

**South Dakota FFA Association
Board of Directors Meeting
4:30pm CST, Wednesday, October 7, 2020**

The South Dakota FFA Association Board of Directors met on 4:30pm CST, Wednesday, October 7, 2020 via Zoom. President Samantha Olson called the meeting to order and then Secretary Hunter Eide called the roll of members.

1. Roll Call of Members

Voting Members:

- a. State Officers: Samantha Olson, Jackson McFaden, Hunter Eide, Elizabeth Deboer, Dirby Bawek, Ryder Mortenson
- b. District 1: Tessa Erdmann Advisor NONE
- c. District 2: Trinity Peterson; Dave VanderWal
- d. District 3: Bridget Twedt; Kylie Harriman
- e. District 4: Kallen Kafka; Tracey Walsh
- f. District 5: Elliot Hendrix and Genetie Hendrix
- g. District 6: Sara Colombe; Megan Nash
- h. District 7: Kayla Jacobson; Alysha Kientopf
- i. SDAAE Representative: Andrew Jensen

Non-voting in attendance:

- j. Exec Sec: Dani Herring
- k. Advisor: Mrs. Michelle Nelson
- l. FFA Foundation Director: Gerri Eide
- m. CDE Committee: Kelly Dunkelberger
- n. Alumni: Russ Swanson
- o. Agriscience: Tracy Chase
- p. Awards and Applications: Tara Fastert
- q. Dan Tonak

2. Approve Agenda

Moved by Jackson McFaden and seconded by Ryder Mortenson

3. Approve Minutes from previous meeting.

Moved by Ryder Mortenson seconded by Elizabeth Deboer

4. Financial Report

- a. Checking account balance on 10/6/2020: \$102,334.29
- b. Investment account balance as of September 30 is \$662,270.48.

5. Committee Reports:

- a. CDE Committee
 - i. Informed us of CDE committees report in regards to CDEs: Due to the cancellation of the 2020 National FFA Convention and National FFA CDE's any 2020 Spring CDE's state winning participants that are in the 8th – 12th grade during the 2020-2021 school year may re-compete in their respective spring CDE at the 2021 State FFA Convention. UNLESS National FFA makes a decision that, they will allow two teams to

participate at the 2021 National FFA Convention, as the current winning team would be one of the two team's representing SD at the 2021 National FFA Convention.

- ii. The 2019 Fall LDE winners will be eligible to compete at the 2021 National FFA Convention if the National FFA allows two teams to compete and/or SD does not host a 2020 Fall Leadership state LDE of any version.
- iii. Marketing Plan will have their rules updated by removing the section where a projector will be available for all teams. NO projector will be provided for the Marketing Plan Teams.
- iv. Prepared Public Speaking LDE will have the rules updated by adding the requirement to hold up timecards with: six, seven, 8 minutes.
- v. Natural Resources CDE will have the rules updated by adding the scientific names to help with utilizing the proper plants for the identification portion of the CDE
- vi. The Floriculture CDE will change the rules so that in the ID portion of the CDE there will be a total of 50 identification items. 45 of those items will be plants and five of those items will be tools.
- vii. Motion to approve CDE committee recommendations was made by Kelly Dunkelberger and seconded by Hunter Eide. Motion passed

b. Awards and Applications Committee

- i. The state proficiency review needs to make sure applications are in the correct area we still had members disqualified at the National level. This year South Dakota had the following applications:
- ii. State Degree Recipients: 282
- iii. Proficiency applications sent in for each category to the state level:
 1. Combined: 20
 2. Entrepreneurship: 56
 3. Placement: 93
 4. Research: 11
- iv. Proficiency Rating at Nationals:
 1. Finalist: 1
 2. Gold: 1
 3. Silver: 12
 4. Bronze: 17
 5. Participant: 5
 6. DQ: 3
- v. Proficiency Application Area: Total 180
- vi. National Chapter Award:
 1. Superior: 4
 2. Gold: 8
- vii. American Degree Recipients: 28

