

Michigan FFA Board of Directors

September 29, 2005

I. Call to Order

State President Jason Smith called the meeting of the Michigan FFA Association Board of Directors to order at approximately 9:07 A.M. at the Holiday Inn West of Lansing on September 29, 2005.

Members of the student board in attendance included Jason Smith, Julie Thelen, Kylee Zdunic, Tony McCaul, Ashley Stickler, Kevin Gadd, Caitlin Lorenc, Zac Ruthenberg, Sarah McCurley and Alan Gust. Arriving late were Andrea Kerbuski and Erin Koglin because of a schedule conflict. Members of the adult board present included Randy Showerman, Megan Burgess, Steve Beattie, Jerry Block, Mark Forbush, and Eddie Moore. Consultants to the board in attendance included Dave Wyrick, Beth Stuever, Tom Smith, Charles Scovill, Floyd Beneker, and Ryan Kramer. Also, in attendance were Scott Witter, Dennis Rudat, Tammy Belavek, Joel Elrid, Doug Pennington, and Nathan Baker.

II. Opening Ceremonies

The opening ceremonies were conducted by the State officer team. Following opening ceremonies, Jason Smith asked to have a moment of silence for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

III. Secretaries Minutes

The secretary's minutes for the June 16th board meeting were read by Kylee Zdunic. A motion to accept the secretary's minutes was made by Julie Thelen, seconded by Kevin Gadd. The motion passed.

A motion for the adult board to sustain the motion to accept the secretary's minutes was made by Charles Scovill, seconded by Megan Burgess. The motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

There was no treasurer's report given.

V. Michigan FFA Association

A. State Officer Report

Jason Smith gave a brief state officer report discussing what the officer team is doing.

1. National Leadership Conference for State Officers

The State officer team attended NLC SO with the Kentucky, Florida, and Tennessee state officer teams, in Tennessee. They were trained by the National Officers Jay Kelly and Justine Fisher.

2. State Leadership Conference for Chapter Officers

The officer team has been busy preparing and putting on the SLCCO conference. 135 members attended and it was held on the campus of MSU. The focus of the conference was the Program of Activities (POA). It was very successful.

3. Miscellaneous

Jason Smith and Tony McCaul attended the State Presidents Conference and met with President Bush and the Senators to discuss agricultural education. At the Ag Expo the officers had raffled off the restored tractor and took part in the auction as well. They are picking apples for the Seeds of Hope campaign on Mr. Wyrick's orchard. In addition they decided to have their blitzing be a 5 week period to ensure the officers can keep up their academic schedules.

B. State Advisor's Report

Dr. Showerman gave the state advisor's report. He discussed how Mr. Wyrick was now on board and doing a great job. He asked that the board members review their contact information to make sure that it was accurate. He then addressed the excel template that dealt with outstanding money that was owed by chapters.

C. State Project Consultant Report

Mr. Wyrick gave the project consultant report. He informed the board that the Hopkins FFA had won the Livestock Judging contest and Dairy Judging was won by Sanilac (He also noted how much help Charlie Arensmeier was during this contest). He also informed the board that Ryan Peterson had done a great job putting on SLCRO. Also, Dustin Petty was given a job with Michigan Creed and Nathan Baker was also given a position in the FFA office. Michelle Sidel was able to keep her job because of the MDA grant. The State officers are planning on working in the office 4 hours a week. Brian Martindale and the past state officers association donated team shirts to the current state officer team.

1. National Convention

He informed the board of the following regarding National Convention and the achievements of Michigan

- 77 members receiving their American Degree
- National Finalist in Star Agribusiness
- National Finalist in Equine Science (Braidie Butters)
- Membership Award (Michigan is in the Top 10 states in Growth)
- Vouchers – National Convention Checks would be out the 26th

VI. Michigan FFA Alumni

A. President's Report

Floyd Beneker gave the Alumni Report. He informed the board that they were planning an administrator's trip to National Convention and that 7 administrators were attending. The alumni's goal was to raise their membership number to 1,000, they are now at 1,024. This allows them to send one more person to WLC as well as one more voting delegate at National Convention. They were able to have 5 scholarships to the STEP/ANF conference. 10, \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to students in the Ag and Vet area. February 11, is the annual meeting, it will be held in Region II near Springport. They are currently between executive directors.

VII. Michigan FFA Foundation

A. Director's Report

Dennis Rudat gave the Foundation report. He explained that Kate Powers had taken a position with MSU and that they would be replacing her by October 18th.

Dennis told the board of the other activities at Ag Expo. The tractor raffle raised \$5,400. Mr. Neil Nitz bought the full set of the collectable FFA tractors. The Tractor Tent was a huge success. The FFA Masters golf outing raised \$15,000. The MIS race day raised \$3,800.

He also informed the board that the Glassbrook grants had been sent out. He congratulated Jason on a job well done with the Monsanto reception. The Chevy Truck Program this year will be involving 35 chapters.

