

**Michigan FFA Association  
Board of Directors  
Meeting**

September 19, 2013

**5:00PM Dinner Available – 338 Natural Resources**

**5:00 to 6:00PM Committee Meeting**

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- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm on Thursday, September 19, 2013, by Alan Green, the State President. 25 members and guests were present: all members of the 2013-2014 Michigan FFA State Officer Team, Dr. Randy Showerman, Doug Pennington, Dave Wyrick, Ramey Lunceford, Tate Forbush, Matt Jakubik, Josh Miller, Haley Schultz, Torey Birchmeier, Susan Young, Dr. Eddie Moore, Mark Daniels, Alex Henry. Missing: Megan Merrill, Sherry Kiel, Charles Snyder, Abby Spickerman, Henry Reinart, Charles Scovill, Carolyn Bloodworth, Cathy LaLonde, and Mike Wenkel.
  
- II. Opening Ceremonies – FFA State Officers
  
- III. Secretary Report – Dani Heisler
  1. 25 members and guests were present. April minutes were presented.
  2. Change to the April Minutes- Vet Science CDE Proposal made by Dr. Randy Showerman was changed to Burt Henry
    - a. Nick Webster moved to accepted. Sarah Crosby second. Motion passed.
    - b. Tate Forebush moved to sustain. Ramey Lunceford second. Motion passed.
  
- IV. Treasurer’s Report - Devin Irion
  1. The FFA Association’s account balance as of August 31<sup>st</sup> is \$78,904.89. No outstanding bills.
  2. The balance in our contingency fund as of August 31<sup>st</sup> is \$219,910.09.
    - a. Alyssa Tyrrell moved to accept. Nick Webster second. Motion passed.
    - b. Doug Pennington moved to sustain. Mark Daniels second. Motion passed.
  
- V. Michigan FFA Association (<http://www.michiganffa.com/association/>)
  1. State Officer Report – Alan Green
    - a. Blast Off Conference- officers received new jackets, explored personal growth, learned how to become servant leaders
    - b. NLCSO- Focused on team dynamics, goals for the team and for Michigan FFA, created a mission statement for the year of service

- c. SLCCO- 6 workshops about AET, SAE Projects, National Chapter Applications, Agriscience Fair, State Degree applications, Proficiency Awards. TAKE A STEP theme was announced to Michigan FFA.
  - d. Lugnuts Game- Michigan Farm Bureau Insurance took the team to the game where the team was able to bond with business professionals as well as bond as a team.
  - e. Michigan Ag Expo- Some of the team met with the Governor of Michigan, worked the FFA booth, thanked current sponsors and recruited new sponsors.
  - f. Summer Skills Contest- Worked the Dairy Judging Contest and the Tractor Driving Contest.
  - g. State Presidents Conference- Tour Washington D.C, learned about suiting up for agriculture, and talked about delegate issues for National Convention.
  - h. Business and Industry Tours- Visited 7 businesses in the agricultural industry, great team bonding experience. The tour was sponsored by Michigan Farm Bureau and Michigan Potato Industry Commission
  - i. Foundation Golf Outing- The team volunteered with presenting awards and the contest holes.
  - j. Lansing Ag Club Breakfast – Met with Agribusiness Professionals
  - k. Agroculture Liquid Fertilizer Open House- Toured the facility and met with the Agroculture Liquid Fertilizer.
2. State Advisor Report – Randy Showerman
- a. Finding teachers for agricultural programs, a second ag teacher in some ag programs, there will be 4 or 5 new FFA Chapters this year.
  - b. PDI- October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, turn in registration, the new standards that have to be implemented
  - c. Henry Reinhart wrote a food science curriculum.
  - d. AET will cost \$15,000 this year. Very happy to hear that 80% of schools are using AET, and Ramey is working to find more funding for the program.
  - e. National FFA will generate all applications from AET soon.
  - f. For certification, have teachers keep an eye on their credentials for the future.
  - g. CTE system- No more 3 ring binders
  - h. Molly Avas- Former Michigan FFA State Officer is the new President of the National FFA Foundation.
  - i. Admissions are open to, 2 and 4 year programs for MSU, have students fill out applications so I can hold spot open for them.

