

SD FFA Executive Committee Meeting

Taylor Leonhardt called the meeting to order Wednesday, September 12th, 2012 at 3:30 PM via DDN.

Those present include: Mrs. Michelle Nelson, Executive Secretary State FFA Executive Secretary; Mrs. Nora Kohlenberg, State FFA Advisor; Mr. Jim Wilson, CDE Committee Chair; Mr. Adam Franken, SDAAE President; State FFA Officers: Taylor Leonhardt, Andy Rausch, Ashley Tonak, Tyler Swan, Kelli Garry, Savanna Sperle; District FFA Officers: D1:Shay Swanson, D4: Courtney Schaeffer, D6: Jade Maier, D7: Liz Renner, District Advisors: Mr. Greg Janisch, Mr. Dave VanderWal, Mrs. Christina Ebeling, Mr. Jeff Hoffman, Mrs. Tara Beitelspacher, Mrs. Linda Petersen; and Mr. Dan Tonak.

Items of business include:

- Ashley Tonak asked if everyone had time to review the minutes of previous meeting and if there were any corrections. *Jade Maier from Bowdle moved to accept the January minutes. Shay Swanson from Waubay seconded the motion, motion passed.*
- Kelli Garry gave the Membership Report – 3,866 members for the 2011-2012 school year, up 559 from the previous year. We gained a delegate at National Convention for a total of five this year.
- Tyler Swan gave the Financial Reports:
 - Association Checking Account: \$99,406.56
 - SDSU On-Campus Account: \$-3,218.50
 - Investment Account: \$211,441.41
 - Wells Fargo CD: \$10,684.85
 - *Shay Swanson moved to accept the financial report. Kelli Garry seconded it. Motion passed.*
- Reports
 - **Andy Rausch reported on National Convention:** The 85th annual National FFA Convention will be held from October 24-27. This year South Dakota has 46 members who will be receiving their American Degrees, seven proficiency finalists, and eight teams/individuals who are finalists in the Agriscience Fair. There will be three representing SD in both National Band and Chorus. And finally, Jamie Flint, 2011-2012 SD FFA Vice-President, will be representing South Dakota as she runs for a national office.
 - **Kelli Garry reported on Advocacy Events:** At the end of June, Andy Rausch, Savanna Sperle, and Darin Stoecker attended AgXchange at Oahe Speedway; on July 27 Kelli Garry and Paul Dybedahl set up the booth at Hefty Seed Field Day in Baltic. August 8 was Ag Appreciation Day at Sioux Empire Fair. Swenson's Investments and Commodities presented a check to SD FFA for partnership for the "American Farmer" Fundraiser. It was also declared "Steve Azar Day" and John Thune, Kristi Noem and Secretary of Ag, Walt Bones attended. We continued a partnership with SD Soybean Association at DakotaFest. The Association set up the booth all three days and we helped scoop ice cream for one day with the help of Kimball members.

