

## South Dakota FFA Association Board of Directors

October 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Colton Riley at 4:35 pm

Roll call was taken. Those present:

- District 1: Advisor: Ms. Taylor Krause, District Officer: Danielle Houghtaling
- District 2: Advisor: Mr. Dave VanderWal, District Officer: Anna Schwader
- District 3: Advisor: Ms. Katherine Newhouse
- District 4: Advisor: Mr. Jacob Englin, District Officer: Sydney Hoffman
- District 5: Advisor: Ms. Brianna Larson, District Officer: Shelby Rouland
- District 6: none
- District 7: District Officer: Samantha Wiseman
- Ms. Mayrose, State FFA Executive Secretary
- Mrs. Nelson, State FFA Advisor/State Supervisor of Ag Education
- Karen Roudabush, SDAAE President
- Dani Herring, CDE Committee Chair
- Bailey Coats, Alumni Board Teacher Representative
- State Officers: Sarah Kroeger, Marie Robbins, Carolyn Blatchford, Grady Gullickson, TJ Bigge

### Old Business

#### Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:

Discussion: NONE

Motion to approve as sent made by: Mrs. Coats

Seconded by: Sydney Hoffman

Vote: Passed

#### Membership Report:

- As of October 16th, 2018: 3712 members
  - Of that 1,312 approved to national level (chapters that have paid dues to the state)
  - Number does not include a few chapters who have been granted extensions due to unforeseen circumstances
- Received \$21,022.00 in membership dues thus far. Membership dues final payment deadline is December 1st, 2018.

Motion to approve as read made by: Mrs. Nelson

Seconded by: Sydney Hoffman

Discussion: NONE

Vote: Passed

#### Financial Report:

- Business Checking Account Status:
  - \$152,438.54 in business checking account
  - Does not factor in \$32,304.25 in checks written in past week
  - Does not factor in membership dues to National FFA estimated at about \$30,000
- Investment Account:

- As of September 30th, 2018 there was \$607,270.73 in long term investment account.
- Brad Reinke of Reinke Gray will be invited to present at January Board Meeting regarding state of that account.

Motion to approve as read made by: Sarah Kroeger

Seconded by: Sydney Hoffman

Discussion: none

Vote: Passed

### **District Reports:**

- District 1: summer fun run for a student with leukemia, profit to went to family, great attendance for ag adventure center, donations to purchase jackets for officers
- District 2: 5 chapters in district with fruit sales, LDE prep is in full swing, Brookings preparing for national contest, Howard local tailgate with money raised going to cancer fundraiser
- District 3: District contest in Parker, preparing for LDEs
- District 4: meeting in January, letter for troops cards for elderly, good attendance at AAC, gearing for for district LDEs
- District 5: Rapid City Rush game, advocates for FFA, good turn out at AAC, LDE Prep
- District 6: no report
- District 7: made t-shirts for district promoted at spring CDEs, chapters fruit sales, LDE Contest prep

### **Leadership Retreat Report:**

- Thanks to helpers.
- East River Attendance: 59 students, up 9 from 2017, 6 advisors
- West River Attendance: 149 students, up 19 from 2017, 24 advisors
  - Highest camp attendance overall in 8-9 years
- Looking to go to different camp, but that is 2-3 years down the road.
- Looking at shortening West River to 2 nights, and offering 2 sections of that camp within same week

Discussion: none

### **State Officer Summit Report:**

- Officers attended State Officer Summit in DC, which is formerly known as the State Presidents Conference.
  - Advocacy Training
  - Capitol Hill visits
- All officers will continue to attend in the future

Discussion: none

### **DakotaFest Report:**

- Typically, SD FFA assists in the Soybean Booth. Due to the dates of DakotaFest being pushed back a week, they now conflict with SDSU classes, as well as local schools start date
- Struggled to find volunteers - none were able to help Tuesday/Thursday

- Dates for 2019: August 20-22
- Ideas for next year?

### **State Fair Report:**

- Great shows run by Mr. VanderWal
- Thank You to advisors and students
- 3rd year since major renovations to the building
- 10 district officers left without telling anyone or did not show up
  - Ag Adventure Center not staffed properly the whole time
- Mr. VanderWal's report:
  - Numbers are up all this year, except ag mechanics and agriscience exhibits
  - Sheep show ran long because of 4-H show
  - We are looking at a few options for next year:
    - move goat show, so they don't show same day as 4-H goat
    - move sheep to Thursday or Friday Night (Jr. suffolk show is also friday night, other conflict with school activities on those nights)
    - dairy cattle show might switch to Monday AM, same time as swine show, split state officers, there should be enough advisor help. 4-H would like to switch their show

Discussion: None

### **Alumni Committee Report:**

- Mrs. Coats: good turn out at meeting
  - Making ag teacher official representative on board
  - Had an alumni booth at State Fair
  - Working on a new website

