

Michigan FFA Association
Board of Directors Meeting
December 5, 2012

Called to Order: 6:05

- I. Secretary Report given by State Secretary Morgan Stuart
 - a. Moved by Emily Calderone and seconded to approve
Passed
 - b. Moved by Brian Kiesling and seconded to sustain the student board
Passed
- II. Treasurer's Report given by State Treasurer Nathan Krohn
-Has \$53,161.85
 - a. Moved by Max Kempf and seconded to receive
 - i. Passed
 - b. Moved by Kevin Nugent and seconded to sustain the student board
 - i. Passed
- III. Michigan FFA Association
 - a. State Officer Report
 - i. State Officers have been doing their chapter blitzes
 - ii. Broiler contests
 - iii. Fall PDI
 - iv. National Convention
 - v. Winter retreat approaching
 - b. State Advisor Report
 - i. Have 6 new programs that could start next year
 - ii. Challenge to find teachers to fill new programs
 - c. State Executive Secretary Report
 - i. State Officer winter retreat coming Dec. 19th
 1. Consumers Energy providing facility and food
 - ii. Michigan was recognized at Nat. Convention For increasing membership
 - iii. Fall PDI
 1. Had 200 kids, 50 more than last year
 2. 36,324 meals made
 - a. 1/3 went back with the kids against hunger
 - b. 25 FFA chapters donated money and took boxes home to their communities
 - c. 15 boxes to Lansing Food Bank
 - d. Want to try and have this at State Convention
 - iv. New form for leadership contests
 1. In excel, enter your chapter number and it prefills with the members in your roster
 2. Should eliminate non roster fees for contests
 3. Names in excel document will be updated every few days

- 4. Advisors will get emails with their passwords
 - 5. Has to be re downloaded each year
 - v. Around 5,400 members at this point in membership (ahead of last year at this time)
- IV. Michigan FFA Alumni
- a. 16 school administrators went on nat. con. Trip
 - b. ag career network for alumni is working
 - i. Ran 2 workshops on how to use, ran by henry
 - c. Associate membership available now
 - i. Free for first 5 years
 - d. Putting together a proposal for ag development meeting
- V. Past State Officers
- a. Process of getting everything for state convention
 - i. Had contest for t shirts
 - 1. 8 submissions, SO's voted
 - 2. Thomas Roggenbuck from Harbor Beach FFA Chapter won
 - 3. Advised to do pre-orders
 - b. PSO taking over news room
 - i. Send students to them
 - 1. Application for this is on the website and info will be emailed out
 - c. Had PSO tailgate before MSU game
 - i. 50-60 people attended
 - ii. Recognized Beth Stebier and Charlie Arensneier
 - d. Career show at state convention- look for email after Christmas break
- VI. Michigan FFA Foundation
- a. New Board Members
 - i. Troy Bancroft
 - ii. Madelyn Williams
 - iii. Liza Moore
 - iv. Alex Schnalelrauch
 - b. Support in 2012 through corporate sponsorship
 - i. Michigan FFA Association Commitment: \$191,000
 - ii. WLC: \$32,000
 - iii. Glassbrook Grants: \$25,000
 - iv. Ag Experience Tracker: \$8,000
 - v. Kids Against Hunger: \$7,000
 - vi. State FFA Officer B&I Tour: \$4,000
 - vii. Michigan FFA Website: \$500
 - viii. Total: \$267,500
 - c. Goal is to be self sufficient in next 5 years
 - d. Sargent recently joined our support
 - e. Let Ramey know if you know any business interested in supporting Michigan FFA

