The meeting was called to order at 5:43pm on Thursday, September 22, 2011 by Addie Spolyar, the State President. 21 members and guests were present: all members of the 2011-2012 Michigan FFA State Officer Team, Laura Krhovsky, Matt Jakubik, Cathy LaLonde, Doug Pennington, Charles Scovill, Dave Wyrick, Steve Beattie, Kevin Nugent, Eddie Moore, Jason Gehrke, and Randy Showerman.

Opening Ceremonies: FFA State Officers

Secretary’s Report – Casie Forbush

1. 21 members and guests present. May minutes presented.
   a. Charles Scovill moved to accept. Doug Pennington second. Motion passed.
   b. Jennifer DeClerg moved to sustain. Connor Hubbard second. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report – Katie Jo Gentner

1. The Michigan FFA Association’s account balance as of August 31, 2011 is $92,097.17. There are outstanding bills pending in the system, approximately $30,000. The balance in our contingency fund as of August 31, 2011 is $69,467.67.
   a. Doug Pennington moved to accept. Steve Beattie second. Motion passed
   b. Brittny Bommarito moved to accept. Bethany Schreur second. Motion passed.

Michigan FFA Association

1. State Officer Report:
   a. Brittny Bommarito – National FFA Video Shoot on August 21-22
   b. Katie Jo Gentner – Business and Industry Tour on August 23-24
   c. Addie Spolyar – Chapter Blitz’s

2. State Advisor Report – Randy Showerman
   a. Conflicting dates with State Convention and high school MME testing

3. State Executive Secretary Report – Dave Wyrick
   a. National Officer Foundation Tour:
      i. Jennifer, Mallory and Lindsey
   b. NLCSO/SLCCO
   c. Ag Expo
   d. State Presidents Conference
   e. Corn Maze
   f. National Convention

Past State Officer Group – Report given by Dave Wyrick (Henry Reinart unable to attend)

1. Reunion planned Nov. 5th in Lansing
   a. For all past state officers
   b. There will be a social and a meal
   c. Provide mentorship to current officers

Michigan FFA Alumni – Report given by Dave Wyrick (Royce Humm unavailable attend)

1. 5 people currently signed up – need 10 – School Official National Convention Experience
VIII. Michigan FFA Foundation – Report given by Randy Showerman (Megan Hirschman unable to attend)
   1. New foundation director - down to 2 people (from Montana and Washington DC)
   2. Unsure of when they will take over

IX. Collegiate FFA – No report (Amanda Sollman unable to attend)

X. Standing Committee’s Report
   1. Finance Committee (320A Nat. Res.)
      a. Chairperson - Eddie Moore
   2. Awards and Activities Committee (338 Nat. Res.)
      a. Chairperson - Jason Gehrke and Cathy LaLonde
      a. Chairperson – Charles Scovill
   4. State Officer Policy Committee (130 Nat. Res.)
      a. Chairperson – Kevin Nugent
   5. Governing Committee (302 Nat. Res.)
      a. Chairperson – Steve Beattie

XI. Old Business: (none)

XII. New Business:
   1. AET Recordkeeping System – Steve Beattie
      a. Approved to try it - should be up and ready
      b. Hit a button and print a degree
      c. Moved to adopt AET as a free trial this year by Steve Beattie. Second by Kevin Nugent. Motion passed.
      d. Committing to use it for about three years. Cost is about a couple dollars a student (looking for sponsor)
      e. Goal is for there to be no cost for local chapters
      f. Brittny Bommarito moved to sustain. Mallory Weber second. Motion passed.

   2. Urban Agriculture Proficiency – State Officers (Bethany Schreur)
      a. State Officers thought of it at NLCSO
      b. Implement ASAP
      c. The application is ready to use and the funding is there
      d. National FFA is very excited about taking on the Urban Ag Proficiency
      e. Becca Gulliver moved to accept. Katie Jo Gentner second. Motion passed.
      f. Doug Pennington moved. Steve Beattie second. Motion passed.

   3. Photo Release Policy – Dave Wyrick
      a. Put one in place
      b. Moved by Steve Beattie. Second by Matt Jakubik. Motion accepted.
      c. Moved by Brittny Bommarito. Second by Jennifer DeClerg. Motion passed.

   4. Social Media Policy – Randy Showerman
      a. Using the policy that the National FFA Foundation uses.
      b. Michigan FFA has a Facebook site that is linked to the website.
      c. Moved by Steve Beattie. Second by Doug Pennington. Motion passed.
d. Moved by Brittny Bommarito. Second Connor Hubbard. Motion passed.

5. Food Science CDE – Dave Wyrick  
   a. Was very successful in 2011.  
   b. Contestants going on to Nationals - Kellogg is offering to help train the team and they are thrilled to be doing so.  
   c. Doug Pennington moved to continue the use of the contest. Second by Matt Jakubik. Motion passed.  
   d. Brittny Bommarito moved to sustain. Second by Sara Fosburg. Motion passed.

6. National Agriscience Recognition – Dave Wyrick  
   a. Removal of this award  
   b. Charles Scovill moved to accept. Second by Doug Pennington. Motion passed.  
   c. Brittny Bommarito moved to sustain. Second by Mallory Weber. Motion passed.

7. District and Regional Dispute Committee – Randy Showerman  
   a. Recommend that they be formed before the contests  
      i. District level  
   b. Charles Scovill moved to accept. Second Doug Pennington. Motion passed  
   c. Brittny Bommarito moved to sustain. Second by Bethany Schreur. Motion passed.

XIII. Additional Informational Items:

1. State Officer Request Form (excel form)  
2. Form used at District Contests so Advisors can list the names of each member and teams  
   a. Membership checks for dues paid so they can participate  
3. Ranking teams clearer to understand and certifying results made easier  
4. Dates when State Officers will not be available to do activities.  
5. Outstanding invoices is being updated in excel – no one participating until they are paid

XIV. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM.

XV. The next Board of Directors Meeting will be December 6th at 6PM in room 338 Natural Resources.

Respectfully submitted,

Casie Forbush

State Secretary