

IOWA FFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny, IA
March 23, 2013

Iowa FFA President Steven Brockshus and Board Chair Doug Dodd called the March meeting to order at 10:10 AM.

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

Adult Board - Voting:

Doug Dodd 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
Ann Bassett Alumni President

Executive Committee – Non-Voting:

Lindsay Calvert Past FFA President

Ex-Officio:

Dale Gruis State Advisor
Scott Johnson State Executive Secretary
Doug Becker Iowa FFA Foundation
Dennis Meggers ISF FFA Superintendent

Others in Attendance:

Nicole Gent

Meeting Agenda

The board members reviewed the agenda. Earll moved to accept the agenda. Fitzgerald seconded the motion. Motion passed. Putz moved to concur. Russ seconded the motion. Motion passed.

January Meeting Minutes

The board members read over the minutes from the January Board Meeting. Zumbach moved to accept the minutes as presented. Dolch seconded the motion. Motion passed. Blair moved to concur. Greiman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Johnson presented the treasurer's report. He explained National FFA Dues have not been paid yet.

Great Southern Bank Account:	\$237,267.19
Green Belt Bank Money Market	\$25,881.06
Green Belt Bank CD	\$208,928.76
TOTAL:	\$472,077.01

Knight moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Zumbach seconded the motion. Motion passed. Russ moved to concur. Blair seconded the motion. Motion passed.

FFA Membership Report

Johnson presented the membership report. Iowa has 13,312 members entered on the Ag CN as of March 22th.

Reports

All additional reports given at Team Ag Ed meeting.

Non-Action Items

Executive Secretary Evaluation

The evaluation process is coming along well. The board was encouraged to offer additional suggestions for the process. The evaluation is planned to take place later in the spring after state convention.

Board Members on Call for State Convention

Johnson explained that rather than assigning board members to each session that we will have board members “on call” for each session in the event that assistance is needed. Discussion ensued to help plan this process.

State Convention Update

Iowa State University asks that the state association have some sort of emergency contact system. A calling tree and an emergency text/notification system were discussed. Options will be considered and pursued based on convenience and cost.

Charge for Visitors Attending SLC

The board discussed the charge for visitors attending State Leadership Conference. The board agreed that although it is an inconvenience for the visitor it is needed to adequately document all attendees at the conference which aids in the safety of all at the conference. Accurate attendance data also assists the Iowa FFA Foundation in securing sponsorship for the conference.

Action Items

2013 Iowa FFA Degree List Approval

The board reviewed the applicants for the Iowa Degree. Fitzgerald moved to approve the 640 recipients of the degree, seconded by Dolch. The motion passed by general consent. Greiman moved to concur, seconded by Russ. Motion passed by general consent.

Conduct of Meetings CDE

Johnson presented a rules change from Matt Eddy, the CDE Chairperson that would send the state winner to a national invitational event at National FFA Convention. Earll moved to approve the rules change, seconded Zumbach. Motion passed by general consent. Gray moved to concur, seconded by Putz. Motion passed by general consent.

Iowa State Fair FFA Premier Exhibitor

IFAA is interested in providing scholarships for premier exhibitors at state fair. They have historically done this 4-H, but they want to work with FFA this year. Knight moved to send a recommendation to Iowa State Fair Board to allow a Premier Exhibitor Competition for FFA members for graduated seniors and older. Dolch seconded the motion and the motion passed. Blair moved to concur. Putz seconded the motion and the motion passed.

FFA 202

Gruis explained that 4-H has a guidance document for county extensions to use about exhibiting called 4-H 202. Gruis presented a draft "FFA 202" and asked that we consider language similar to the 4-H 202. Zumbach moves to accept the form as read, seconded by Earll. The board discussed that it is preferred to have a committee review it, but assigning a committee at the June Board Meeting would be more practical with the change in voting members. Andresen moved to table the motion until the June Board Meeting, seconded by Fitzgerald, motion passed. Russ moved to concur. Putz seconded and the motion passed.

Dog Adoption

Gruis suggested we look into having a dog adopting activity in the FFA headquarters at the state fair to draw in people. The board is interested, but would like more information before considering. Zumbach moved that Gruis look into this item further and bring it back for board consideration. Fitzgerald seconded and the motion passed. Gray moved to concur, seconded by Bassett. Motion passed.

Harassment Policy & Reporting

Johnson presented some forms that would be used when reporting harassment, which is outlined in Board Policy #21. The forms came from two different school's harassment policy and reporting information, which have Iowa Association of School Board approval. Gruis suggested the board approve the forms. Gray moved to accept the forms. Blair seconded. Motion passed. Zumbach moved to concur. Dolch seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Management Services

Johnson explained to the board that Michelle who is in charge of the finances for both the Iowa FFA Foundation and the Iowa FFA Association is on medical leave and because of that Johnson asked that the board approve a adjustment to the budget that would allow funding for a temp to handle finances for the association. Dolch moved to allow \$3,500 to temp serves for financial services. Earll seconds. Motion passes. Gaul moved to concur Greimen seconded.

Adjourn

Fitzgerald moved to adjourn the meeting. Zumbach seconded the motion. Motion passed. Blair moved to concur. Russ seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Hefti
State Secretary
Iowa FFA Association
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