

Approved FFA Board Minutes - March 1, 2013

The March 1, 2013 Pennsylvania FFA Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Casey Shawver at 6:30pm in room 210 of Ferguson at PSU.

Opening Ceremonies were conducted by the State Officer team. Those in attendance were Casey Shawver, Austin Albright, Shannon Copeland, Miranda Kane, Sean Jones, Maris Wilson, Renee Grove, John Hines, Gretchen Dingman, David Steinfelt, Ellen Aurand, John Ewing, Mark Lowery, Casey Hall, Carole Fay, Sherisa Nailor, Cliff Day, Annette Gray, Kelly Bier and Mike Brammer. Guests included Frank Bizjak and Eric Cowden.

President Shawver welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

The **minutes from the previous meeting** were presented by Mike Brammer. *Wilson/Jones moved to accept the minutes.* The motion passed. *Dingman/Aurand moved to concur.* Motion passed.

Financial reports were presented by Mike Brammer. Written reports were provided. The reports will be filed for audit.

The **State Officer Activity Report** was presented by Shannon Copeland. A written report was provided.

FFA Foundation report was presented by Mark Lowery. Mr. Lowery reported thanks to those who attended the reception at Farm Show. Suggestions are welcome to make the event even better in the future. Farm Show food booth discussion followed along with the Foundation golf outing scheduled for July 25th at Fox Chase Golf Club. The Foundation is working on sponsorships for all CDE's and several sponsors for an Activities Week t-shirt with a deadline of May 1.

FFA Alumni report was presented by Sherisa Nailor. Mrs. Nailor reported the Alumni presented 302 jackets at Mid-Winter of which 301 were sponsored! WLC Scholarships – Four will be given out. Last year four applications were received. This year, 16 have been received – This is believed to be a result of offering the workshop on SLC at ACES. Blue and Gold Ball scheduled for Oct 19th. The Alumni is partnering with the Foundation for the 10th annual event. Five affiliations are pending while the state has 22 affiliated chapters. A new Board member will be joining the Board in May. The Alumni will be endowing the FFA Knowledge Contest. The Andy Rill Endowment has over \$21 thousand at this time. Goal is \$40,000. State Officer Scholarships will be presented along with a Teach Ag sponsorship of \$1,000. Gold Toe SOCS – June 1-2.

PSU report was presented by Dr. Ewing. A written report was provided.

A written **PDE report** was presented by Cliff Day.

Mrs. Fay presented a written **PAAE Report**.

Regional Coordinators

Eastern Region Report – Gretchen Dingman reported April 4 is the regions public speaking event and April 30 will be their CDE day.

Northern Region Report – Annette Gray reported Public Speaking event will be held May 7.

South Central Region Report - Kelly Bier reported that their regional CDE's will be held April 30.

Western Region – Ms. Aurand reported the regions CDE day will be April 24th. The Western Leadership Conference (WPLC) will be at Conneaut Lake July 18-19.

Mike Brammer reminded all that SOCS will be held in conjunction with all PAAE Regional meetings.
Committees

Activities Week/CDE's Report – Mr. Day reported we need a chair for the Agri-Science Fair. Erica Mowrer will chair the Parli-Pro CDE. Parli-Pro team make up discussion followed. We will follow the policy manual in regards to teams returning and competing. Registration will open April 1. Deadline will be May 12. No extended deadline or late fees. MAY 12 HARD DEADLINE. Must be registered to attend. NEW PSU Medical form MUST BE FILLED OUT AND TURNED IN at registration to stay and compete. Ag Mechanics first place team will receive a Lincoln Electric welder. One additional welder available – Foundation will develop an application process for the awarding of the second welder. Thanks to Lincoln Electric Welding for providing these gifts! *Hall/Lowery moved to not print the results book and post the results on line providing the link before the end of the convention session.* Motion Passed. *Albright/Grove moved to concur.* Motion passed. Dr. Ewing will post the link on the Center web site.

Seventh & Eighth grade FFA Activities Committee (Fay, Detwiler, Kane) reported they will be making a suggestion to the Creed CDE committee to make the Creed CDE open to 9th grade members ONLY. A survey will be conducted and an additional report will follow in May.

Affiliation Committee (Aurand, Lowery, Wilson) asked for input on thoughts of minimizing financial risk and accountability with affiliation. After a lengthy discussion, the committee will report back in May.

Old Business

DEAN ALERT SYSTEM – Mike Brammer updated the Board on costs. It would be \$250.00 to use the system for Activities Week/Convention. *Motion by Nailor/Steinfelt to move forward with the Alumni covering the costs.* Motion passed. *Grove/Wilson moved to concur.* Motion passed.

Policy Manual – CDE payout form was presented for approval to insert into the policy manual. *Kane/Grove moved to accept as provided with formatting changes.* Motion passed. *Aurand/Nailor moved to concur.* Motion passed.

ACES Review – Sean Jones gave an oral review of ACES with Mike Brammer providing dates for next year. With no objections, ACES will be three weekends in 2014. Feb 8-9, 15-16 and 22-23. SLLC will be held March 9-11, 2014.

Executive session called for.

Motion by Aurand/Lowery that discipline of student "A" – Case 1 – is suspension of membership and all membership privileges above the Chapter level for one year from the date of the incident, Feb 16, 2013. Motion passed.

End of Executive Session

New Business

SLLC Preview provided by Maris Wilson and Mike Brammer. Six bills selected and have been posted on the web site as well sent to all teachers. 424 registered – with 67 Legislators and over 50 VIP guests for the breakfast. Nine busses will be used for 22 community services locations on Monday. No Costume Dinner. At the breakfast will be the Secretary of Ag, Ed and the Governor.

Next Official Meeting – May 17, 2013 at PDA. Election of President and Vice President.

OTHER - Mr. Hines will be finishing his six years (two terms) on the Board. Need to elect a South Central Region Representative. Nominating Committee needs a South Central Region Board rep/or designee to serve this year. Prior to the next meeting – National Officer Candidate selection committee will meet. NEED TWO Board members.

Closing Ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Brammer

Mike Brammer – Executive Manager