Discussion: none

### **CDE Committee Report:**

- Ms. Herring: all recommendations were sent via email
- Highlights:
  - Spring CDE changes for time, small things
  - Ag Broadcasting- change not happening this year
  - Office Dress- same wording as National FFA, highly recommended to wear for event, will be chapter advisor responsibility to check OD
- Poultry CDE will be added to state convention, most things are already in place
- Will no longer offer the Biotechnology CDE - no interest or direction
- Will provide calculators for State CDEs to eliminate problems
- Viewing rule changes were made for fall state LDE

Motion to accept: Danielle Houghtaling

Second: Brianna Larson

Discussion: none

Vote: Passes

### **Awards and Recognition Committee Report:**

- Final report was emailed
- Eliminate State Star Greenhand, district greenhands recognized at state convention
- Star awards

- Clarified weighting of interview and applications scores, created tie breakers
- Clarify wording in constitution and bylaws so degree on AET aligns with ours
- Created clarification on what is considered plagiarism for all applications

Motion to accept: Sydney Hoffman

Second: Michelle Nelson

Discussion: none

Vote: Passes

### **Alumni Board Representative Proposal:**

- Background: SD FFA Alumni created a structured board, includes a teacher representative who serves as a permanent ex-officio on their board.
- Proposal: Amend our bylaws so that the Alumni Board Teacher Representative serves as a designated liaison between FFA Association Board of Directors and the Alumni Board

Motion to accept: Sydney Hoffman

Second: Samantha Wiseman

Discussion: none

Vote (requires  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote because the text of the proposal was not included in the agenda): passes

### **Chapter Visit Updates:**

- 48 chapter visits complete, 24 visits left after national convention
- Will wrap up visits and district events by November 15th

### **National Convention Updates:**

- National Convention is next week, and the following members will be representing South Dakota, in addition to all of the teams competing in CDE/LDE events:
  - One Star Farmer Finalist
  - One National Proficiency Finalist
  - 2 members in National Band
  - 1 member in National Chorus
  - 20 projects in Agri-science Fair
  - 41 American Degree recipients
  - 4 State Delegates
- National Bus
  - Only 1 bus this year
  - Trouble finding chaperones
  - Financial Impact:
    - This year: 49 members, took in \$23,765. Expenses: \$24, 291. 30-40 hours organizing. Effects less than 1% of SD FFA members.
    - Last year: 88 students, took in \$46,495. Expenses: \$46,305.34 40-60 hours
  - Is it still worth it?

Discussion: Mr. VanderWal suggested waiting for final numbers before setting the cost.

### **District Reporting Forms:**

- LDE District Reporting Form and State Degree/Stars/Honorary State Degrees/Distinguished Service Award Reporting Form are located on the Advisor Resource page of the website
- All reporting forms must be submitted within 24 hours of district event concluding

Discussion/Questions: None

**State LDE Contest:**

- State LDE Contest will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Pierre.
- Registration and electronic uploads due online on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>
- Will work to ensure that students receive written feedback from judges.

**Legislative Breakfast/District Officer Training:**

- January 16th and 17th
- Drifters for BOD meeting

**State Fair District Officer Workday Discussion:**

- (Continued discussion from the State Fair Report)
- The Association is looking for feedback and ideas on how to properly staff the Ag Adventure Center during the State Fair. Suggestions brought forward at the meeting:
  - Points towards top chapter award for kids who want to sign up to work AAC
  - Address DOs who are not fulfilling that requirement of District Office
  - Sign-up for days
  - Breaking up shifts (not 12 hours): 1 district and volunteer chapter/shift
  - Advisors need to make sure DOs are there or find replacement, allow to work part of day but find a replacement
  - Email to DO and Advisors during summer- DOs have to have active email (some schools do not allow students to access their K12 email during the summer)
  - District 5- if split shift, would prefer Saturday night and Sunday morning to accommodate the long drive.
  - Each DO sign up for 1 shift, work into their schedule? Making sure all times are full is concern with that though

**Changes to Constitution Regarding Virtual Meetings:**

- We were advised that it needs to state in our bylaws that we can meet via teleconference.
- Proposal: Add to our bylaws that we are able to conduct business via teleconference.

Motion to accepted: Ms. Larson

Second: Mrs. Nelson

Discussion: none

Vote (requires  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote because the proposal was not sent out prior to the meeting): Passes

**State Officer Interviews:**

- Moved to Friday Afternoon/early evening as opposed to Saturday morning, end Sunday evening, no Monday interviews depending on weather and other conditions

Discussion: More time available for interviews with this schedule

**Other New Business/Adjourning the Meeting:**

Motion to adjourn meeting: Mr. Englin

Second: Ms. Larson

Vote: Passes

Meeting adjourned: 5:36 pm