- **Tyler Swan reported on State Fair:** At the South Dakota State Fair, we had all 7 District Officer Teams come to help with their workdays at the Ag Learning Center and Ag Mechanics Building. Several Ag Teachers and other people helped throughout the State Fair by bringing members and District Officer Teams, judging projects, and aiding in the function of the shows. Several of the State Officers also did interviews with WNAX on events and activities during the fair.
- **Taylor Leonhardt reported on SPC:** Tylor and Andy attended in Washington, D.C. from July 23 to July 27. They participated in training and met with our legislators to talk to them about agricultural education, The delegate issues this year are: Agriculture education CDE, Aquaculture CDE, Evaluation of proficiency areas, Agricultural engineering and tractor driving CDE, Discussion meet, Agricultural issues summit.
- **Ashley Tonak reported on Chapter Visits:** We are currently working on perfecting and practicing our chapter curriculum visit. We have all 78 visits planned, starting with Flandreau on Monday September 17th. Our topic for the 7th and 8th grade curriculum is trust and taking risks. For the freshman and sophomores we are going to be focusing on self-confidence and teamwork. The theme of the junior and senior curriculum is the future of Agriculture.
- **Savanna Sperle reported on Leadership Retreats:** This summer we held two Leadership Retreats, one West River at Camp Bob Marshall near Custer and one East River at Swan Lake Christian Camp near Viborg. A total of 165 FFA members attended the Leadership Retreats. At the Leadership Retreats we focused on helping the FFA members become stronger and better leaders by showing them that they are important and teaching them how to improve their team working skills. During Leadership Retreats, we did a community service project. At Camp Bob Marshall, we all went into Custer and helped out with the city's beautification. We split up into our small groups and fulfilled many different types of service that consist of the following: pulled saplings at a disk golf course, cleaned garbage out of creek banks, maintained the community garden. At Swan Lake, we stayed at the camp and each small group did their own job, these jobs included: digging footings for a new cabin, washing rocks and transporting them to a newly built cabin, fencing, de-fencing, cleaning after a fire, and picking up garbage in the ditches.
- **District Officers**
 - Shay Swanson, D1: Nothing
 - Logan Tonak, D2: Nothing
 - Jean Skoglund, D3: Nothing
 - Courtney Schaeffer, D4: Courtesy Corp, possible Penny War for non-profit organization, Petting Zoo, t-shirts in the works
 - David Strain, D5:
 - Jade Maier, D6: t-shirts on the way, canned food drive for fall leadership CDE
 - Liz Renner, D7: nothing

- Taylor Leonhardt gave the SD FFA Foundation Report:
 - Animal Health International has donated \$1254.39 for FFA week travels for the State Officers. The Association is hoping to host a National Officer during FFA Week.
 - We have 14 star partners, and are looking for more.
 - The phon-a-thon will happen Sept. 17th -18th, with state officers and collegiate members
 - We will be asking chapters to donate again this fall.
 - The “I believe in the future of Agriculture” campaign is launching in October – piloting in North Central SD – asking for grain and cash donations, with half of each donation going directly to a local FFA chapter. We hope to go state wide next year with this.
 - Maria Skoglund is writing a Christmas letter again for the Foundation, to send to sponsors for a year end donation
 - We are looking for email addresses to increase our readership of our monthly e-newsletter. Please send them to Gerri – she will send out an invitation to the e-newsletter.
 - We have right at 100 jackets sponsored as of now – still taking sponsorships until Oct 1, when we hope to announce. Applications due Sept. 21st – chapters can send in 10% of their last year’s membership #'s.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Dave VanderWal gave the State Fair Evaluation:
 - Total exhibitors were up by three. Ag Mechanics saw the biggest increase – up 27 entries from last year. Market Sheep entries were down 38 and Rabbits were up 24, all other Classes were similar to last year in entry numbers.
 - Mr. VanderWal is looking at having all livestock check-ins happen at the livestock office. There was a problem with several exhibitors failing to check in this year.
 - Discussion on if we should start requiring Ownership affidavits again and if we are doing enough if we should encounter a lawsuit. It was suggested to possibly use the 4-H affidavits that are due in May and June. A concern with having the affidavits due so early is we will probably lose exhibitors. No action taken at this time.
 - Beef classes receives more premium money than the other classes so the entry fee went up to \$10 instead of \$6 to compensate. Sheep, Swine, and Dairy stayed at \$6.

NEW BUSINESS

- Savanna Sperle gave updates on State Convention:
 - We will no longer have the Talent Show. Instead, talent acts will be missed in with sessions.
 - We are looking into having a hypnotist instead of a dance for liability/security issues.

