

Michigan FFA Board of Directors
March 23, 2006

I. Call to Order

State President Jason Smith called the meeting of the Michigan FFA Association Board of Directors to order at 5:32 P.M. at the Natural Resources building at MSU on March 23, 2006.

Members of the student board in attendance included Jason Smith, Julie Thelen, Kylee Zdunic, Andrea Kerbuski, Erin Koglin, Alan Gust, Ashley Stickler, and Caitlin Lorenc. Members of the adult board present included Randy Showerman, Steve Beattie, Tom Condon, Jason Griffith, Emily Opper, Mark Forbush, Jerry Block, Tom Smith, Bart Marshall, Charles Scovill, Megan Burgess and Beth Stuever. Consultants to the board in attendance were Dave Wyrick, Floyd Beneker, and Charles Snyder. Also in attendance were Michelle Sidel, Alyn Kiel, Katie Eldred, Gabriel Holdwick, Emily Ries, Henry Reinhart 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 December 14, 2005 board meeting was submitted to the board by Kylee Zdunic. A motion to accept the secretary's minutes was made by Julie Thelen, 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 Jerry Block, seconded by Megan Burgess. The motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Ashley Stickler gave the treasurers report. She informed the board that the final figures were being compiled from state convention. A report with the year end results will be provided at the June meeting.

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. Then he proceeded to introduce the National FFA representative present, Larry Gossen. Jason then discussed the following:

- State Convention

- Mission Possible

- Mission Possible raised 5,781 sweatshirts and blankets for the hurricane victims. The state officer team is planning on taking a trip to Gods Katrina Kitchen to aid in the relief.

- Ag Night in Lansing is scheduled for May 12 and will include a Lansing Lugnugs game. At the Lugnugs game the four state stars will throw the first

pitch of the night and the chapter that raised the most sweatshirts and blankets from Mission Possible will be assisting with the hot dog launcher. -The officers are preparing for Skills Contests and Chapter Banquets as well.

b. State Advisors Report

Dr. Randy Showerman gave the state advisors report. Dr. Showerman discussed some of the projects the state officers would be participating in while on their trip in Past Christian performing hurricane relief.

c. State Projects Consultant

Dave Wyrick gave the projects consultant report. He discussed how State Convention was successful and thanked Michelle, Dustin, Nicole and all other volunteers for contributing to its success. He also gave an update on Rich Karelse's health and suggested that, for those possible, to send him a thoughtful card.

VI. Michigan FFA Alumni

Floyd Beneker gave the alumni report. He informed the board of the annual meeting at Springport which was a success. During State Convention the alumni was busy awarding scholarships, providing apple's and cider at the dance and many other great contributions that helped with its success. He informed the board that the rosters are due on April 15. They are also in the planning stages for their administrator's trip to National Convention.

VII. Michigan FFA Foundation

The Michigan FFA Foundation report was given by Dennis Rudat. He informed the board of the MIS Race Day on August 19th. In addition he informed the board of Megan's intentions to re-launch the Ag Heritage License plate. Megan also provided an activity sheet that was attached which he referred the board to look at as well.

VIII. Standing Committee's Report

a. Finance Committee - Mark Forbush

- i. The first item was whether or not District Contest dates should be moved. Mark Forbush recommended no move for the District Contest dates, seconded by Megan Burgess. Jason Griffith encouraged the committee to review this issue again in the near future. The motion passed. A motion to sustain was made by Kylee Zdunic and seconded by Julie Thelen. The motion passed.
- ii. Tom Smith then began to inform the board of the Foundations financial standing. His official report is as follows:

Report from Tom Smith

FFA Foundation Executive Board and FFA Association Finance Committee

The FFA Foundation Executive Committee has been working to provide a detailed financial summary of the past three years. This is needed because the Foundation has experienced fundraising shortfalls over this period and has not met the budget request from the Association. There are a number of reasons for this shortfall, including difficult economic times and a turnover of Foundation annual fund managers during this period. The Foundation is committed to turning this trend around and is also committed to building the Glassbrook Endowment to a \$5 million fund.

The Executive Board has approved spending the available Glassbrook interest to meet any Association budget shortfalls this fiscal year. This will likely necessitate the suspension of Glassbrook grants for this year.

This detailed financial summary and a revised finance policy will be presented at the next Foundation Executive Board meeting on March 28, 2006 for recommendation to the full board. This will provide a clear goal for Megan to reach this year. Her efforts so far have been excellent.

This issue was then discussed at length by the board to ensure their understanding. Michigan Farm Bureau and the CARRS department at MSU donated \$2,000 for medals at the skills contests this year, reducing the budget.

Mark Forbush moved to commend and thank both parties for this act, seconded by Steve Beattie, motion passed.

