

Michigan FFA Board of Directors
June 30, 2006

I. Call to Order

State President Jason Smith called the meeting of the Michigan FFA Association Board of Directors to order at 9:05 A.M. at the Natural Resources building at MSU on June 30, 2006.

Members of the student board in attendance included Jason Smith, Julie Thelen, Kylee Zdunic, Andrea Kerbuski, Tony McCaul, Erin Koglin, Ashley Stickler, Zac Ruthenberg, and Sarah McCurley. Members of the adult board present included Steve Beattie, Tom Condon, Jason Griffith, Mark Forbush, Tamara Hyatt, Jerry Block, Tom Smith, Charles Scovill, Eddie Moore and Beth Stuever. Consultants to the board in attendance were Dave Wyrick, Floyd Beneker, Michelle Sidel, Megan Hirschman, and Charles Snyder. Also in attendance were Alyn Kiel, Katie Eldred, Anna Timmerman, Emily Ries, Henry Reinhart, Nadja Payok, Amber Finkbeiner, and Nicole Schaendorf.

II. Opening Ceremonies

Opening ceremonies were conducted by the 2005-2006 State Officer team.

III. Secretaries Minutes

The secretary's minutes from the March 23, 2006 board meeting was submitted to the board by Kylee Zdunic. A motion to accept the secretary's minutes was made by Kylee Zdunic, seconded by Julie Thelen. The motion passed.

A motion for the adult board to sustain the motion to accept the secretary's minutes was made by Tom Smith, seconded by Mark Forbush. The motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Tony McCaul reported that since it was the end of the fiscal year there was no report to be given.

V. Michigan FFA Association

a. State Officer Report

Jason Smith gave a brief state officer report discussing what the officer team has been doing. First he introduced the newly elected state officers present and commented how they had recently finished attending Blast Off and NLCSO. Jason then discussed the following:

- Banquets coming to a close
- The officers attendance at the DTE meeting concluded the proposals and recommendations of the team.
- Told of the Mississippi trip and the events and emotions involving it.

Jason made a final statement concerning the entire team wishes to express their pride by having the opportunity to serve the organization.

Dr. Moore moved to commend the state officer team on a job well done, seconded by Tom Smith. Motion passed.

b. State Advisors Report

See Project Consultant

c. State Project Consultant

Dave Wyrick gave the project consultant and state advisors report in one due to the absence of Dr. Showerman. He discussed:

- Skills contests and made note that the winners would be competing and representing the state at the National Convention.
- There are 3 skills contests left to complete: Dairy Judging and Showmanship as well as Livestock Judging.
- The tractor driving contest is to be held on July 18th.
- We are wrapping up Banquets, the Mississippi trip, attending other conventions, as well as gathering applications.
- Our state has 64 American degree applications
- He just finished Blast Off, as well as hosting NLCSO with the newly elected state officer team.
- The new team is prepping for SLCCO and the national officer candidate Aaron Preston will be planning SLCRO.

VI. Michigan FFA Alumni

Floyd Beneker gave the alumni report. He informed the board that there was an increase in membership by 10%. They are currently planning the administrators field trip to National Convention, which is now going to called "National FFA Experience." It will be a two day trip. He is getting ready to attend the State Leaders Conference as well as completing the scholarship program (a brochure concerning the scholarship program was provided).

VII. Michigan FFA Foundation

The Michigan FFA Foundation report was given by Megan Hirschman. She discussed the following:

- The Blue Jacket Journal which will be mailed out soon.
- MIS race day will be the final event for the summer on August 19th.
- The license plate promotion is in full gear
- Toy tractor sale brought in nearly \$20,000.
- The hometown scholarship program has an increase in chapter involvement.
- Due to the financial state of the Foundation there will be no Glassbrook Endowment grants available this year.
- Other events: Ag Expo VIP breakfast, Toy Tractor Collection auctioned off, Toy Tractor Tent, Restoration of Tractor again (the giveaway will be at state convention, FFA Masters (golf outing).
- Megan also introduced the summer intern Amber Finkbeiner.

- At the end of May the Foundation will have met the full obligation of the 2005-2006 FFA year.
- Foundation is in the process of moving from Farm Bureau to MSU by the end of August.

A motion was made by Dr. Moore to commend Mr. Wyrick, Michelle Sidel, and Megan Hirshman on an excellent job this past year, seconded by Floyd Beneker. Motion passed.

VIII. Standing Committee's Report

a. Finance Committee - Mark Forbush

- i. The budget request for the '06-'07 year was provided. It was very similar to the previous one.
- ii. Tom Smith spoke about the foundation move and the timing being great. It should create a closer link between the Foundation and the Association.

A motion to accept the report was made by Mark Forbush, seconded by Beth Stuever. Motion passed.

A motion to sustain was made by Julie Thelen, seconded by Tony McCaul. Motion passed.

