

**Pennsylvania FFA Board of Directors  
Approved Minutes – May 9, 2014 PA  
Department of Agriculture Room 202**

**President Toevs called the meeting to order** at 3:35pm. In attendance were: Chris Toevs, Stephen Winklosky, Deidra Bollinger, Lena Bioni, Kayla Wallace, Michala Kuhlman, Gretchen Dingman, Ellen Aurand, Mike Clark, David Steinfelt, John Ewing (PSU), Cliff Wallace (PAAE), Sarah Sparks (Foundation), Annette Gray, Joe Goodge, Ron Frederick, Casey Shawver, Doug McCracken, Holly Oberholtzer, and Mike Brammer. Opening ceremonies were performed by the state officers.

**Minutes presented by Mike Brammer.** *Wallace/Steinfelt moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed. Bollinger/Winklosky moved to concur. Motion passed.*

**Financial reports were presented by Mike Brammer.** All reports will be filed for audit.

**Deidra Bollinger presented the State Officers** activity report since the last Board meeting.

**FFA Foundation report** was presented by Sarah Sparks. Report is attached.

**FFA Alumni** – No one in attendance. Brammer reported Gold Toe Socs will be May 31-June 1. Blue and Gold Ball will be October 18.

**PDA report** – Brammer reported the PAAE/PDA grant is being applied for again.

**PSU report was provided** by John Ewing. Items discussed were, five star consortium, 17 graduates, Colorado trip, Teach Ag Society, Jon Seaman has Activities Week. Mr. Clark thanked PSU for the regional CDE help.

**PDE Report** – No one in attendance. Written report provided. See attached.

**PAAE report was provided** by Cliff Wallace. July 7-10 summer conference at Derry. Still need a President Elect.

### **REGIONAL COORDINATORS**

**Ron Frederick** – Eastern Region - provided a written report and shared concerns of the region.

**Gray** – Northern Region – Gave an update on activities in the region.

**Bier** – Not in attendance – Clark spoke about the CDE day.

**Goodge** – Presented an update on the region.

**Activities Week** – Brammer reported all CDE's have chair persons. Everything seems to be all set. Kristin Smeltzer at PSU is doing a great job. Registration closes at midnight Monday May 12.

**Convention Preview** – Presented by Lena Bioni – Script is being written – New Holland will be a sponsor – T-shirts are being sold through registration – Annual report in progress.

**Honorary & Citations** – *Winklosky/Bioni moved to accept Honoraries and Citations as presented. Motion Passed. Aurand/Clark moved to concur. Motion passed.*

**Nominating Committee** update was provided by Brammer.

**2014 Delegate issues** were provided in writing by Brammer.

**Committee – Create a showing and fitting livestock conference** – Bioni reported no action to be taken at this time.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

## NEW BUSINESS

**Chapters with Outstanding debt** – Aurand/Steinfelt moved that those chapters' still owing fees As of May 1 are not qualified to attend Activities Week and are to be listed as Chapters not in Good Standing. Motion passed. Winklosky/Kuhlman moved to concur – Motion passed.

**Ag Issues Recommendation** from Conococheague and Greenwood Advisors to conduct the CDE at Farm Show as a qualifier for National Convention. Steinfelt/Clark moved to postpone until the August meeting. Motion passed. Winklosky/Kuhlman moved to concur – Motion passed.

**Keystone Degree discussion** – Aurand/Shawver moved to set the acceptable GPA at 2.0 out of a 4.0 scale as the minimum. Motion passed. Kuhlman/Bioni moved to concur – Motion passed.

**Appeal Process and reasons** – Sparks/Aurand moved to establish three categories of Keystone Degree applications when approving by the committee; (1) Approved, (2) Approved pending corrections, (3) Denied with no appeal. Motion passed. Winklosky/Bioni moved to concur – Motion passed.

**\*\*\*SECOND VOTE WILL BE NEEDED AS THIS IS POLICY\*\*\***

**Proposed Constitution Amendment** – Steinfelt/Aurand moved to send the proposed constitutional amendment to the delegates. Motion passed. Kuhlman/Winklosky moved to concur – Motion passed. (See attached.)

**Elections – President** - Steinfelt nominated Mike Clark – Clark declined. Toevs nominated Aurand. Clark moved nominations be closed. Aurand elected President by acclamation.  
**Vice-President** – Aurand nominated Clark – Clark accepted and elected by acclamation.

**New Board members – Northern Region** – Doug McCracken  
**Eastern Region** – Holly Oberholtzer

**Final Comments** from the team by Michala Kuhlman. Michala thanked the Board for their commitment and representation.

### **Announcements:**

- **Future Board meeting dates** – June 11 and 12, August 8, December 12, (2015) March 6 and May 15.
- Review CDE participation after the upcoming convention.