- j. Redesigning a true Agriculture Education degree- Agriculture Food and Natural Resources Education.
      - k. An email was sent out regarding, The Michigan Agribusiness hosting students to work with and meet agribusiness professionals.
      - l. Torey Birchmeier- FFA members were given the opportunity to purchase a half load of food to give to families in need. They bagged apples, peppers, corn, green beans, and tomatoes for over 300 families at a church from the community.
    - 3. State Executive Secretary Report – Dave Wyrick
      - a. Information regarding Extemporaneous Speaking and Job Interview.
      - b. Look at the revised yearly calendar for changed information.
      - c. Julie Thallen wants to run meats judging on July 25<sup>th</sup>
      - d. Tractor Driving Contest will be July 22
      - e. Recognition for Alex Henry- unveiling of her National FFA Jacket Shadow Box
- VI. Michigan FFA Alumni – Haley (<http://www.michiganffa.com/alumni/>)
- 1. The alumni will be hosting affiliate workshops Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> in Caledonia and the following day in Saginaw.
    - a. Will cover setting up local business and industry visits
    - b. Recruitment and retaining members
    - c. Ag career network
  - 2. Alumni will host the 2014 National Alumni Development Conference in July in Grand Rapids.
  - 3. Planning an FFA 5K for March 15 in East Lansing, more information is coming soon.
  - 4. Working on pairing up the State Officer's with mentors and are again hoping to provide State Officers with lifetime memberships in the alumni at the end of their terms.
- VII. Past State Officers – Haley
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- VIII. Michigan FFA Foundation – Ramey Lunceford (<http://www.michiganffa.com/foundation/>)
- 1. Stars book- What FFA is for potential sponsors
    - a. Shows how FFA members use the skills they learned in the FFA in their current career.
    - b. Understanding that the FFA is a lot bigger than it used to be

- c. Chapter Challenge- Their will be a meeting this month before Fall Conference
- d. Improved Star Levels of Sponsorship
- e. Greenstone, Michigan Farm Bureau, Agroculture Liquid Fertilizer are 5 star rating sponsors of \$25,000 or more.
- 2. Recurring Donation Form- Month to Month donations
  - a. Using individual donations to finish endowment goal
  - b. Trying to increase the endowment for increased interest revenue
- 3. TSC- encourage “Support your local chapter”
- 4. Board voted to increase budget
  - a. Supporting the alumni with \$5000
  - b. \$238,000 to the association
  - c. And for more funding for AET and WLC

#### IX. Standing Committee’s Report

- 1. Finance Committee (**320A Nat Res**) – Chairperson Eddie Moore
  - a. FFA is solid and continues to grow because of the people who support the organization
  - b. Every penny is accounted for and the is a great auditing system
- 2. Awards and Activities Committee (**320B Nat Res**) – Chairpersons Cathy LaLonde
  - a. Proficiency Luncheon – John Schut
    - a. Merge 12:30 pm and 3:00 pm sessions – Disapproved
- 3. Career Development Event Committee (**338 Nat Res**) – Chairperson Charles Scovill
  - a. Change made at April meeting to bring nothing into Extemporaneous Speaking Contest
  - b. Bring in two references in to the room
  - c. Job interview recommendation:
    - 1. Doug Pennington- Move to added to the contest rules, applicants can only bring the following materials: 1 page resume on white paper (card stock acceptable), 1 page cover letter on white paper (card stock is acceptable) and 2 ink pens. Eddie Moore second.
  - d. Matt Jakubik moved to amend by inserting the words “1 page of reference that can be used to fill out application” in front of the wording “1 page cover letter on white paper (card stock is acceptable)”. Ramey Lunceford second. Amendment passed.
  - e. Nick Webster moved to sustained. Sarah Crosby second. Amendment passed.

- f. Motion passed.
- 4. State Officer Policy Committee (**130 Nat Res**) – Chairperson Doug Pennington
  - a. Nothing to report.
- 5. Governing Committee (**302 Nat Res**) – Chairperson Tate Forbush
  - a. Discussed new business.
- X. Old Business
  - 1. Middle School Activity Task Force Update
    - a. Have not met, no report.
  - 2. Vet Science Task Force
    - a. Have not met, no report.
  - 3. Nursery and Landscape Task Force
    - a. Have not met, no report.
- XI. New Business
  - 1. By Laws Article III – State and National Dues – Randy Showerman and Dave Wyrick
    - a. Inconsistency in dues being paid by November 15<sup>th</sup> each year.
    - b. Tate Forbush- “Move and accept the change and wording of the By Laws Article III – State and National Dues by striking out ‘November 15<sup>th</sup>’ and inserting the word ‘members participate in an FFA event at the district, regional, state or national level add the members name to the local, state, and national roster and pay’. Josh Miller second. Motion passed.
    - c. Devin Irion moved to sustain. Sarah Crosby second. Motion passed.
  - 2. Incentive for Affiliate Chapter – Randy Showerman and Dave Wyrick
    - a. Tate Forebush moved to “recommend that the delegate registration fee and delegate breakfast cost for State FFA Convention be waived for the chapters that are affiliate”. Josh Miller second. Motion passed.
    - b. Devin moved to sustain. Nick Webster second. Motion passed.
- XII. Further announcements
  - 1. Ramey Lunceford- Increasing the Glasbrook Endowment in order to fuel ag education.
  - 2. Dave Wyrick- Using only the ANR account for State officers.
  - 3. Next Meeting Dates
    - a. December 5, 2013

- b. March 20, 2014
- c. May 1, 2014

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09.

Respectfully submitted,

**Dani Heisler**

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Michigan FFA State Secretary