1. 2 American Star Applicants
 2. 1 Star Finalist in Ag Placement
 3. 2 applications were not approved by National FFA
- viii. **American Degree Dates:**
1. Starting in 2021, there are two deadlines for the American Degree; an optional March 1st deadline and a required June 15th deadline.
 2. States that choose to meet the new optional deadline with all or some of their American Degree applications will qualify for a detailed review of the applications along with a window to make corrections at the local level and resubmit for approval.
 3. A state does not have to submit all of their applications by March 1st to qualify for the review and correct option.
 4. Applications submitted after the March 1st deadline, and by June 15th, are subject to a straight approval or denial of the application with no opportunity to make corrections and resubmit.
- ix. Dates:
1. January 18 State Reporting Forms
 2. February 20 Proficiency Review Day, Kimball, SD
 3. *February 15 American Degree - First Round, guaranteed Review by Nationals*
 4. February 27 Proficiency Review Day (Snow Day) Kimball
 5. March 1 Proficiency Judging Brookings
 6. *March 5 National Chapter Apps*
 7. *May 15 American Degrees - Final Deadline*
- x. Motion to approve Committee report was made by Tara Fastert seconded by Jackson McFaden motion passed
- c. Agriscience Committee
- i. Have representatives, one person per district, for applications, judging, and questions
 - ii. Looking at location for state agriscience moving forward- currently Chamberlain is reserved for next year as of right now.
- d. District Officers:
- i. District 1 (Tessa Erdmann) Both events the stock show and barn dance were canceled due to COVID, but sweatshirts were ordered for team
 - ii. District 2 (Trinity Peterson) Working on t-shirts, but no events has happened
 - iii. District 3 (Kylie Harriman) was going to do a barn dance and community service event this past spring- canceled due to COVID
 - iv. District 4- (Kallen Kafka) All the officers helped at state fair
 - v. District 5- (Eliot Hendrix) Rushmore Leadership roundup is being help in Belle Fourche this fall and Fall LDEs in happening in Rapid City

- vi. District 6 (Megan Nash) November 10th is District 6 first contests with events requiring pre-submission November 17th is the LDE contests with no paperwork.
- vii. District 7 (Kayla Jacobson) Keeping in contact with each other, but events was canceled due to COVID
- e. State Officers
 - i. State Officer Training- Given by Samantha Olson- This year there have been five state officer trainings so far helping us better our communication skills, how to facilitation, and how to respond to COVID.
 - ii. State Fair- Dirby Bawek shared the number of exhibitors and exhibits at the state fair.
 - iii. National Convention- Ryder Mortenson shared that there are 26 American Degree recipients from South Dakota this year and that the state officers are planning on conducting a national FFA convention watch party, a scavenger hunt, and doing social media events throughout national convention.
 - iv. Chapter Visits- Elizabeth Deboer planned that this year chapter visits will be conducted both virtually and in person. There are 22 virtual visits and 21 in person visits scheduled for this year.
 - v. Legislative Breakfast/DOT- Hunter Eide reported that at this time the team is hoping that it will still be inperson, but it will be up to what State Legislatures will allow
- f. Membership Report-
 - i. Jackson McFaden informed the board that currently, we have 4,599 members registered in South Dakota, which is slightly down from where we were last year at this time. We currently have 3 active FFA chapters with no membership as of the Oct. 1 deadline, 2 inactive chapters on their grace period with no membership, and 1 chapter on their grace period that does have active membership. As a reminder, roster payments are due by Dec. 1st to remain eligible to win state level competitions in the coming year.
- g. Alumni Report
 - i. Russ Swanson the state alumni is still on pause mode working through issues.
- h. Executive Secretary Report
 - i. Finances
 - 1. How to collect unpaid bills since 2016?
 - a. A conclusion that if a school owes money for dues that Miss Herring sends an invoice to see if they the already paid it. Have teachers and business managers see if they paid a bill for that amount of bills.
 - 2. Grace Period schools

- a. Miss Herring will be sending letters to administration to tell that their chapters will be inactive if no teachers hired. This is new this year.