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

No Report

C. Audit Committee

Eddie Moore opened the board of to the discussion of the proposal in the new business.

D. Events & Awards Committee

No Report

E. Career Development Events Committee

Charles Scovill made the recommendations the CDE committee gave the board.

The first recommendation is to hold the Regional Leadership Contests on different days. A motion to accept the recommendation was made by Julie Thelen, seconded by Tony McCaul. The motion passed.

A motion for the adult board to sustain the motion to accept the recommendations was made by Doug Pennington, seconded by Megan Burgess. The motion passed.

The next recommendation was to have a supervisor for contest holding rooms. Mark Forbush moved the previous question; it was seconded by Doug Pennington. The motion passed. A motion to accept the recommendation was made by Kevin Gadd, seconded by Julie Thelen. The motion passed.

A motion for the adult board to sustain the motion to accept the recommendations was made by Mark Forbush, seconded by Doug Pennington. The motion passed.

The broiler contest scoring recommendations were presented. A motion was made by Kylee Zdunic to accept the recommendations, seconded by Tony McCaul. The motion passed.

A motion for the adult board to sustain the motion to accept the recommendations was made by Steve Beattie, seconded by Doug Pennington. The motion passed.

F. State Officer Policy Committee

No Report

IX. Old Business

A. Board Consultant

Mr. Wyrick is officially the new projects consultant for the Michigan FFA.

X. New Business

A. Dairy Food CDE Proposal

A motion to refer this topic to the CDE committee was made by Tony McCaul, seconded by Julie Thelen. The motion passed.

A motion for the adult board to sustain the motion to refer this to the CDE committee was made by Beth Stuever, seconded by Mark Forbush.

B. Forestry CDE Proposal

A motion to refer the forestry proposal to the CDE committee was made by Julie Thelen, seconded by Kevin Gadd. The motion passed.

A motion for the adult board to sustain the motion to refer the forestry proposal to the CDE committee was made by Jerry Block, seconded by Doug Pennington. The motion passed.

C. District 1 Split Proposal

Tammy Belavek presented the board with the problem of travel and a large amount of participation from district one, asking for Region IV District 1 to be split into two separate districts to resolve this issue. A motion to accept this proposal as presented was made by Alan Gust, seconded by Julie Thelen. The motion passed.

A motion for the adult board to sustain the motion to accept the proposal as presented was made by Beth Stuever, seconded by Mark Forbush. The motion passed.

D. State Officer Election Proposal

A motion to refer this proposal to the state officer committee was made by Kevin Gadd, seconded by Tony McCaul. The motion passed.

A motion to sustain was made by Megan Burgess and seconded by Charles Scovill. Motion passed.

E. Auditing Committee Proposal

A motion to accept the proposal was made by Steve Beattie and seconded by Megan Burgess. The motion passed.

A motion to sustain was made by Kevin Gadd and seconded by Julie Thelen. Motion passed.

F. Tractor Driving Contest Proposal

The proposal to hold the tractor driving contest at the Ag Expo on July 18, 2006 was moved to be accepted by Charles Scovill, seconded by Megan Burgess.

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

In addition a proposal was made to add a new portion to the tractor driving contest that would involve small engine equipment was moved to be referred to the CDE committee by Kylee Zdunic and seconded by Alan Gust. Motion passed.

A motion to sustain was made by Doug Pennington and seconded by Mark Forbush. Motion Passed.

G. Ag Expo – Miracle of Life

This was discussed.

H. Contact Information

Everyone was reminded again to check to make sure their contact information was accurate.

I. Standing Committee Assignment

Standing committees were discussed, and everyone was made aware of what committee they were on.

J. State POA

This years state officer team was asked to build a state POA. An old version of the State POA was found, and it was suggested that the state officers should begin to build a new one.

K. “Is It Done Yet”

Tony McCaul informed the board that this program teaches students how to know if their food is fully cooked or not. It was consensus on the board that this was a wonderful idea to have.

L. Certifications

Certifications in the different skills areas were discussed. No action was taken.

M. Renaming Committees

The leadership committee’s new members will be: Nathan Baker, Julie Thelen, Kylee Zdunic, Jason Smith, Steve Beattie, and Jason Griffith. A motion was made to make Nathan Baker the chair by Megan Burgess and seconded by Beth Stuever. Motion Passed

A motion to sustain was made by Kevin Gadd and seconded by Julie Thelen. Motion Passed.

It was noted that Dr. Showerman would be reassigning a few other committees as well.

N. Next meeting Dates

The next meeting dates are on December 14th at 1 pm, March 23rd at 5 p, and June 20th.

XI. Closing Ceremonies

Jason Smith asked if the secretary knew of any further business which should now be transacted. Kylee Zdunic announced that the state officers needed to remain in the room after the meeting to take a picture.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 A.M.

Kylee Zdunic