

**Michigan FFA Association
Board of Directors Meeting
May 2, 2019
5:00PM – 6:00PM Committee Meeting
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338 Natural Resources, MSU**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:14 pm on Thursday, May 2, 2019, by Jessie Nash, the State President. 19 members and guests include: Jessie Nash, Raegan Gembarski, Sam Wortz, Abby Puskala, Carson Evans, Autumn Loss, Nate Scovill, Kylie Sperow, Michelle Sidel, Haley Schulz, Jennifer Smith, Tate Forbush, Hanna Dutcher, Mark Forbush, Dave Wyrick, Scott Corrin, Matt Jakubik, and Beth Wilson.
- II. Opening Ceremonies: State Officers
- III. Secretary's Report - Raegan Gembarski
 - A. 19 members and guests present
 - B. March minutes presented
 1. Nate Scovill moved to accept, Carson Evans seconded. Motion passed
 2. Haley Schulz moved to sustain. Matt Jakubik seconded. Motion passed
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Nate Scovill on behalf of Ben Butcher
 - A. The FFA Association's account balance as of April 30, 2019, is \$167,891.73, with \$50,000 in outstanding bills for State Convention.
 - B. Our contingency fund as of April 30, 2019 is \$168,601.64
 - C. Kylie Sperow moved to accept, Autumn Loss seconded, motion passed
 - D. Haley Schulz sustained, Matt Jakubik seconded, motion passed
- V. Michigan FFA Association
 - A. State Officer Report – Jessie Nash
 1. Finished Skills Contest
 - a) 2,778 contestants on 814 teams
 2. Detroit Tigers game on April 19
 3. Banquet season
 - B. State Advisor Report - Mark Forbush
 1. Ending term for Tate Forbush and Mark Daniels
 2. Need to find a business and industry person to add to our board
 3. Looking at iCEV certifications, using AET
 - a) Looking for suggestions
 - b) Business professionals like the idea of being able to see a summary of what the student has done
 4. 6 agricultural education graduates
 - a) Katie Walters took Charlotte
 5. Camden Frontier position is open

6. Breckinridge has not been filled yet
- C. State Executive Secretary Report - Dave Wyrick
 1. **8, 120** registered members!
 2. Thank you to all Skills Contest chairs
 3. Broiler Contest
 - a) Possibility for all cockrill birds next year
 - b) Also considering drop off locations instead of mailing birds
 4. Proposed Revisions for Jr. High and Greenhand Conduct of Meetings Contest
 - a) Bringing up in the September meeting
 5. Ben Butcher is our new National Officer Candidate
- VI. Michigan FFA Alumni – Mark Forbush on behalf of Amanda Sollman
 - A. March 23rd is the State Annual Meeting, at the Sanilac Fairgrounds
 1. Great success for the live auction
 - B. No firm decision for next year’s meeting, will be in Region IV
- VII. Past State Officers - Henry Reinart
 - A. Meeting before the State Alumni Annual Meeting
 - B. Sold all but one convention shirt, during state convention
 - C. The newsroom is doing great things!
- VIII. Ag Ed Club – Kylie Sperow
 - A. Elected new officers for next year
 - B. Planning to do another university exchange for next fall
 1. Hoping to have Kentucky’s ag ed club come visit
- IX. Michigan FFA Foundation - Dave Wyrick
 - A. Kyle’s baby was born!
 - B. Still need jackets to hang on the wall at the Night of Excellence
 1. Auction will be live and online
 2. Tickets will go online May 3
 3. Notify the state office of special members in communities that need hard copy invitations
- X. Call to the Public
 - A. Nothing to report
- XI. Standing Committee Reports
- XII. Old Business
 - A. Nate Scovill moved to reconsider the inclusivity motion from the last movement, Kylie Sperow seconded. Reconsider passed 7-0
 1. Nate Scovill moved to amend the motion by removing the student signature off of the form that would be turned in to the contest chair.
 2. Kylie Sperow seconded
 - a) Amendment passed

b) Motion passed

B. Matt Jakubik moved to sustain the student board, Haley Schulz seconded

1. Haley Schulz suggested that there a form should be available on the association website that needs to be filled out, instead of just writing it on a plain sheet of paper. Also, to have the sheet turned in with the results at each level.
2. Kevin Nugent stated that advisors are likely to forget forms, so there should be an option to just fill out a sheet of paper, having the same information.

C. Motion passed

XIII. New Business

A. Governance – Mark Forbush

1. The committee will have several proposals to change

B. Vision and Special Topics / State Officer Policy – Tate Forbush

1. Things needing rewording or proposals:
 - a) Page 7, 1C: BOD creating the cost of convention
 - b) Page 8, 7A: Religious beliefs – invocations
 - c) Page 9, 1C: National Chapter – No longer using Microsoft Excel
 - (1) Same for Superior Chapter
 - d) Page 10, Item 3: Food for America changing to #SpeakAg
 - e) Page 10: Honorary Degrees – no application, should change wording to nomination process
 - f) Page 11, 6I: Gold and silver state degrees – wording on the percentages
 - g) Page 12, 8H: Proficiencies – State winner must be in attendance in order to be the state winner?
 - h) Page 13, 9A: Stars Over Michigan – Four finalists?
 - (1) Adding wording including that applications need to fill out the star battery
 - i) Page 13, Item 10: Academic excellence – Update according to our September meeting
 - j) Page 13: Change Department name in Item 11
 - k) Page 13: Agri-Entrepreneurship Award – doesn't exist anymore
 - l) Page 28, 5G: Outstanding invoices being added to BOD agendas

C. Awards & Activity / CDE Policy – Haley Schulz

1. Things needing rewording or proposals:
 - a) Page 14 1C: Completing committee work by June – change to September
 - b) Page 15, 1F: subcommittee work being done 30 days before due date – change to September meeting

- c) Page 15, 2A & B: Change membership to 76 or more, based on current years rooster
- d) Page 16, 4A: Change all of the wording to “electronic devices” to say current

D. Strategic Planning – Haley Schulz

- 1. Michigan FFA & Agriculture Education Center
 - a) Building connections with two-year programs to keep them connected to FFA and alumni
- 2. FFA Advisor Mentor Program
 - a) Years 1-5
 - b) Curriculum given to new teachers to help them get a jump start
 - c) Buckets full of goodies given to new teachers at PDI
 - (1) Nontraditional things that teachers need
 - (a) Safety glasses, books, etc

XIV. 2018-2019 Officers were Awarded with their Retiring Officer Plaques

2019 - Summer at SLCCO/SLCRO – Contests slated to be reviewed are: Poultry Judging, Ag Sales, Dairy Cattle Judging, Dairy Handlers, Creed Speaking, Greenhand Public Speaking, Market Rabbit and Demonstration.

2019-2020 Meeting Dates

September 19, 2019

December 5, 2019

March 19, 2020

April 30, 2020

The meeting was adjourned by Jessie Nash at 7:24 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Raegan Gembariski

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State Secretary