In addition the committee wanted to make the board aware of overdue invoices and asked regional representatives to please talk to any schools on the list.

IX. Old Business

a. Operation of the Environmental Skills Contest – Gerard Reaume

The board reviewed the proposal provided to them and asked questions regarding it.

A motion was made to accept the changes by Kylee Zdunic, seconded by Julie Thelen. Motion Passed.

A motion to sustain was made by Mark Forbush, seconded by Steve Beattie. Motion Passed.

Mr. Beattie did suggest that the committee review the GPS cost by requiring the chapters to provide these for the students.

X. New Business

a. Compliance Statement

- i. The board reviewed approving the non-discrimination statement provided in the proposal statement from Mr. Wyrick.

The motion was made to accept the statement and its uses by Steve Beattie, seconded by Beth Stuever. Motion Passed.

The motion to sustain was made by Kylee Zdunic, seconded by Ashley Stickler, motion passed.

b. Plagiarism

- i. The proposal giving judges the power to disqualify participants who have plagiarized or falsified their information in their award application was reviewed.

The motion was made by Erin Koglin to accept the proposal, seconded by Zac Ruthenberg. Motion Passed.

The motion to sustain was made by Dr. Moore, seconded by Beth Stuever, motion passed.

c. Stars Over Michigan Selection

- i. The proposal allowing the retired Ag teachers to be part of the final star interview process as non voting delegates was reviewed.

The motion was made by Ashley Stickler to accept the proposal, seconded by Andrea Kerbuski. Motion passed.

The motion to sustain was made by Jerry Block, seconded by Beth Stuever. Motion passed.

d. Charter a Collegiate FFA Chapter

- i. The proposal to start a Collegiate FFA chapter was presented by Julie Thelen and Tony McCaul. The board reviewed and discussed it.

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

The motion to sustain was made by Steve Beattie, seconded by Jason Griffith. Motion Passed.

e. Start a State Choir

- i. The proposal to begin a state choir was presented by Ashley Stickler. The board discussed and reviewed it.

The motion to refer this proposal to the Awards and Activities committee was made by Tom Condon, seconded by Beth Stuever. Motion passed.

A motion to sustain was made by Julie Thelen, seconded by Ashley Stickler. Motion passed.

f. State Officer Duty Additions

- i. The additional state officer duty proposal requiring the state officers to 1) create and maintain an online journal on the Michigan FFA website detailing their activities while in office which must be updated bi-weekly. 2) Have a weekly personal or telephone check-in/update of all activities with the Michigan FFA office, was presented by Kylee Zdunic, the board reviewed and discussed it.

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

The motion to sustain was made by Beth Stuever, seconded by Tom Smith. Motion passed.

g. State Officer Election Process

- i. The proposal to change the state officer election process was presented by Erin Koglin. The board reviewed and discussed the proposal at great length.

A motion to accept the proposal was made by Erin Koglin, seconded by Julie Thelen. Motion passed.

A motion to take a ten minutes recess was made by Steve Beattie, seconded by Mark Forbush. Motion passed.

The motion made by Erin Koglin returned to the floor after the recess. The motion failed due to lack of a sustained motion.

A motion was then made to refer this proposal to the state officer committee by Mark Forbush, seconded by Jason Griffith.

The motion to sustain was made by Erin Koglin, seconded by Andrea Kerbuski. Motion Failed.

Division of the assembly was called by Sarah McCurley. The motion then passed by a four to three vote.

h. Suggestions for the 2006-2007 State Officers

- i. These suggestions were discussed by the 2005-2006 state officer team.

i. Region VI Vice President

- i. Mr. Wyrick presented the letter of resignation from Jeff Thomas. He explained due to the timing the association would like to appoint Hannah Carruthers.

A motion to accept the resignation and appoint Hannah Carruthers was made by Erin Koglin, seconded by Tony McCaul. Motion passed.

A motion to sustain was made by Dr. Moore, seconded by Jerry Block. Motion passed.

j. Adult Board Appointments

- i. The board was then presented with the newly appointed representatives to serve on the board: Region III: Steve Beattie, Region IV: Tammy Hyatt, MHTA: Nadja Payok, and Charles Scovill will remain on the board as an industry representative.
- ii. The dates for the '06-'07 meetings were discussed.

A motion to accept the changes of December 18, 2006 time to 5 to 8 PM and the March 15, 2007 time to 5 to 8 PM as well was made by Erin Koglin, seconded by Julie Thelen. Motion passed.

A motion to sustain was made by Jerry Block, seconded by Beth Stuever. Motion passed.

XI. Closing Ceremonies

A motion was made by Erin Koglin, seconded by Tony McCaul to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

A motion to sustain was made by Tom Smith, seconded by Mark Forbush, motion passed.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kylee Zdunic
2005-2006 State Secretary