

**Michigan FFA Association
Board of Directors Meeting
September 22, 2011
5:00PM – 6:00PM Committee Meeting
6:00PM – 8PM Board Meeting
338 Natural Resources, MSU**

- I. 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.
- II. Opening Ceremonies: FFA State Officers
- III. 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.
- IV. 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. Brittany Bommarito moved to accept. Bethany Schreur second. Motion passed.
- V. Michigan FFA Association
 1. State Officer Report:
 - a. Brittany 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
- VI. 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
- VII. 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
 3. Career Development Event Committee (338 Nat. Res.)
 - 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. Brittany Bommarito moved to sustain. Mallory Weber second. Motion passed.
 2. Urban Agriculture Proficiency – State Officers (Bethany Schreur)
 - a. State Officers thought of it at NLC SO
 - 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 Brittany 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 Brittany 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. Brittany 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. Brittany 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. Brittany 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