

**Michigan FFA Association
Board of Directors Meeting
September 20, 2018
5:00PM – 6:00PM Committee Meeting
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338 Natural Resources, MSU**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 20, 2018, by Caitlin Henne, the State President. 28 members and guests were present: all members of the 2018-2019 Michigan FFA State Officer team, Matt Jakubik, Aaron McKim, Michelle Sidel, Katie Holt, Beth Wilson, Mark Forbush, Dave Wyrick, Kevin Nugent, Tate Forbush, Mark Daniels, Sam Ludlam, Haley Schulz, Doug Pennington, Scott Corrin, Travis Jones, and Jennifer Smith.
- II. Opening Ceremonies: State Officers
- III. Secretary's Report - Raegan Gembariski
 - A. 28 members and guests present
 - B. May minutes presented
 1. Sam Wortz moved to accept, Autumn Loss seconded. Motion passed
 2. Tate Forbush moved to sustain. Aaron McKim seconded. Motion passed
- IV. Treasurer's Report - Ben Butcher
 - A. The FFA Association's account balance as of August 31, 2018 is \$71,077.70, with no outstanding bills
 - B. Our contingency fund as of August 31, 2018 is \$167,066.64
 - C. Kyle McFarren moved to accept, Abby Puskala seconded
 - D. Doug Pennington sustained, Tate Forbush seconded
- V. Welcome New Board Members - Mark Forbush
- VI. Michigan FFA Association
 - A. State Officer Report - Caitlin Henne
 1. Chapter Visits have begun
 2. Convention session intros have been filmed
 3. Fall speeches
 - B. State Advisor Report - Mark Forbush
 1. New ag teachers
 - a) Coleman added a new person, Eric Fischer
 - b) Shelly Cole now teaches Ellsworth
 - c) Natalie Holbrook to Ithaca
 - d) Cheryl Rogers teaching Niles
 - e) Lindsay Garner to Saginaw Career Complex
 - f) Matt Bernia to St. Louis
 - g) Alan Green teaching at USA
 - h) Christina Dombrowski at Belding

- (1) More new/changed ag teachers
 - 2. 131 Ag teachers in Michigan
 - 3. 120 programs in Michigan
 - 4. Perkins Bill
 - a) Can impact how career centers run their classes
 - b) Implemented next year (2019)
 - 5. 90th Anniversary Event
 - a) August 10, 2019
 - b) Wildwood Farms, Alto, MI
 - c) Looking for donations in value of \$500 each
 - d) Goal - Raise \$90,000
- C. State Executive Secretary Report - Dave Wyrick
 - 1. Over 8,000 members - most since 1981!!
 - 2. 9 contest created or adapted in the past 10 years
 - 3. 500 broiler entries
 - 4. State Officers attending Fuel up to Play 60
- VII. Michigan FFA Alumni - Mark Forbush on behalf of Amanda Sollman
 - A. National Experience Trip
 - 1. All 15 rooms are booked!
- VIII. Past State Officers - Henry Reinart
 - A. Nothing to report - absent from meeting
- IX. Ag Ed Club - Samantha Ludlum
 - A. Third year
 - B. 35 attendees in first meeting
 - C. Painted the rock for National Teach Ag Day
 - D. Volunteering efforts
 - E. Exchange with Penn State
- X. Michigan FFA Foundation - Dave Wyrick
 - A. \$3 million needed to hit our goal
 - B. Looking for a new Foundation Director
 - 1. Goal - to have a replacement by Nov. 1
- XI. Standing Committee Reports
 - A. State Officer Application
 - 1. 95% completed
 - 2. Should be ready for this year's application
 - B. Livestock Judging
 - 1. Nick Babcock is the new contest superintendent
 - a) Meeting next week
 - 2. They run the contest - we are the participants
 - C. Meats Judging

1. We may have to run this ourselves
 2. Participation up
- XII. Old Business
- A. Nothing to report
- XIII. New Business
- A. Proposals
 1. Michigan FFA Academic Excellence Recognition - Vision and Special Topic Committee- Tate Forbush
 - a) Committee is in favor of all changes
 - (1) Committee also asks that only gold awards walk across stage
 - (2) Committee also asks that certificates are sent to home to be handed out
 - b) Motion Carries
 - c) Nate Scovill moved to sustain, Kyle McFarren seconded, Motion sustained
 2. CDE Committee - Haley Schultz
 - a) Prepared Public Speaking
 - (1) National scorecard
 - (a) Committee accepts proposal as presented
 - (i) Motion Carries
 - (ii) Sam Wertz sustains, Kylie Sperow seconded, motion is sustained
 - b) Extemporaneous Public Speaking
 - (1) Scorecard and Topic Change
 - (a) Committee moves to change proposal - Scorecard is confusing
 - (i) Change weight to possible points
 - (ii) Add indicators row for each section with point ranges
 - (b) Questions category
 - (i) Change questions to 30 total points, 15 in each category
 - (2) Aaron McKim moves to amend the motion by striking out to the words “Agricultural Advocacy, Literacy and Current Issues” to read “Agricultural Literacy, and Current Issues”
 - (a) Seconded by Matt Jakubik, amendment passes
 - (3) Motion carries
 - (4) Nate Scovill moves to sustain, Abby Puskala seconds, motion passes
 - c) Jr. High Quiz Bowl

- (1) Moved to accept as proposed
 - (a) Motion carries
 - (b) Kyle McFarren moves to sustain, Kylie Sperow seconded, motion passes
- 3. Awards and Activities, Ag Issues- Jennifer Smith
 - a) Committee moves to accept proposal, striking the time proposal
 - (1) Matt Jakubik moves to amend by going back to the original proposal
 - (2) Haley Schultz seconds
 - (3) Amendment carries
 - (4) Motion carries
 - (5) Nate Scovill moves to sustain, Kylie Sperow second, sustainment carries
 - (a) Division of Assembly
 - (b) 6-5 sustainment passes
- 4. State Officer Policy, Ag Communications- Doug Pennington
 - a) Committee moves to amend to proposal by adding words “each” and “of” to the sentence “the highest three scores in practicums”
 - b) Committee brings a suggestion to have ANR Events Services create “dummy” accounts, so members cannot use previously made templates
 - c) Committee also moves to add a “communication ethics” section of the rules, stating that “judge identified plagiarism is cause for disqualification”
 - (1) Motion passes
 - (2) Nate Scovill moves to sustain, Ben Butcher seconds, motion sustained

2018-2019 - FYI - Contests slated to be reviewed are: Poultry Judging, Ag Sales, Dairy Cattle Judging, Dairy Handlers, Creed Speaking, Greenhand Public Speaking, Market Rabbit Contest, and Demonstration.

2018-19 Meeting Dates

December 6, 2018

March 21, 2018

May 2, 2018

The meeting was adjourned by Caitlin Henne at 7:21PM

Respectfully submitted,

Raegan Gembariski

State Secretary