**Closing ceremonies** were performed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mike Brammer*

Mike Brammer  
Pennsylvania FFA  
Executive Manager



## Report for PA FFA Association Board Meeting May 9, 2014

### New Board Members

We are still looking to fill openings on our board. Please contact Mark Lowery if you have nominations for the board of trustees: [mark.lowery@newholland.com](mailto:mark.lowery@newholland.com)

### New Executive Director

Sarah Sparks was hired on March 17, 2014 to fulfill the Executive Director position for the PA FFA Foundation. Sparks was an agriculture educator and FFA advisor at Kennard Dale HS for eight years. Her contact information is: [ssparks@paffafoundation.org](mailto:ssparks@paffafoundation.org) or (cell) #717-781-5780

### Growing Scholars, Tractor Supply Co. Scholarship

This year TSC donated \$2800 and 18 scholarships to the PA FFA members. Funds were raised through the Growing Scholars campaign conducted over National FFA Week.

### The Next Crop Project – April 26, 2014

By test driving a Ram Truck at participating Dodge Dealerships, Dodge has committed to donate \$20 for each test drive taken on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Local chapters will receive \$13 and the State will receive \$2. Results of this campaign have not yet been released.

### Golf Outing and Charity Auction --Thursday, July 24, 2014

The golf outing and charity auction will be co-sponsored this year by New Holland and Hoss's. The venue, schedule and arrangements are in place for the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual event. The foundation has set a goal to raise \$40,000 this year. Sponsorships are still being solicited and we are in need of ten themed baskets for the auction. Any questions please contact: Rachel Cloninger, [rcloninger@agchoice.com](mailto:rcloninger@agchoice.com)

### FFA Day at the Park – July 11, 2014

Raise awareness about FFA in front of a large-scale audience by purchasing tickets for a Phillies game. A portion of all tickets purchased will benefit the FFA.

Order your tickets by visiting: [FFA.org/MLB](http://FFA.org/MLB)

### Ag Progress Days -- August 12-14, 2014

The foundation will be notifying chapters with information about volunteers by the end of May. Concession will be conducted in a similar fashion as previous years.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sarah E. Sparks'.

Sarah E. Sparks

FFA Board of Directors - FFA Facilitator Report  
May 9, 2014

- I. PDE Happenings
  - a. Farm Show 2015 Proposed changes presented
    - i. Landscape theme: Native Plants
    - ii. Hardscape Theme: Native Plants
    - iii. Dept. 35 Theme/Topic: "The Next Crop of Agriculturalists"
    - iv. Dept. 30 Agriscience Fair: Limited to 64 entries
    - v. Dept. 26, (Demonstrations); Dept. 27 (Window Exhibits)- NO LIVE ANIMALS
  - b. Proficiency Applications
    - i. 29 categories identified and reviewed
    - ii. Returned to advisors for correction/ updates/ improvements-DUE PDE May 16th
    - iii. Due to National FFA July 15th
  - c. American FFA Degrees
    - i. 59 Applications reviewed by evaluators
    - ii. Returned to advisors for correction/ updates/ improvements-DUE PDE MAY 16th
    - iii. Due to National FFA prior to June 15th
  - d. Election of Regional Representatives to Board of Directors
    - i. Eastern Region- Holly Oberholtzer
    - ii. Northern Region-Doug McCracken
    - iii. Serve three year term, starting at August 2014 Board meeting
  - e. Chapter 339 Reviews
    - i. C. Day has done two with one more next week
    - ii. C. Weller completed 8 reviews of CTC's
- II. Weller's team has completed 30 High School based programs.
- III. FFA Week Preparations
  - a. Identified Chair- person for Marketing Plan CDE- Alex Barzydlo from Dover HS
  - b. Identified Chair-Person for Floriculture CDE- Delores (Lori) Schuttert from Monroe C&TI
  - c. Invited participation from Post-secondary schools to provide informational table displays at FFA Week.
  - d. Committed \$1,000 of Dauphin funds to State FFA Convention
  - e. Established dates for CDE team preparation to national competitions
    - i. August 4th- Forestry workshop/ seminar at Pennsylvania College of Technology
    - ii. August 11th- Landscape Nursery Workshop/ seminar at Pennsylvania College of Technology
- IV. National FFA
  - a. Declaration that Pennsylvania FFA Association will have participation in ALL national level CDEs at Louisville, KY
  - b. Declaration that Pennsylvania FFA Association have qualified in 22 of the 24 Agri Science Fair categories. (Chapter Advisor must certify students by July 15th through MyAgCN.
  - c. Written Report and Application for National Agriscience Fair are due by July 15th to the National FFA Organization.
  - d. Announcement that Karen Hutchinson from Delaware will become the new Eastern Region LPS Coordinator, replacing Kevin Keith. She will be starting July 1st.

## **Article X – Section A**

### **Amendments and changes to the Pennsylvania FFA Constitution / By-laws.**

**All changes to the Pennsylvania FFA Constitution / Bylaws will be made by a 2/3 majority vote of the delegates present or a majority of the entire membership at the annual Pennsylvania FFA Summer State Convention. Constitutional changes must be advertised to FFA chapters via the Pennsylvania agriculture teacher's list serve maintained by the Penn State Center for Professional Personal Development at least 30 days before being considered by the assembly.**