

IOWA FFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny, IA
June 25, 2012

Iowa FFA President Steven Brockshus and Board Chair Michael Peiffer called the June meeting to order at 12:39 PM.

Board attendance is as follows:

Executive Committee:

Steven Brockshus President
 Josh Earll NW VP
 Marshall Dolch SW VP
 Heidi Andresen SE VP
 Michael Knight SC VP
 Theresa Fitzgerald NC VP
 Matt Hefti Secretary
 Cassie Galm Reporter
 Nolan Zumbach NE VP (Not Present)

Adult Board - Voting:

Michael Peiffer Board Chair
 Carrie Putz SC District
 Amber Greiman NC District
 Doug Gaul NW District
 Jamie Gray SE District
 Jim Russ NE District
 Kevin Blair SW District
 Melanie Bloom IAAE President
 Dave Whitman Alumni President

Executive Committee – Non-Voting:

Lindsay Calvert Past FFA President

Adult Board – Non-Voting:

Tom Paulsen ISU Ag Ed & Studies
 T.J. Dunphy Administration Rep.

Ex-Officio:

Dale Gruis State Advisor
 Scott Johnson State Executive Secretary
 Josh Remington Foundation Exec. Director

Others In Attendance:

Doug Dodd
 Monty Collins

Standard Agenda

Meeting Minutes

The board members read over the minutes that were handed out to them. Earll moved to accept. Fitzgerald seconded the motion. Motion passed. Russ moved to concur. Putz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report

Johnson presented the treasurer’s report. The Great Southern Bank account is now the association’s regular operating account and the Wells Fargo account could be closed. The Iowa FFA still owes for State Convention facilities and incidentals, which is about \$50,000.

Great Southern Bank Account:	\$117,597.43
Wells Fargo Account:	\$32,323.98
Liberty Bank CD:	\$208,928.76
Liberty Bank Money Market:	\$25,787.30
TOTAL:	\$384,637.47

Dolch moved to accept. Knight seconded the motion. Motion passed. Grieman moved to concur. Bloom seconded the motion. Motion passed.

FFA Membership Report

Johnson presented the membership report. Iowa has 12,941 members entered on the Ag CN as of June 24th.

IAAE Report

Bloom presented the IAAE report. The IAAE summer conference is getting set up, with 240 people registered. She also presented that they are moving into an exciting year looking for better FFA and Iowa State partnership.

Alumni Report

Whitman presented the alumni report. He reported that good comments came from the hypnotist and t-shirts. The board is planning to provide ice cream for ushers at the state fair and getting involved in RAGBRAI. He also reported that there are 10 new alumni chapters in Iowa.

Foundation Report

Remington presented the Foundation Report. He informed the board that the Foundation doubled sponsorship for this year's State Leadership Conference. He also reported that the Foundation is going through a transition process. Interviews will be held for the positions of Office Assistance and Donor Development Manager. Titan Tire plans on releasing a FFA Tire with a percentage of every tire sold going to The Iowa FFA Association. The Foundation Golf Tournament was held and the auction went well, which provides enough funding to sponsor all of the scholarships.

FFA Report

Hefti presented the FFA Report. He presented that the state officer team has gone through multiple training sessions, each one focusing on a different aspect of being a state officer. He also informed the board about the CDEs, Golf Tournament and press conference that the team attended. He also asked the board to evaluate the newly printed Iowa FFA Today.

Iowa State Fair

Meggers presented the State Fair report and informed the board about the issues facing retinal scanning and helmets for all horse events. It was also discussed when the officer team would be at the state fair. Johnson replied by informing him that the team would arrive on the Sunday before.

Post-secondary Report

Paulsen presented the Post-Secondary report. Discussion was held about the shortage of Agriculture Education teachers. He reported to the board that their will need to be 20 Agriculture Education teachers a year to fill vacancies from retiring teachers and others that leave the profession.

Non-Action Items

Farm Bureau Blog at State Leadership Conference CDE Judging

Johnson updated the board on the situation surrounding the blog that was published by Farm Bureau. This led to the board suggesting that an action item be added to the agenda for the September meeting regarding potential judges training.

4-H/FFA Guidance For County Fairs

Gruis discussed a conference call held with 4-H staff held on Tuesday, June 19th. In this conference call they discussed the FSQA test and the standards involved in showing livestock in different counties. Some discussion was held between board members about the subject in their own areas.

Executive Secretary Evaluation

Johnson brought to the board's attention that typically the evaluation is held at the June meeting. Peiffer added that it is typically the state officers that fill out evaluations but there really isn't anything that can be done if the evaluations are not very good and a more complete system may be needed. It was suggested that the Board Chairperson and State President work on an evaluation instrument that could be reviewed at the next board meeting.

