

Michigan FFA Association
Board of Directors Meeting
March 24, 2022
5:45 to 6:00 PM Board Committee Meeting
6:00 to 7:30 PM Board Meeting
Held Virtually on Zoom
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Meeting ID: 967 1762 5213
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- I. Call to Order – Sydney Masters, State Treasurer
 - The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm on Thursday, September 16, 2021 by Sydney Masters, the State President. 30 members and guests were present: members of the 2021-2022 Michigan State Officer Team excluding Amara Jackson, Emma Barnum and Haleigh Austin, Dr. Tiffany Rogers-Randolph, Mark Forbush, Henry Reinart, Michelle Sidel, Scott Corrin, Beth Wilson, Haley Cucinello, Jason Griffith, Matt Jakubik, Samantha Wagner, Troy Bancroft, Doug Pennington, Dr. Aaron McKim, Alex Scovill, Kevin Nugent, Noel Eisenmann and Travis Jones.
 - Not present: Amara Jackson, Emma Barnum, Haleigh Austin, Grace Platte, and Kyle Schaberg.

- II. Opening Ceremonies – FFA State Officers
 - Sydney Masters performed the President ceremonies in Amara Jackson’s absence, Patricia Hebenstreit performed the Vice President ceremonies in Emma Barnum’s absence, Olivia Coffey performed the Treasurer’s ceremonies as Sydney Masters was filling in for the President and Leah Irion performed the Sentinel ceremonies in Haleigh Austin’s absence.

- III. Secretary Report – Kaia Cooper
 - 28 members and guests present.
 - a. Savannah Mauk moved to accept the secretary’s report. Marissa Petiprin Ball seconded. Motion passed.
 - b. Doug Pennington moved to sustain. Haley Cucinello seconded. Motion passed.

- IV. Treasurer’s Report – Sydney Masters

- The FFA Association’s account balance as of March 23, 2022, is \$307,873.53. There are approximately \$60,000.00 in outstanding bills for convention. The balance in the contingency fund as of March 23, 2022, is \$464,805.31.
 - a. Marissa Petiprin Ball moved to accept the treasurer’s report. Savannah Mauk seconded. Motion passed.
 - b. Haley Cucinello moved to sustain. Beth Wilson seconded. Motion passed.

V. Michigan FFA Association

(<http://michiganffa.org/association/>)

- State Officer Report – Sydney Masters
 - a. Concluded visits, retreat, contest season, SO interviews, convention practice and Convention(!), attended other requests
 - b. Banquet, skills, regional camps, capstone in May
- State Advisor Report – Mark Forbush
 - a. 2-4 new programs next year
 - b. 20 more ag teacher today than 5 years ago
 - c. 8 interns currently, 5-6 next year
 - d. 35 admitted in the program
 - e. Career prep grant happens in the next year
- State Executive Secretary Report – Dr. Tiffany Rogers-Randolph
 - a. Congrats officers and staff on a great convention and teachers/students for being so awesome!
 - b. 1,200+ students participated in contests
 - c. Very similar numbers to past years (within 30 of 2020)
 - d. Ag skills registration is similar to 2019, the last time it was an in-person event.

VI. Michigan FFA Alumni – Becca Gulliver – Absent, Mark Forbush

(<http://www.michiganffa.org/alumni/>)

- The raffle went exceptionally well
- Raised a tremendous amount of money (close to \$70,000)
- Thank you to Greenstone and Hudson & Baders for your donations!

VII. Past State Officers – Henry Reinart

- None

VIII. Michigan FFA Foundation – Kyle Schaberg, absent – Report

presented by Mark Forbush (<http://www.michiganffa.org/foundation/>)

- After some stock market changes, we may have reached our sustainability goal, but we have the \$8 million that was previously calculated.
- IX. Ag Ed Club – Grace Platte, absent – Report presented by Jacob VanderMolen/Sydney Masters
- The apparel sale is almost finished
 - EBoard recommendations are coming/due soon
 - Planning a trip to Kentucky
- X. Call To The Public
- Noel Eisenmann – representing Blissfield Chapter as a parent of the chapter’s Greenhand Conduct of Meetings contest chair
 - a. Wanted to make the board aware of the mistakes at the Greenhand Conduct of Meetings contest. The room was not set up correctly and it affected the team’s performance. When the team was given a second chance, they performed better, but they were still rattled. It is believed that this affected who moved on to the finals at the state level.
 - Samantha Wagner – 2nd-year Advisor of the recently rechartered Blissfield FFA Chapter
 - a. Blissfield just wants to ensure that this problem doesn’t happen again.
- XI. Standing Committee’s
- - Vision and Special Topics Committee **Please attend a different committee meeting** – Chairperson Beth Wilson
 - Awards and Activities Committee **VIA Zoom Breakout** – Chairperson Jennifer Smith
 - Career Development Event Committee **VIA Zoom Breakout** – Chairperson Haley Cucinello
 - State Officer Policy Committee **VIA Zoom Breakout** – Chairperson Doug Pennington
 - Governing Committee **VIA Zoom Breakout** – Chairperson Jason Griffith
- XII. Informational Items:

- DEI Committee – Result from Constitutional Amendment on adding a new Board Member from our DEI Committee – TRR
 - a. At the last Board of Directors meeting, the board passed the proposal for a voting member to be present from the DEI committee. This was then given to the student delegates to ratify, and it was passed.
 - b. The membership of the DEI Committee is:
 1. Ayodele Dare - MSU CANR Office of DEI
 2. Haili Gusa - PSO
 3. Katie Holt - Bay Arenac
 4. Danielle Martinez – Springport
 5. Tony McCaul - Careerline Tech Center
 6. Dr. Buddy McKendree – MSU AFNRE
 7. Kate Studley – Glanbia
- Food Science Proposal – M. Bower
 - a. Contests are adjusted on a schedule, and Food Science is scheduled for this summer. The immediate student concern was remedied but this proposal will be looked at this summer.
 - b. If you have input on making any contests better, including but not limited to the Food Science contest and proposal, please attend the meeting(s) where these contests are evaluated.

XIII. Old Business

- None

XIV. New Business

- Proposals
 - a. Set Up Time for Demo and Ag Issues – Preston and Bassage – State Officer Policy Committee
 1. The committee moves to accept the proposal as is with an implied second. Motion passed.
 - a. Discussion
 - b. Amendment: specify that the contestants will be warned of time with a verbal acknowledgment and a card. So that the amendment reads:
 - “Time keeper will warn teams at the 3:00 minute mark for setup and again at the 4:30 mark. This will be written and verbal time cues and the time will start when all of the materials are in the room.”
 2. Savannah Mauk moved to sustain. Marissa Petiprin Ball seconded. Motion passed.

- b. Dispute Committee – Preston and Bassage – Governance Committee
 1. The committee moves to accept the proposal with an amendment with an implied second.
 - a. Friendly amendment will read as follows under the “Process for Dispute:”
 - “1. Advisor will speak with contest Chairman chairperson about dispute item(s) immediately.
 - 2. Contest Chair contacts District or Regional Chair immediately, at the state level contact the State Advisor via phone or in-person immediately to notify them of a dispute.
 - 3. If a dispute is made the committee will convene prior to any judges’ release or announcement of contest results.
 - 4. Results of the dispute will be discussed shared with Chapter Advisor prior to announcement of contest results.”
 - b. Discussion
 2. Savannah Mauk moved to sustain. Leah Irion seconded. Motion passed.
- c. Contest Room Set-Up- Wagner – CDE Committee
 1. The committee moves to accept the proposal as written with an implied second.
 - a. Discussion
 - b. Amendment to the proposal would read as follows:
 - “. . .will be allowed to compete with the accurate room set-up either once the problem is recognized or at the end of contests to demonstrate their knowledge of the contest.”
 - Jason Griffith moved to accept the amendment as written. Doug Pennington seconded. Motion passes with nine in favor, one against.
 - Amendment of the amendment: add at the end contestants that competed with an inaccurate room setup will be allowed to compete again.
 - a) Kevin Nugent motioned to accept the amendment’s amendment as follows. Beth Wilson seconded. Motion passes with eight in favor, one against.
 - Discussion
 - c. Motion fails with 3 in favor, 6 against.

2. The student board will not vote on the proposal as both boards must pass the proposal.
- d. Time Deduction – Preston and Bassage – Awards and Activities Committee
 1. The committee moves to accept the proposal as written with an implied second.
 - a. Discussion:
 - Some have never done it this way, other have followed this ruling. This table makes everything even across the state and all contests.
 - Concern: getting the information to the advisors that a deduction takes place.
 - a) Can this just be put on comment cards?
 - b. Amendment for the solution would remove the following sentence:
 - “Advisors will be informed when there is a deduction given due to time or official dress.”
 - Doug Pennington moved to accept the amendment. Haley Cucinello seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - c. The amendment would read as follows:
 - “A table with specific descriptions and time deductions for all contests. The State Office would create tables specific to each contest.” An example table follows the description.
 - Discussion
 - Aaron McKim moved to accept the amendment as written. Haley Cucinello seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - d. The amendment would read as follows:
 - “Remove major fraction of a minute deduction and replace with a table with specific descriptions. . .”
 - Discussion
 - Beth Wilson moved to accept the motion as written. Haley Cucinello seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
 2. Marissa Petiprin Ball moved to sustain. Leah Irion seconded. Motion passed.

XV. Adjourned

- Adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

2022-23- FYI – Contests slated to be reviewed are; Ag Mechanics, Agronomy, Environmental Skills, Greenhouse Crop Management, Food Science, Horse Judging and Milk Quality and Products

2021-22 Meeting Dates

April 28, 2022