- We are looking for suggestions for the keynote speaker on Sunday night. Discussion on making sure the keynote is not as long as it has been in the past and having the keynote before proficiency awards. It was also suggested that we may not need a speaker on Sunday night, however we have a \$2000 sponsorship for the keynote speaker.
- Shay Swanson brought up the issue of members misbehaving and using laser pointers. We will continue to use ropes to block off the top rows of seating and are looking into possibly rotating the stage so we have more floor seating.
- Courtney Schaeffer mentioned proper OD being required for members on stage - there were issues with this last year. This will be emphasized to stage crew this year.
- Kelli Garry explained the proposed Home School Policy.
 - Mrs. Kohlenberg noted that we needed to change the wording “certified AFNR instructor” to reflect that some instructors are a part of an approved program but may be working towards their alternative certification.
 - Discussion on home-school students taking distance education classes – they would fall under the Distance Education Policy. This will be clarified in the wording.
 - *Shay Swanson moved to accept the Home School Policy. Andy Rausch seconded. Motion passed.* See below for the policy.

South Dakota Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education/FFA Home School Policy

At the discretion of the local school district, alternative instruction students, under [SDCL 13-27-3](#), may be granted permission to gain membership in the local FFA chapter by annually fulfilling the following conditions:

1. Enrolled and attending a minimum of .5 credit of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources courses per academic school year taught by an AFNR instructor in an AFNR program approved by the SD Division of Curriculum, Career and Technical Education.
2. Complying with all member school eligibility requirements. Scholastic/academic eligibility shall be verified per local school administrative policy.
3. Satisfying the responsibilities and standards of behavior and performance, including related class or practice requirements, as expected of other student participants as a condition for both the initial acceptance and continued membership in the activity including but not limited to all local school training rules and/or codes of conduct.

Note: Students taking an online course would fall under the distance education policy.

- Andy Rausch explained the Program of Activities proposal.
 - *Mrs. Petersen moved the proposal as read: POA’s are due Oct. 1 to the state office with the same penalty as late rosters, second by Courtney Schaeffer. Discussion followed. Mr. Franken moved to amend the main motion by striking out “same penalty for late*

roster payments” and inserting “chapters that do not submit are not eligible for the National Chapter Award”. Amendment passed. Main motion passed.

- Ashley Tonak explained the proposal for Core Content taught through Ag Education for FFA membership.
 - *Mr. VanderWal moved to accept the proposal as read, Jade Maier seconded the motion. Motion passed. See below for the policy.*

Core Content taught through Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Programs meets eligibility requirements for FFA membership

Students taking Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources courses for core credit are eligible for FFA membership as long as the following conditions are met:

1. The course is taught by a certified AFNR instructor.
2. The AFNR program is approved by the SD Division of Curriculum, Career and Technical Education.
3. The student is enrolled and attending a minimum of .5 credit of AFNR courses taught for core content or other AFNR courses per academic school year.

- Tyler explained the State Degree Review Guidelines proposal.
 - Implement in 2014, not 2013
 - Would help with consistency between districts
 - No action taken
- Taylor Leonhardt explained the National Convention Travel Expenses proposal for Agriscience, Band/Chorus/Talent, and Hall of States Booth.
 - Agriscience doesn't automatically go to National just by winning state, there is another process to go through. They have to be accepted by Nationals, only 15 finalists.
 - We have the money to do this.
 - *Mr. VanderWal made the motion to accept the proposal as read and Jade Maier seconded it. Motion passed. See below for changes to Nation Convention stipends.*
 - Discussion that this is a move in the right direction and that it should be re-evaluated next year. We should also look at the discrepancy in amount of stipends between teams and individuals – i.e. a Parli Pro team of seven receives \$700 while an individual receives \$500.

Currently, Agriscience Finalists participating in the Agriscience Fair at the National FFA Convention receive no funding to offset travel costs from the Association. They receive a \$100 travel stipend from the Foundation. The SD FFA Association will increase funding to \$50 per project for the 2012 National Convention and reevaluate in 2013.

