royce Humm
- 1. school officials field trip
 - 2. March 24 – alumni annual meeting at JACC
 - 3. WLC Scholarships awards – deadline is January 15 – encourage members to apply for them
- VII. Past State Officer Report – Henry Reinart
- 1. Nov 5th in Lansing – Past State Officer dinner – there were 100 people present and they gave out many awards
 - 2. Planning to have a meeting Past State Officer group to talk about how they want to progress as an Organization. March 24th they are having a meeting
 - 3. Selling t-shirts at convention dance for a fundraiser again and debating on doing pre-ordering
- VIII. Michigan FFA Foundation – Ramey Lunceford
- 1. He has been here for 4 days
 - 2. Glassbrook Endowment applications are evaluated and we're putting money in to help it grow
 - 3. It's going to be a good year!
- IX. Standing Committee's Report
- 1. Finance Committee (320A Nat. Res.)
 - a. Chairperson - Eddie Moore
 - 2. Awards and Activities Committee (338 Nat. Res.)
 - a. Chairperson – Jason Gehrke and Cathy LaLonde
 - 3. Career Development Event Committee (338 Nat. Res.)
 - a. Chairperson – Charles Scovill
 - 4. State Officer Policy Committee (130 Nat. Res.)
 - a. Chairperson – Kevin Nugent
 - 5. Governing Committee (302 Nat. Res.)
 - a. Chairperson – Steve Beattie
- X. Old Business: (none)
- XI. New Business:
- 1. Agriscience Education CDE – Mike Everett
 - a. National FFA level – new CDE in Agriscience Education– Mike has volunteered to help us pull that off in Michigan to have a Nat qualifying team
 - b. Kick it off as early as April 2012
 - c. Piloting the first contest of this at the National Level during the 2012 convention
 - d. Contest would run with the other skills contests in April or July
 - e. Eddie Moore moved this on to the CDE committee with the power to act. Second by Mike Wenkel. Doug Pennington amended that Mike Everett and others help if needed. Second my Scott Beattie. Amendment passed. Motion passed as amended.
 - f. Jennifer DeClerg moved to sustain. Connor Hubbard second. Motion passed.
 - 2. Jr. High School Broiler Contest – Jennifer Wheeler and Margo Fether

- a. Add 7th and 8th grade Jr. High broiler contest with a simplified application
 - b. That way it is a stepping stone from Jr. High to High School level
 - c. Steve Beattie moved to send this on to the CDE committee with the power to act. Brian Kiesling second. Motion passed.
 - d. Brittney Bommarito moved to sustain. Lindsey Garner second. Motion passed.
3. Payment Options – Kirk Forsyth
- a. Payment of registration fees, conference fees etc.
 - b. Explore the possibility to use credit card or electronic payment
 - c. **May** be possible with the new system at MSU. But there are a lot of decisions to be made and additional fees plus new documents to create.
 - d. Brian Kiesling moved to refer this to the Governance committee. Kevin Nugent second. Motion passed. Ramey Lunceford will be on the committee as well.
 - e. Connor Hubbard moved to sustain. Lindsey Garner second. Motion passed.
4. Adding FFA Members to Roster – Dave Wyrick and Randy Showerman
- a. Proposal written – if the state office find someone participating without being on the roster, there will be a charge, they will notify the teacher and they have seven days to register the student. If they don't meet that requirement, then the State Office will register them with an additional \$5 charge on top of dues and the discovery fee currently in the policy manual.
 - b. Send out a short email before contest season to remind chapters to add members to the roster so they don't run into the problem of non-members?
 - c. Doug Pennington – changing it to 10 business days, clear up the money charges?
 - d. Kevin Nugent – amend item 01 b. \$5 per member, plus current state/national dues to have their student added to the roster automatically. There will no longer be a maximum charge. There will be a notice sent out to double check if they are on your roster or not before the charge you. This will be in effect by February 1, 2012. Second Doug Pennington. Amendment motion passed.
 - e. Brittney Bommarito moved to sustain. Lindsey Garner second. Motion passed.
5. Proficiency Records – Dave Wyrick and Randy Showerman
- a. Record keeping and tracking member's experiences.
 - b. For proficiency awards only, when apps are turned in, that there is documentation of records submitted at the same time. They want to verify the application with the records.

- c. Falls back onto the advisors to double/triple check the application to see if it is correct or not.
 - d. They want to have it as a Pilot to better the system and teach proper record keeping systems for kids.
 - e. Brian Kiesling moves to revisit this proposal after using the AET system for a year
6. Submit a proposal to delegates to amend the constitution – Dave Wyrick
- a. Put this in the hands of the Governance committee, and they will prepare a proposal and submit it to the chapters delegates 30 days before state convention.
 - b. Brian Kielsing moved to accept. Steve Beattie second. Motion passed.
 - c. Brittney Bommarito moved to sustain. Katie Jo Gentner second. Motion passed.
- XII. Next meeting dates: March 22, 2012 and May 8, 2012 in room 338 Natural Resources, MSU.
- XIII. Cathy LaLonde - Winter Profession Development Conference in Traverse City the second weekend in January, 12th-14th, put on by the horticulture association. Region III had Farm Bureau Discussion meet – thank you to the officers who moderated it.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Casie Forbush

State Secretary