October 2, 2019

BOD Meeting minutes:

Call to Order: President Shelby Ruland at 4:34 pm

Roll Call:

District Reps:

1. Elizabeth DeBoer (no D.A)
2. Dave VanderWal (no D.O)
3. Grace Kock, Katherine Newhouse
4. Tracey Walsh (no D.O)
5. Brianna Larson (no D.O)
6. Cecilia Woodring, Hunter Eide
7. Alysha Kientompf (no D.O)

* Mrs. Nelson
* Dani Herring
* Russ Swanson
* Dan Tonak
* Tara Fastert
* Don Norton
* Blake Pulse
* Tori Rasmussen
* Sadie Vander Wal
* Nathan Linke
* Sami Wiseman
* Ms. Mayrose

Items of Business include:

* Minutes of Previous Meeting
  + Moved: Dave Vander Wal
  + Seconded: Katherine Newhouse
  + Pass: Yes
* Membership Report:
  + Sami: 4,209 members as of 2 p.m. 10/2/19. 37 Chapters Affiliated
    - Moved: Tara Fastert
    - Seconded: Dave Vander Wal
    - Pass: Yes
* Financial Report:
  + Nathan:
    - Checking: $138,163.12
    - Outstanding Checks: $16,298.70
    - Investment: $601,655.40
      * Moved: Liz DeBoer
      * 2nd - Katherine Newhouse
* Strategic Planning Report
  + Don Norton: Plan Outline - 1 - Mrs. Nelson career-oriented vs. regional position 2 - 2nd Full-Time Staff Member for SD FFA Association office 3 - Mobilize Team Ag 4- Reorganize Board of Directors
    - Feedback and Discussion:
      * Clarification on funding for 2nd full-time position - enough financial interest to offer partial payment for 2nd position, more work needed to fully investigate - strategic planning meant for
      * Only 34 responded to SWOT analysis - is this representative - list sent to ag teachers and stakeholders - planning assessment effort effective, not statistical
      * Concern on revamping board of directors combined with concern for current board: plan needed to get enough ag teachers and students on this board for FFA members voice - attendance and consistency of attendance was the issue addressed with board revamp - possible solution through planning. Support is evident from planning committee. Starting point to become more functional for the suggested change needed. Entire organization needs to support. Make-up of board should not be hurried decision, but not a slow one either. Change is supported due to planning need.
      * With current plan, student voice will not be removed, just refined based on research of other associations and concerns of current board. Goal is efficiency. Student body will always be prominent through delegate body at state convention.
      * Recommended to make plan to move forward with plan - schedule discussions of refining, etc.
      * Mrs. Nelson position duties point discussion: concern for how to change position. Put someone from governor’s office/industry to be on board of directors - someone who can go straight to department of ag, education, etc. who can bring such changes. Changes cannot be made without the ability to move forward.
        + Other CTE teachers also see need for such changes in particular positions
        + Need action plan to move forward
* District Officer Reports

1) Liz DeBoer - LDEs moved to Milbank on Nov 11 start time TBD

2) Dave - LDEs Nov 18

3) N/A

4) Nov 18 at MTI

5) LDEs - at Wall

6) LDEs - Nov 19th in St. Lawrence

7) Nov 11 at West Central

Old Business:

* Leadership Retreat Report:
  + Blake: 60 students at East River and 124 at West river, down 25 students
    - Summer of 2020-forward West River Retreat location: Storm Mountain
* State Officer Summit Report:
  + Sadie: All 6 state officers attended
* DakotaFest Report:
  + Sami: New this year: Titan TIre Auction raised $14,660 directly to Foundation general fund
* State Fair Report:
  + Ms. Mayrose: Breezeway added at Ag Adventure Center to move traffic flow; new, bigger office installed for livestock superintendent; new district officer work sign-up change to shift basis - 2 required; next year plan to find chapters to fill Thursday and Friday, district officers to fill Sat/Sun/Monday for 2 shifts.
  + Dave VanderWal: Switched around sheep and goat shows this year - positive feedback overall on this switch; received thank you from 4-H office for help from advisors at sheep weigh-in; up in numbers in dairy cattle and goats; hogs and beef a little down; 28 more contestants than last year.
* Alumni Committee Report:
  + Russ Swanson: Alumni meeting minutes from March 2, 2019, read. Highlights included by-law work.

New Business:

* CDE Committee Recommendations:
  + Dani Herring: increased point values for Marketing Plan scoring, no social security field for Employment Skills, clarified information on Ag Communications, deleted and combined items and added conversion for Veterinary Science, added wordings to calculations for Meats, changes to dairy cattle to streamline for nationals; big updates include spring CDE liasons need to be active and communicating with their faculty advisors (emphasis on horse, nursery/landscape); scantrons will be handed out at contest instead of registration at state convention this year
    - Motion to Accept: Dave VanderWal
    - Second: Tracey Walsh
    - Pass: Yes
* Awards and Recognition Committee Recommendations:
  + Tara Fastert: District STAR awards will be continued; grievance policy will follow nationals; judges code of conduct will be sent to Ms. Mayrose; late applications will no longer be accepted; February 15 is district review day, snow day is February 22; all award and application committee members are required to be there with a district rep; proficiency judging will be February 24, all committee members are asked to attend. Home and Community is being kept at state level. Food Science and Technology has merged with other areas; grain production has combined entrepreneurship/placement. 4 copies of STAR app needed at review day; white-out will disqualify application; this year any discrepancy on version number will disqualify application
    - Motion to Accept: Tracy Walsh
    - Second: Liz DeBoer
    - Pass: Yes
  + State Degree Voting Proposal: Tara Fastert:
    - Tara moved to make state degrees due at midnight on MLK Jr. Day.  
      Ms. Mayrose: implied 2nd; moved to amend motion to include STARs, scholarships, and recommendations for national american degrees.
    - Tara seconded amendment.
    - Amendment Pass: Yes
    - Main Motion: Pass
    - Discussion of electronic vote/approval of State Degree recipients in order for districts to do district review day on MLK Jr. Day, as degree approval, star selection, proficiency review could be done this day as well. Proposed midnight deadline of MLK Day for submission of list.
      * Discussion: Not all schools have that day off; not all schools would have to, just suggestion; extra days would appreciate the extra time to meet.
* Chapter Visit Updates:
  + Nathan: 15 chapters, 50 left to complete. Wrapped up by November 19.
* National Convention Updates:
  + Sami: 1 Star Placement Finalist, 1 National Proficiency Finalist, 4 Band members, 3 Chorus members, 23 Agri-science Fair projects (new record), 49 American Degree recipients (new record), 4 state delegates.
* District Reporting Forms:
  + Sadie: LDE District Reporting Form will be due 24 hours after the completion of the district event.
* State LDE Contest
  + Blake: December 8 and 9 in Pierre. Registration and uploads due November 25.
* Legislative Breakfast/District Officer Training
  + Tori: January 15 & 16 in Pierre
* Reminders:
  + LDE District Reporting Form: Due 24 hours after district contest
  + November 25: State Leadership Paperwork uploaded/registration due
  + December 8-9: State LDE Contest, Pierre
  + January 15-16: Legislative Breakfast/BOD Meeting, Pierre
  + January 22: Skype BOD 4:30 p.m. CDT meeting to vote on all district submissions
* Motion to Adjourn: 5:46
  + Moved: Tara Fastert
  + Seconded: Tori Rasmussen
  + Pass: Yes