The South Dakota FFA Board of Directors met on January 16, 2020, at Drifters Event Center in Fort Pierre. The meeting was called to order by South Dakota FFA State President Shelby Ruland at 12:10 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

D1 – Ashley Wiekamp, Tessa Erdmann

D2 – Dave VanderWal, Trinity Peterson

D3 – Katherine Newhouse, Kylie Harriman

D4 – Tracy Walsh, Kallen Kafka

D5 – Brianna Larson, Paige Lehrkamp

D6 – Cecilia Woodring, Mitchell Vander Wal

D7 – Linda Petersen, Hallie Keuter

Awards & Applications Committee – Tara Fastert

CDE Committee – Dani Herring

SDAAE President – Dan Tonak

Executive Secretary – Jonathan Linke & Jeanette Klein

State Adviser – Michelle Nelson

State Officers – Shelby Ruland, Blake Pulse, Tori Rasmussen, Nathan Linke, Sadie Vanderwal, Sami Wiseman

**Items of Business:**

* Membership Report: Sami Wiseman reported that 4,659 members have been registered in South Dakota. Spring registration will be open until March 20th.
* Financial Report: Nathan Linke announced that we have $133,711.51 in the Association checking account.
  + Brad Reinke of Reinke Gray reported on the investment account and made suggestions.
    - Report highlights included: Suggested to step back this year after a good year this year.
    - Moved by Dave Vander Wal to follow recommendations of Reinke Gray; 2nd by Linda Peterson
* State Convention Report: Tori Rasmussen announced that the state convention theme is “The Time is Now. State convention will be held in Brookings April 19-21. The state officer and ambassador school will be held on February 8 in Brookings.
* District Reports
  + D1: Wants to create shirts, host barn dance, and help at Clark Prospect show.
  + D2: Pre-session discussion for state convention
  + D3: Dance & pre-session discussions
  + D4: Did canned food drive at LDEs this year; hoping to host a lock-in
  + D5: District Rush game, line dancing during FFA week – CDE dates
  + D6: T-shirts, LDE topics, CDE – Northwestern added one this year, pre-session discussion
  + D7: Possible district event, pre-session discussion
  + State Fair reminders: change in workdays for District Officers – Thursday will be volunteer chapter; Friday will have 7 district officers and a volunteer chapter
* CDE report – Dani Herring
  + Vet Science, Meats Eval, Dairy Cattle, Food Science updates were given. Horse contest will be checked in on this year.
  + State Convention CDEs – scantrons will be located at each contest instead of registration this year.
  + Chapter advisors are not allowed in contests their teams are in unless they are liaisons, etc.
* Awards and Applications Committee – Tara Fastert
  + January 20th at midnight – District reporting forms due
  + Proficiency Review Day– Feb .15 in Kimball
  + Feb 21 – scholarship deadline
  + March 2 – Proficiency judging in Brookings
  + March 5 – National chapter applications due
  + March 13 – Agriscience Fair paperwork due
  + April 1 Agrisicence Fair judging
  + May 1 – American Degrees due

**Old Business**

* Chapter Visits: Shelby Ruland reported that over 60 chapters were visited by state officers this fall
* National Convention: Nathan Linke reported that 615 members, advisors and state staff attended national convention, and 49 American Degrees were awarded to South Dakota members.
* State LDEs: Blake Pulse reported on 2019 State LDEs. Discussion on changes for next year will be brought up in new business.
* District Officer Training Discussion
  + None

**New Business**

* State LDEs:
  + Red Rossa reservation of Ag Sales rooms very expensive this last year.
  + Location discussed in rearranging rooms – utilizing atrium, buildings across street such as Discovery Center, and hotel rooms for individual contests.
* Strategic Planning/Constitutional Re-Write Project Report Presentation: Michelle Nelson
  + Notified that minors are liable for being on our board. Student voice is still needed and valued, but restructuring will be needed. Discussion on a student board or students serving as consultants to the board were mentioned as possibilities by several.
  + Other outdated adjustments needed to Constitution
  + Recommended to have rewritten for delegates to vote on at state convention and then call another BOD meeting after state convention.
* South Dakota FFA Blue and Gold Scholarship
  + Currently only for those attending South Dakota colleges and pursuing an agriculture degree.
  + Foundation recommendation: Essay question discussion to include explanation of student’s future in agriculture, as many students not majoring in ag will still end up in the industry. Students attending out-of-state may still be planning to end up in South Dakota; this should be included in essay question for further consideration by judging panel.
  + Moved by Tracy Walsh and 2nd by Linda Peterson to utilize same recommendation as the Foundation. Motion passed.
* Updates from Jonathan Linke and Jeanette Klein:
  + Stipends/awards discussion with National FFA
  + Moved by Linda Peterson and 2nd to Dave Vander Wal to keep awards the same and study in summer 2020. Motion passed.
  + State Ambassador Program Evaluation
  + Leadership Night to be held on March 21 with all FFA members invited to attend. Event will be capped around 75-100 students.
  + STAR and proficiency apps due February 15th to Kimball

Motion to Adjourn:

Moved: Linda Peterson

Seconded: Tracy Walsh

Pass: Yes

Meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.