- f. Endowment Base is 3 million
 - i. From individual donors is \$50,000-\$70,000
- VII. Standing Committees Report
 - a. Finance Committee
 - i. No report
 - b. Awards and Activities Committee
 - i. No Report
 - c. Career Development Event Committee
 - i. No Report
 - d. State Officer Policy Committee
 - i. No Report
 - e. Governing Committee
 - i. Discussed Broiler Contest Dates for 2013
 - 1. Send out different date options to advisors to get feedback
 - 2. Recommendation is to go with option A
 - a. Doug Pennington moved to accept recommendation of Option A
 - b. Seconded
 - c. Discussion:
 - i. Kevin Nugent- go with earlier date because it is away from convention and option A will be tough for school with trimesters , suggest D or E
 - ii. Dave Wyrick- With option E, results would not go out until after National Convention
 - iii. Burt Henry– Option A makes it so reports and everything can be done before national convention
 - iv. Kevin Nugent- who will take care of the birds while kids are gone
 - v. Doug Pennington- A or E, doesn't care about getting results right away, doesn't care about which one it is-
 - vi. Jason Gherke- keep the same as this year, option E
 - vii. Brian Kiesling- Munsels wouldn't be able to kill extra birds after contest because of turkeys
 - viii. Matt Jakubik- no preference
 - ix. Dave Wyrick- after national convention would be best for association staff
 - d. Previous Question by Burt Henry
 - e. Passed 7-2
 - f. Moved by Darcy Lipskey and seconded to sustain

- i. Passed
- ii. Proposed to have non members be able to go to broiler contests
 - 1. Discussion
 - a. Kevin Nugent- last year a big deal was made that non members went to contest because it is an official FFA contest
 - b. Henry Reinart- how policy reads now: the people that own the birds don't have to be members but they have to be members to go to the contest
 - c. Emily Calderone- having people watch leadership contests is good for our organization and having extra people watch the contest won't help your birds do better
 - d. Dave Wyrick- after implementing policy you can think its too restrictive and take another look at it
 - e. Sherry Kiel- In may it said their were kids on the list who were nonmembers that went to the contest because they helped raise the birds
 - f. Juliana Forbush- why can't it be used for recruiting
 - g. Dave Wyrick- was a set policy
 - h. Jaime Curth- to submit birds you have to be a member but to go don't have to be
 - i. Henry Reinart- used to be that way but now is opposite
 - j. Jason Gherke- what is this going to do with the time constraint? Teachers bringing 30 kids for 5 birds, tight schedule, small space. Won't be able to see a lot. Should put a number constraint if are going to let anyone come
 - k. Matt Jakubik- can run a mock contest for recruitment instead of taking them to the real contests when they get the extra birds killed
 - l. Emily Calderome- not all kids want to go to contests. For the number cap should say for every so many bird entries you can vring this many people
 - m. Burt Henry- logistics about who could go in chapter would be hectic
 - n. Charles Scovill- there is a supervision and safety issue, one teacher can't watch too many kids at Munsels
 - 2. Moved by Burt Henry and seconded to accept proposal
 - a. Failed

- b. Moved by Juliana Forbush and seconded to sustain
 - i. Passed
- iii. Proposed to allow 7th and 8th grade records to be used to do proficiency, outstanding juniors, and state degrees
 1. Discussion
 - a. Nationals allows
 2. Moved by Charles Scovill and seconded to adopt proposal
 - a. Discussion
 - i. Charles Scovill- not having a jr high program can be a huge deficit for schools that don't have
 - ii. Dave Wyrick- about $\frac{1}{4}$ of chapters have middle school members
 - iii. Emily Calderone- would be impossible to have all chapters have jr high records because we have a lot of tech centers where students only have 2 years anyways
 - iv. Henry Reinart- there is already a discrepancy between tech centers and high school but it is hard to tell the middle schoolers they don't count
 - v. Charles Scovill- by having a junior high program the students are already getting advantages without giving them the records
 - vi. Matt Jakubik- the kids that are involved in middle school, the extra experience still shows without using it in applications. Those 2 years wont be a make or break for awards
 - vii. Emily Calderone- if it takes you 6 years to do what someone else did in 4 or 2 then they shouldn't get the award
 - b. Proposal failed
 - c. Moved by Hannah Fallowfield and seconded to sustain
 - i. Passed

VIII. Old Business

- a. Middle School Task Force
 - i. Want to get started before end of school year
 - ii. Volunteers to be on:
 1. Henry Reinart
 2. Mrs. Scovill

- iii. Recommended by Pennington not to add too many contests
- b. Michigan Horticulture Association January 25th and 26th
 - i. Planned Winter Professional Development
 - 1. In Grand Rapids at Amway Grand
 - 2. Speakers, designers, workshops
 - 3. Info is on website

Adjourned: 7:30 PM

Next Meeting: March 19, 2013