Michigan FFA Association
Board of Directors Meeting
September 22, 2016

4:00 PM State Officer Meeting – 221 Natural Resources
5:00 to 6:00 PM Committee Meeting – 221 Natural Resources
6:00 to 8:00 PM Board Meeting – 221 Natural Resources

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:09 PM on Thursday, September 22, 2016 by Loren King, the state President. Members and guests that were present: All of the 2016-2017 Michigan FFA State Officer Team, David Mellor, Torey Birchmeier, Tate Forbush, Haley Schulz, Aaron McKim, Henry Reinart, Matt Jakubik, Katie Holt, Kevin Nugent, Mark Daniels, Doug Pennington, Michelle Sidel, Dave Wyrick, and Mark Forbush.

II. Opening Ceremonies – State Officers

III. Secretary’s Report – Austin Haywood,

   A. May Minutes were presented.
      a. Kevin Nugent Moved to accept the May Minutes as presented. Second by Tate Forbush. Motion Passed.
      b. John Williams moved to sustain. Second by Maddy Meyer. Motion sustained.


   A. The Michigan FFA Association’s Annual account as of August 31 equals $116,308.54 and there is $165,463.84 in the contingency fund, as well as $0 in outstanding bills.
      a. Torey Birchmeier moved to accept. Seconded by Doug Pennington. Motion Passed.
      b. Jenna Kingsley moved to sustain. Seconded by John Williams. Motion sustained.

V. Michigan FFA Association-
   A. State Officer Report- Loren King
      1. Upcoming Events: Chapter visits and National Convention.
   B. State Advisor Report - Mark Forbush
1. Introduction of Dr. Aaron McKim, new faculty at MSU and CSUS Department representative to the FFA Board.
2. Introduction of Mark Forbush, new State FFA Advisor
3. Review of additional hire of Dr. Jenifer Hodbod
4. Review of one opening left for AFNR teachers
5. Review of upcoming AFNR teacher in-service
6. Review of new chapters in the U.P.
7. Review of Star Grant
   a. $8000 grant for Teach Ag program in Michigan

C. State Executive Secretary Report – Dave Wyrick
   1. Review of Star Grant
      a. Michigan was sought out by National Teach Ag
   2. Review of National FFA filming this summer
   3. Review of rabbit contest
   4. Review of Broiler on AET
   5. Upcoming Events: Fall Leadership Conference, Farm Bureau Leadership Conference

VI. Michigan FFA Alumni – Henry Reinart
   a. Thank you to those from MI for National FFA Experience
   b. Review of changes to fall leadership conference scholarship
   c. Review of Affiliate Alumni system
   d. Review that Friday is Alumni day at National Convention

VII. Past State Officer – Henry Reinart
   a. State Officer Mentors
      i. Mentors have been sent out to State Officers
   b. Suggested possible improvements for State Convention such as converting the ‘Convention Connections’ newsletter to an electronic format.

VIII. Michigan FFA Foundation – Dave Wyrick
   a. Review of Grow More Communities
   b. Reviewed that it will take 2 to 6 months to replace Ramey
   c. Review of retiring officers in January
   d. Finances of Foundation are in good condition

IX. Call to the Public
   a. None

X. Standing committee reports
   a. Finance Committee (320 B Natural Resources) – Tate Forbush
      i. none
   b. Awards And Activities (320 A Natural Resources) – Dave Mellor
      i. Dave Mellor moved to adopt Farm Bureau proposal of the refreshed and re-branded Food for America program. Kevin Nugent seconded. Motion passed.
ii. Maddy Meyer moved to sustain. John Williams seconded. Motion sustained.
c. Career Development Event (221 Natural Resources) – Haley Schulz
   i. None
d. State officer policy committee (130 Natural Resources) – Doug Pennington
   i. None
e. Governing Committee (21 Natural Resources) – Tate Forbush
   i. None

XI. Old Business
a. State Poultry Report
   i. Dave Wyrick Discussed the increased cost for poultry as well as the possible AET requirements

XII. New Business
a. Mark Forbush recognized the Adult Board Members beginning a new term
   i. Region V, Kevin Nugent
   ii. Region VI, Matt Jakubik
   iii. MAAE, Tate Forbush
   iv. MSU, Aaron McKim
   v. Industry, Mark Daniels
b. Proposals
   I. Middle College Students-
      a. Doug Pennington moved that a special committee review this proposal and be brought back to the Fall Professional Development In-Service. Second by Haley Schulz. Motion passed.
      b. John Williams moved to sustain. Second by Maddy Meyer. Motion Sustained.
   II. Bay-Arenac Regional Realignment and Regional Realignment proposals-
      a. Tate Forbush moved we look at realigning regions every five years starting at Fall PDI this year. Second by Doug Pennington. Motion passed.
      b. Maddy Meyer moved to sustain. Second by Courtney Wangler. Motion sustained.
   III. Conflict of Interest
      a. Hailey moved that the rules state “It is highly suggested to avoid conflicts of interest, judges for contest should not be related to contestants”. Seconded by Tate Forbush. Motion failed.
IV. Accepting the Challenge Parli Pro
   a. Haley moved to change the rules to not use the phrase “accept the challenge”. Second by Matt Jakubik. Motion failed.

V. Finance committee
   a. Tate Forbush moved that we change the finance committee to the vision and special topics committee to handle areas that don’t fit in other committee areas. Second by Kevin Nugent. Motion passed.
   b. Jenna Kingsley moved to sustain. Seconded by Courtney Wangler. Motion sustained.

XIII. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm
    a. Haley Schulz moved to adjourn. Seconded by Doug Pennington. Motion Passed.

XIV. The next Board of Directors Meeting will be December 15, 2016 in 221 Natural Resources.

Respectfully Submitted,

Austin Haywood

Michigan FFA State Secretary