Action Items

2012-2013 Affiliation Dues Schedule

Johnson proposed this year's affiliation dues schedule, which is similar to last year's schedule. Knight moved to accept the schedule. Dolch seconded. Motion passed. Greiman moved to concur. Gaul seconded. Motion passed.

FY 13 Budget

Johnson presented the FY 13 Budget to the board and stated that Iowa FFA Association needs to have a better realization of costs associated with hosting Career Development Events. Earll moved to accept the FY 13 Budget. Fitzgerald seconded. Motion passed. Blair moved to concur. Bloom seconded. Motion passed.

Iowa FFA Association Financial Accounts

Johnson explained the current financial accounts. The Iowa FFA Association has \$200,000 invested in a CD that would expire on June 26, 2012. This money it saved in the event that Perkins funding was lost, which is currently about \$50,000 in support. He suggested that we divide the CD into multiple accounts and have a longer term on some of the money to draw more interest. At least \$50,000 should be available a year from now in the event the funds are needed. Fitzgerald moved to split the funds into two CDs: half of the money in a 12-month CD and half of the money in a 24-month CD. Dolch seconded the motion and the motion passed. Putz moved to concur. Gray seconded motion passed.

FFA Enrichment Center Lodging Form

Johnson presented the form that the committee reviewed regarding State Officers in the Enrichment Center. If approved, the forms will be made available to the officers and their parents to sign immediately. The plan for future years is to include the form as part of the State Officer application. Knight moved approve the State Officer FFA Enrichment Center Usage Guidelines Form. Earll seconded the motion, motion passed. Blair moved to concur. Greiman seconded. Motion passed.

Directors and Officers Insurance

Johnson is waiting to hear from insurance company for premium costs. Postponed to September. No vote was needed.

State Officer Selection Process

Lindsay Calvert asked the board to consider revising the selection process, particularly for State FFA President because of the different expectations the State President has. Gray suggested a committee. Brockshus asked for a motion to refer to committee. Fitzgerald moved to review the state officer selection process, seconded by Knight. Earll moved to refer this motion to a committee, seconded by Knight, motion passed. Whitman moved to concur, Bloom seconded the motion, motion passed. The committee consists of Josh Earll, NW Vice President; Michael Knight, SC Vice President; Steven Brockshus, State President; Lindsay Calvert, Past State President; and Amber Greiman, NC District Representative.

Retinal Imaging at State Fair

Gruis explained discussions with 4-H about using retinal imaging with all livestock at the state fair. Members of the board had extensive discussion about this topic. Paulsen then encouraged the board to consider who should be charged with this decision and where the origination of these suggestions should be. The board indicated that the respective State Fair Show Committees should consider this issue first before addressing it as a board. No action was taken.

Horse Helmet Requirement at State Fair

The board suggested that the same scenario regarding the question of Retinal Imaging should also apply to the Horse Helmet question at State Fair. The respective State Fair Show Committee should consider this issue first before addressing it as a board. No action was taken.

Destruction of the Election Ballots

Brockshus asked for a motion to destroy the election ballots for the 2012-2013 State Officer Team. Knight moved that the ballots be destroyed. Fitzgerald seconded. Motion passed. Blair moved to concur. Putts seconded. Motion passed.

Proposed Meeting Dates for 2012-13

Johnson asked that the board to consider the following dates for possible meetings: September 22

(Team Ag Ed), December 5 (via Adobe Connect Pro), March 23 (Team Ag Ed), and June 24 (At Ag Ed Summer Conference). Peiffer replied that the Team Ag Ed concept should continue to be promoted. There is the possibility of having a Team Ag Ed Meeting in December as well. The board adopted the meeting dates as presented, but is open to moving the 12/5 meeting to a Team Ag Ed Meeting date.

Committee Reports

Sexual Harassment Policy

Dodd informed the board that he has researched and gathered a plethora of information on this topic. The Iowa FFA Association has a policy, but maybe a reporting structure needs to be implemented.

Iowa FFA Degree Review

Johnson informed the board that National FFA has postponed the latest American Degree revisions. It is suspected that the American Degree may become an on-line application through Ag CN. No act was taken at this time and Clyde Johnson has offered to assist with the revision process should a revision be considered.

SLC POA Committee Report

The board reviewed the State Leadership Conference Program of Activities Committee's Report. Action items as a result of this report should be considered for the September meeting.

SLC Auditing Committee Report

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Adjourn

Dolch moved to adjourn the meeting. Knight seconded the motion. Motion passed. Bloom moved to concur. Russ seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Hefti
State Secretary
Iowa FFA Association
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