6. Unfinished Business

a. Board of Directors reconstruction

- i. Sara Colombe address explaining concerns of power of certain advisors in district six
 - ii. Dave VanderWal expressed that District 2 advisors had no concerns
 - iii. Bridget Twedt- one advisor had the concern of split and why the board should be a split?
 - iv. Ryder Mortenson- expressed what the student board of directors' role would be if the motion passed.
 - v. Dan Tonak- Gave history behind of why a change is happening.
 - vi. Hunter Eide proposed the State Officer's amendment to the recommendation stating: When the student board makes a recommendation a 2/3 vote from the adult board will be required to overturn it.
 - vii. Elliot Hendrix and Kallen Kafka voiced their support of the amendment to the recommendation.
 - viii. Trinity Peterson asked if you can be a district officer and student BOD member.
 - 1. Ryder Mortenson responded- yes that they can, however it will be up to each to how the process of electing student board members
 - ix. Megan Nash asked how Business and Industry reps and post-secondary education representatives on the board of directors will be selected?
 - 1. Dani Herring replied with: no policy is set up place yet and that the post-secondary education representative should be from a institution that offers ag majors
 - 2. Dani Herring clarified alumni role- just have to be a paid national FFA alumni membership for South Dakota not a member of the South Dakota Alumni current leadership.
 - x. Sara Colombe requested that reasons for business and industry representatives be written down and sent to advisors for better clarification
- b. Dave VanderWal- Moved to accept the recommendation with state officer additions and the motion was seconded by Ryder Mortenson.
- i. A 2/3 vote was required; motion unanimously passed with: 20 in favor 0 opposed.

7. New Business

a. LDE COVID changes

- i. Sara Colombe Stated advisors wanted something in person
- ii. Alysha Kientopf advisor- like to look at option 5 and have sub option with option by district compete at the same time
- iii. Kelly Dunkelberger reported on CDE committee report

- iv. Tracey Walsh moved that we do our Fall state contest virtually with planning and implementation done by CDE committee and liaisons- seconded by Jackson McFaden. Motion passes.
 1. State LDE Discussion is summarized below:
 2. Report on how the government and SDHAA are conducting activities.
 3. Stated that should be virtual or at least to some degree.
 4. Discussion in favor of virtual because of judges and making sure it they stayed safe too.
 5. It was important that we have a State LDE competition so seniors can compete one last time.
 6. Would it be possible to have a hybrid form of State LDEs?
 - a. Dani Herring stated that judging would not be fair if that were to occur.
 7. How to prevent cheating on tests?
 - a. Ideas: maybe have the students scan the room and have lockdown bowser, worry about privacy and schools couldn't do that.
 - b. Have a parent sign off or have some other form of proctor
 8. Zoom technical difficulties and would students be penalized?
 9. Has anyone reached out to LDE committees in other states to see if they had a comment and if one method would be harder to get a motion on? Not at this time, other than that no other states are holding in person events right now.
 10. SDSU is already asking about how we will handle State Convention, and about Little I and other outside events being held on campus.
 11. Other Discussion: Dates for state LDEs? If we push back LDEs we are going to have a snowball effect and numbers and applications are going to go down. Can't move it due to sports and other events. Have "easier" contests to put on normal and have the bigger contests later on. Do not want to move Parli to January because you have a big break time and kids are working on state degrees, scholarships, and stars. State Office will send out a survey on how other advisors feel about when virtual events should be in the year. CDE committee could decide when each of the events could take place and discussion ended.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Ryder Mortenson seconded by Dirby Bawek

Reminders:

Next Meeting in Pierre, SD in conjunction with District Officer Training