The motion to sustain was made by Andrea Kerbuski, seconded by Julie Thelen, motion passed.

b. Awards and Activities Committee

No Report

c. Career Development Committee – Charles Scovill

i. State Contest Winner

1. For CDE's which now allow for individuals or teams to compete, we recommend that the state office allow for the registration of members as either individuals or as a team, up to the current maximum number of participants allowable in a given contest area. Members competing as teams, or as individuals, must be identified by the chapter at the time the teams are pre-registered, and not at, or after the contest. All individual contestant scores would need to be published for each contest where individual participation is allowed.

The motion to accept the CDE Committee's recommendation was made by Charles Scovill and seconded by Mark Forbush. Motion Passed.

The motion to sustain was made by Julie Thelen and seconded by Alan Gust. Motion passed.

ii. Issue concerning the operation of the Environmental Skills Contest as presented by Bill Earl.

1. It was agreed by the CDE committee that there are current issues with this particular CDE. Because of the immediate interest in the re-organizing of this contest area by agriscience teachers, it is the recommendation of the CDE committee that this contest be placed into the proposed 5 year review process yet this year (2006). Details provided in the CDE Committee's "CDE Review Process Proposal" will outline our recommended timeline and process for the re-organization of this contest. We would recommend that the review committee for this CDE include all interested stakeholders, including Bill Earl, Sue Smith, Susan Smalley, and other interested individuals.

iii. Creation of a Small Animal/Veterinary Science CDE

1. The creation of a CDE in this area is highly recommended by the CDE Committee. It is the committee's recommendation that the process to create this CDE include interested stakeholders, including agriscience teachers, and university and/or industry representatives. Before implementation, this CDE must also have in place a committed Contest Chair. The approval process will be the same as outlined in the "CDE Review Process Proposal" for the CDE's.

The motion to accept the committee's recommendation was made by Emily Opper and seconded by Charles Scovill. Motion Passed.

The motion to sustain was made by Julie Thelen and seconded by Kylee Zdunic. Motion passed.

iv. CDE Review Process Proposal

1. As chair of the CDE committee, Charles Scovill recommended that all leadership and skills CDE's be evaluated and reviewed to the following schedule:

2006- Crops, Forestry, Turfgrass Management, Environmental Skills, and Job Interview

2007- Landscape/Nursery, Land Conservation, Ag. Sales, Greenhouse Management, Extemporaneous Speaking and Demonstration

2008- Poultry, Livestock, Meats, Parliamentary Procedure, Ag. Issues, Greenhand Conduct of Meetings, Junior High Conduct of Meetings

2009- Horse Judging, Dairy Judging, Dairy Handling, Farm Business Management, Ag. Communications, Junior High Public Speaking, Greenhand Public Speaking and Prepared Public Speaking.

2010- Milk Quality and Dairy Foods, Floriculture, Marketing, Ag. Mechanics, Creed Speaking, and Broiler/Cornish Hen Contests

After careful consideration, it is the recommendation of the CDE committee to accept the above listed schedule for the 5 year evaluation process of all CDE's in MI.

Any newly approved CDE's would then systematically fit into this schedule, being reviewed 5 years after its first contest date.

The following timeline is the recommendation of the CDE committee for the evaluation of CDE contests:

1. March/April/May – Contests are to be reviewed and changes suggested by committee of stakeholders including: state staff, agriscience teachers, and university and/or industry representatives. Committee make-up to be organized by the State FFA Office.
2. 30 Days prior to Summer PDI – Contest suggested changes due to the State FFA Office to be distributed via the listserv to all agriscience teachers for review.
3. Summer PDI – Review and discussion of suggested changes by agriscience teachers.
4. Late June Board of Directors Meeting – Vote on suggested changes by board.
5. Fall PDI – In-service training to all agriscience teachers on contest changes.

The motion to accept the CDE committee's proposal was made by Charles Snyder and seconded by Charles Scovill. Motion passed.

The motion to sustain was made by Julie Thelen and seconded by Andrea Kerbuski. Motion passed.

d. State Officer Committee

No Report

IX. Old Business

a. Over Due Accounts – Dr. Showerman

- i. Dr. Showerman asked that all board members take notice of the over due accounts listing provided.

b. Term of MAAE/MHTA/Consultants/Business – Dr. Showerman

- i. Dr. Showerman wanted to ensure that all members were aware of their term and reminded them of the date it would suffice.

X. New Business

a. Official Dress Points on Scorecard

- i. An update on the issue was provided by Dave Wyrick who informed the board that it was a simple error. He will personally be responsible for fixing this issue.

b. Reschedule Next Meeting Dates:

- i. The board needed to choose between June 19th and June 30th for the date of their next board meeting.

The motion was made by Kylee Zdunic to reschedule the board meeting for June 30th from 9 AM until noon, seconded by Julie Thelen, motion passed.

The motion to sustain was made by Tom Smith, seconded by Charles Scovill, motion passed.

XI. Closing Ceremonies

A motion was made by Julie Thelen, seconded by Caitlin Lorenc to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

A motion to sustain was made by Steve Beattie, seconded by Charles Scovill, motion passed.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kylee Zdunic
2005-2006 State Secretary