

**Michigan FFA Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**May 4, 2017**

**4:00 PM Sate Officer Meeting – 338 Natural Resources**

**5:00 to 6:00 PM Committee Meeting – 338 Natural Resources**

**6:00 to 8:00 PM Board Meeting – 338 Natural Resources**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM on Thursday, March 23, 2017 by John Williams, the State Vice-President. Members and guests that were present: All of the 2016-2017 Michigan FFA State Officer Team, David Mellor, Torey Birchmeier, Tate Forbush, Katie Holt, Kevin Nugent, Mike Wenkel, Eric Moser, Charles Scovill, Cassy Puskala, Haley Schultz, Randy Showerman, Matt Jakubik, Dave Wyrick, and Mark Forbush.
  
- II. Opening Ceremonies – State Officers
  
- III. Secretary’s Report – Austin Haywood,
  - A. March Minutes were presented.
    - a. Torey Birchmeier moved to accept the March Minutes as presented. Second by Dave Mellor. Motion Passed.
    - b. John Williams moved to sustain. Second by Courtney Wangler. Motion sustained.
  
- IV. Treasures Report – Jose Cervantes Jr.
  - A. The Michigan FFA Association’s Annual account as of March 23, 2017 equals \$162,893.29 and there is \$167,146.64 in the contingency fund. There is also \$5000.00 in outstanding bills from State Convention.
    - a. Charles Scovill moved to accept. Seconded by Haley Schultz. Motion Passed.
    - b. Claire Laurenz moved to sustain. Seconded by John Williams. Motion sustained.
  
- V. Michigan FFA Association-
  - A. State Officer Report- Loren King
    1. Have completed Spring Skills
    2. Attending various chapter banquets

- 3. Visiting other state conventions
  - 4. National Officer Candidate interviews soon
- B. State Advisor Report - Mark Forbush
    - a. Unpaid Bill Packet discussed
    - b. Discussed funding cut to ffa office
    - c. New programs
  - C. State Executive Secretary Report – Dave Wyrick
    - i. 2,653 members present at ag skills, largest ever
    - ii. New State officers picked their new theme
    - iii. Blast off, NLCSO and SLCCO planned for the summer
    - iv. Lugnuts game Friday 5/6/17
    - v. Retired Ag teachers luncheon in July
    - vi. Contests in July, B&I tour
    - vii. Rabbit contests on 5/10/17
    - viii. Regional Calendars to be turned in

Mr. Wyrick and Mr. Forbush Honored Retiring Board Members:

Mike Wenkel

Dave Mellor

Doug Pennington

Mr. Wyrick and Mr. Forbush honored the State Officers

- VI. Michigan FFA Alumni – Henry Reinart
  - a. none
- VII. Past State Officer – Kate Thiel
  - a. none
- VIII. Michigan FFA Foundation – Cassy Puskala
  - a. Help us Grow campaign
  - b. Finishing 2-17 sponsorship asks and working on 2018
  - c. Working on new sponsorship packet
  - d. Planning and invites for Retired ag teacher luncheon
  - e. Golf outing June 29
  - f. Next foundation board meeting July 28 at MSU pav
  - g. B&I tour set for summer
  - h. Farm to fork at Agro Liquid August 28
  - i. Meders fund made \$10,000 made at convention now at \$95,000 in account
- IX. Call to the Public
  - a. none
- X. Standing committee reports

- a. Visions and Special Topics(320 B Natural Resources) – Tate Forbush
  - i. none
- 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 (225 Natural Resources) – Doug Pennington
  - i. none
- e. Governing Committee (225 Natural Resources) – Torey Birchmeier
  - i. none

XI. Old Business

- i. Greenhand Conduct of Meetings Number of Members in a Group
  - 1. Charles Scovill moved to allow partial teams to participate in regional contest and have the score card changes that sates in deductions that 15 points are to be deducted per missing team member. Note: the president and secretary positions must be covered to complete. In line 6 add designated team member if the sentinel is missing. Seconded by Matt Jakubik. Motion passed.
  - 2. Maddy Meyer move to sustain. Jose Cervantes seconded. Motion sustained.
- ii. Information about Change in Farm Bureau Discussions meet
  - 1. To be reviewed

XII. New business

- a. State Funding for FFA Office.
  - i.
- b. Proposals
  - I. Tractor Driving Proposal-
    - a. Dave Mellor moved to support the proposal. Second by Torey Birchmeier. Motion passed.
    - b. Jenna Kingsley moved to sustain. Seconded by Claire Laurenz. Motion sustained
  - II. Dairy Food Proposal-
    - a. Charles Scovill moved to remove the brick cheese from the contest and replace it with queso fresco. Second by Matt Jakubik. Motion passed.
    - b. Jose Cervantes moved to sustain. Seconded by Claire Laurenz. Motion sustained.
  - III. State Officer Campaigning for Office-
    - a. Kevin Nugent moved to accept the proposal as written. Seconded by Torey Birchmeier. Motion passed

b. Jose Cervantes moved to sustain. Seconded by Maddy Meyer. Motion sustained.

IV. Contest Review 5 Year Plan-

a. Tate Forbush moved to approve the plan review as presented. Second by Dave Mellor. Motion passed.

b. Maddy Meyer moved to sustain. Seconded by Claire Laurenz. Motion sustained.

XIII. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm

XIV. The next Board of Directors Meeting will be September 21, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Austin Haywood*

Michigan FFA State Secretary