

Michigan FFA Board of Directors Meeting at 5pm 338 Natural Resources

The meeting was called to order at 5:33pm on Tuesday May 8, 2012. All members of the officer team were present as well as Dr. Showerman, Dave Wyrick, Jasper Cunningham, Ramey Lunceford, Steve Beattie, Kevin Nugent, Cathy LaLonde, Jason Gehrke, Charles Scovill, Henry Reinart, Tammy Hyatt, Sherry Kiel, Matt Jakubik, Doug Pennington, Carolyn Bloodworth and Mark Daniels. Missing was Connor Hubbard.

Business Items:

1. Michigan FFA Association
 - a. State Officer Report – Addie Spolyar
 - i. Wrapping up the year with banquets and regional camps
 - ii. Going to DTE on the 18th of May
 - b. State Advisor Report – Dr. Showerman
 - i. Had a signing at SVSU to develop a partnership with Agriculture
 1. Working with community colleges as well
 - ii. Met with Food Bank Council of Michigan – how to partner together long-term to tackle hunger, especially within Rural Michigan
 1. Participating with numerous activities with the members and advisors of Michigan FFA
 2. Goal: 1 million meals served by national convention
 - iii. New programs? YES
 1. In contact with Ida, Newaygo, etc; even food science in Calhoun County
 - iv. Renee Wagner – teaching in Newaygo ISD
 - v. Joe Akeley – North Huron
 - vi. Grant will not fill their position right now – students will go to the career center
 - vii. Concord has been approved
 - viii. Retiring Board Member:
 1. Steve Beattie
 - c. State Executive Secretary Report – Mr. Wyrick
 - i. Ag Skills – 2400 members and over 600 teams registered
 - ii. Vet Science is going to be a National Contest (demo this year and fully operating next year)
 - iii. Now on the National FFA Board of Directors – Dr. Showerman
2. Michigan FFA Alumni – Sherry Kiel
 - a. Had over 150 members at their annual meeting and raised over \$4000
 - b. Membership committee working on getting 2015 members by 2015
 - c. Dustin Petty working on getting members present to all of their functions
3. Past State Officers – Henry Reinart
 - a. Had the meeting before the Alumni Annual Meeting and elected officers
 - b. Expand on activities they had last year through this next year
 - c. New location for the career fair at State Convention
4. Michigan FFA Foundation – Ramey Lunceford
 - a. Got a handful of new sponsors for the Ag Skills Contest
 - b. Upcoming things:
 - i. Golf Tournament in Ithaca
 - ii. Change for the Future program with Tractor Supply Company is coming back – split money: 70% to chapters and 30% back to foundation; hoping for \$1500 total after a month
 1. We are the pilot state for this
 - iii. Raffle throughout the state

- iv. Board meeting – 29th of May
- 5. Standing Committee's Report
 - a. Finance Committee – Eddie Moore
 - b. Awards and Activities Committee – Jason Gehrke and Cathy LaLonde
 - c. Career Development Event Committee – Charles Scovill
 - i. Agri-Science Education – Stands as is until additional info comes in
 - ii. Broiler Contest – wanting to keep it split the way it is
 - 1. Organically raised versus traditionally raised
 - 2. Moved by Charles Scovill to not move forward with the new proposal:
 - a. Moved by Charles Scovill and seconded by Doug Pennington
 - b. Sustained by Mallory Weber and seconded by Lindsey Garner
 - iii. Regional Judges – look into having more experienced ones
 - 1. Moved by Charles Scovill to say it is highly recommended that the judges be must be:
 - a. 2 years out of high school
 - b. Formal training in the contest
 - c. Contest chair makes sure judges are effective
 - 2. Moved by Charles Scovill and seconded by Steve Beattie
 - 3. Sustained by Brittney Bommarito and seconded by Bethany Schrock
 - d. Governance Committee – Steve Beattie
 - i. Payment options are on hold
 - ii. Policy Manual – who would be members
 - 1. If you attend the Broiler Contest Processing day, you are a member and you will be charged dues
 - 2. If it is your project, we are assuming you are a paid member, whether you are attending the processing day or someone else is taking in your project
 - 3. Moved by Steve Beattie that anyone attending contest is considered a member and people will turn in names as they come in (roster just like leadership contests)
 - 4. Moved by Steve Beattie and seconded by Tammy Hyatt
 - 5. Sustained by Mallory Weber and seconded by Brittney Bommarito
 - e. State Officer Policy Committee – Kevin Nugent

Old Business:

- 6. Middle School Activity Task Force Update – Bethany Schrock
 - a. Sent out an email to all advisors to notify them of it and request help and ideas from them
 - b. Handing it over to the new state officers to oversee it, and the current members on the committee can remain on it if they wish
- 7. Proficiency Online Records (On hold)
 - a. Have the kids go into AET to update their information to make sure it is correct
 - b. MFB has agreed to sponsor it this year and it will be free for the students this year
 - c. Goal is to have it be sustainable – once they are on it they will remain on it until they get their American Degree

New Business:

- 8. “Big Stage” – Mr. Wyrick
 - a. Leadership Contests on Stage – currently rotating Ag Issues and Demo
 - b. Moved by Steve Beattie to have only Demo and Public Speaking on stage to cut down on time constraints and efficiency
 - c. Moved by Steve Beattie and seconded by Matt Jakubik

- d. Sustained by Becca Gulliver and seconded by Mallory Weber
- 9. Poultry Judging CDE – Mr. Wyrick
 - a. Moved by Charles Scovill to make our CDE line up with the National CDE
 - i. If we use our own score sheet, we will run out of it because it will no longer be supplied
 - b. Starting in 2013 we would be able to do an inservice at Fall PDI and roll out the new contest in April 2013
 - c. Moved by Charles Scovill and seconded by Steve Beattie
 - d. Sustained by Katie Jo Gentner and seconded by Bethany Schrock
- 10. Nursery and Landscape CDE – Dr. Showerman
 - a. Start lining up our CDE with the National one
 - b. Add in more updated information to the CDE to bring its standards up to date with the current industry in Michigan
 - c. Moved by Matt Jakubik to form a special committee to work with Amy Frankmann on this process and report back at the next meeting
 - i. Tammy Hyatt will be a member from the board of directors
 - d. Moved by Matt Jakubik seconded by Cathy LaLonde
 - e. Sustained by Jennifer DeClerg and seconded by Sara Fosburg
- 11. Ag Sales CDE – Charles Scovill
 - a. Moved to line it up with national contest
 - b. Moved by Charles Scovill and seconded by Tammy Hyatt
 - i. Charles Scovill will be the chair of the committee
 - c. Sustained by Mallory Weber seconded by Bethany Schrock
- 12. Appeal – Kevin Nugent
 - a. Moved by Kevin Nugent to appeal the decision to not have to register members who didn't come to the broiler contest but fed the chickens in class; it's just part of the class curriculum
 - b. Moved by Kevin Nugent seconded by Doug Pennington
 - c. The process next year: the only person required to be registered is the student(s) attending the contest at the state level
 - d. From here on out, they will not have to pay to register students that aren't attending the contest

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33pm. The following are the next meeting dates:

1. September 20, 2012
2. December 6, 2012
3. March 21, 2012
4. May 2, 2012

Respectfully Submitted,

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