Michigan FFA Association
Board of Directors Meeting
December 15, 2016
4:00 PM State Officer Meeting – 152 Natural Resources
5:00 to 6:00 PM Committee Meeting – 152 Natural Resources
6:00 to 8:00 PM Board Meeting – 152 Natural Resources

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:09 PM on Thursday, December 15, 2016 by Loren King, the state President. Members and guests that were present: All of the 2016-2017 Michigan FFA State Officer Team with the exception of Claire Laurenz, Lauren Heberling, and Amiee Crist. David Mellor, Torey Birchmeier, Tate Forbush, Haley Schulz, Aaron McKim, Henry Reinart, Matt Jakubik, Katie Holt, Kevin Nugent, Mark Daniels, Doug Pennington, Kate Thiel, Carolyn Bloodworth, Mike Wenkel, Charles Scovill, Samantha Ludlum, Eric Moser, Michelle Sidel, Dave Wyrick, and Mark Forbush.

II. Opening Ceremonies – State Officers

III. Secretary’s Report – Austin Haywood,

A. September Minutes were presented.
   a. Matt Jakubik Moved to accept the September Minutes as presented. Second by Kevin Nugent. Motion Passed.
   b. Josephine moved to sustain. Second by Maddy Meyer. Motion sustained.


A. The Michigan FFA Association’s Annual account as of November 30th equals $169,815.39 and there is $164,998.84 in the contingency fund, as well as outstanding bills for Fall Leadership Conference.
   a. Torey Birchmeier moved to accept. Seconded by Doug Pennington. Motion Passed.
   b. John Williams moved to sustain. Seconded by Courtney Wangler. Motion sustained.

V. Michigan FFA Association-
   A. State Officer Report- Loren King
      1. Chapter Visits Nearly done
2. Discussed the upcoming Retreat
3. Discussed ILSSO to South Africa.

B. State Advisor Report - Mark Forbush
   a. Discussed Star committee
   b. Internships available for students
   c. Increased Ag Ed enrollees for next year
   d. Mark Forbush Has done many chapter visits this year

C. State Executive Secretary Report – Dave Wyrick
   1. National Convention review
   2. Broiler Contest review
   3. Farm Bureau Discussion Meet Review
   4. Contests materials and State convention are being put together
   5. Election plans have begun to be set up and planned

VI. Michigan FFA Alumni – Kate Thiel
   a. MI FFA alumni meeting in Hopkins March 18
   b. Outstanding applications due on 12/15/16

VII. Past State Officer – Kate Thiel
    a. Planning for State convention events
    b. Trying to create a PSO event

VIII. Michigan FFA Foundation – Dave Wyrick
   a. No replacement found yet, however a candidate has been selected
   b. Glassbrook chapter grants to be done before January 1st

IX. Call to the Public
    a. None

X. Standing committee reports
   a. Visions and Special Topics(320 B Natural Resources) – Tate Forbush
      i. FFA and Robotics joint competition possibility
   b. Awards and Activities (320 A Natural Resources) – Dave Mellor
      i. None
   c. Career Development Event (130 Natural Resources) – Charles Scovill
      i. None
   d. State officer policy committee (152 Natural Resources) – Doug Pennington
      i. None
   e. Governing Committee (152 Natural Resources) – Torey Birchmeier
      i. None

XI. Old Business
    i. Middle College Students
       1. Tate Forbush moved to add to the membership section of the
          FFA manual and rules students in early middle college with no
more than one high school class for graduation will be treated as a graduate. Seconded by Doug Pennington. Motion passed.

2. Maddy Meyer move to sustain seconded by John Williams.
   Motion sustained.

i. Regional Realignment
   1. David Mellor moved to approve the proposal from Bay-Arenac to move from region 3 to region 6. Seconded by Doug Pennington. Motion passed.

XII. New business

i. 2017 State Tractor Driving Host, in search of a host
   b. Proposals
      I. Program Start up Policy-
         a. Torey Birchmeier moved to accept the proposal as written. Second by Haley Schulz. Motion passed.
         b. Josephine Forbush moved to sustain. Second by Maddy Meyer. Motion Sustained.
      II. FFA Membership Policy-
          a. Torey Birchmeier moved accept the proposal as presented with the insertion of the word a. Second by Doug Pennington. Motion passed.
          b. John Williams moved to sustain. Seconded by Jose Cervantes. Motion sustained.
      III. Farm Bureau Youth Discussions Meet
          a. Haley Shultz moved to accept the proposal as presented. Seconded by Kate Thiel.
          b. Torey Birchmeier moved to refer this to the CDE committee. Motion passed.
          c. Maddy Meyer moved to sustain Jose Cervantes seconded. Motion sustained.
      IV. Middle School members on National Teams
          a. Haley Shultz moved to accept this proposal Second by Matt Jakubik. Motion failed.
      V. Official Dress Changes
          a. Doug Pennington moved to accept the proposal as written Second by Haley Shultz. Motion passed.
          b. Maddy Meyer moved to sustain. Seconded by Jose Cervantes. Motion sustained.

XIII. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm
XIV. The next Board of Directors Meeting will be March 23, 2017 in 225 Natural Resources.

Respectfully Submitted,

Austin Haywood

Michigan FFA State Secretary