Currently, National Band/Chorus/Talent participants receive \$25 from the Association and \$150 from the Foundation for travel expenses. This has not changed since at least 2006. Increase to \$50 from the Association, to be reevaluated in 2013.

Currently, the chapter running the Hall of States Booth at National Convention receives \$300. Increase to \$500 for 2012, to be reevaluated in 2013.

- CDE Committee Recommendations
 - *Jade Maier moved to approve the CDE Committee Recommendations. Shay Swanson seconded, motion passed. See pages 7 and 8 for CDE Committee Recommendations.*
 - Discussion on clarification of Leadership CDE General Rule #9: Participants may compete in any given State Production or Leadership CDE as long as they are an active, in school member or until an individual is a member of a first place team or receives 1st place in an individual event. Exceptions are Creed Speaking, which is limited to 7, 8, and 9th graders and Jr. Conduct which is limited to 7th, 8th & 9th graders who may compete once in the 3 years.
 - The way the rule is written it can easily be interpreted differently: “who may compete once in the 3 years” does not clearly apply to both Creed Speaking and Jr. Conduct of Meetings.
 - The rule, if in fact in place, has not been enforced. Four students (from different chapters) have competed more than once at the state level in the last several years.
 - *Mr. VanderWal moved to have Mrs. Nelson rephrase that statement so that it is understood that you may only compete in Creed one year. Jade Maier seconded, motion passed.*
 - *Mrs. Nelson moved to grant a grace-period for any misunderstandings. A 7th or 8th grader that participated in Creed Speaking at state in 2011 may participate once more. Kelli Garry seconded, motion passed.*
- Next meeting in Pierre, SD on Saturday, February 2, 2013 at 9:30 AM.
 - Discussion on keeping the spring meeting in Pierre or going to DDN. We will keep the fall meeting via DDN and the spring meeting will be face-to-face.
 - Discussion on time of fall meeting. Will move to 4:30 PM CDT next year.
- Andy Rausch announced some reminders:
 - November 16th: State Leadership Paperwork POSTMARKED to State Office
 - November 20th: State Leadership Registration due to Michelle Nelson
 - December 2nd and 3rd: State Leadership CDEs in Pierre @ Ramkota
 - January 23rd and 24th: District Officer Training and Legislative Breakfast

Ashley Tonak moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kelli Garry. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Tonak, 2012-2013 State FFA Secretary

2012 SDAAE CDE Committee Report

1. Craig Shyrock moved to offer the 1st place Natural Resources team the opportunity to participate in the Cannon Environ-thon. If 1st place team declines, the offer is extended to the 2nd place team and subsequent teams. ****Passed**** (nothing was included concerning funding of this)

2. Moved to accept changes to the Ag. Broadcasting, Extemp., Public Speaking, Jr. Parliamentary Procedure & Senior Parliamentary Procedure as listed on proposed changes. ****Passed****

- Ag Broadcasting
 - Remove the following from point #5 : “If mention of the sponsor is made at any time other than during the commercial, 5 points will be deducted from the total score”
- Extemporaneous Speaking
 - NO electronic resources allowed in the prep room.
- Public Speaking
 - APA format for speech and bibliography.

3. Moved that creed speakers compete at the State CDE’s only once. Motion was **withdrawn** as this is redundant as this rule is stated in the Fall CDE General rules.

4. Moved to change the point totals for the Job Interview CDE to 25 points each for the cover letter and resume and 50 points for the written application and follow up letter. John Rist moved and Noelle Rist 2nd to amend this motion so all 4 parts of the job interview CDE are worth 50 points each. Amendment and amended main motion ****Passed****.

5a. Moved to move the Ag Sales CDE to the fall leadership CDE’s. ****Passed with a counting vote, 25 yes & 20 no****.

5b. Moved to eliminate the individual Sales CDE. Tara B. ****Passed with a voice vote****.

5c. Tara Beitelspacher moved to allow 2 Ag. Sales teams and the top 3 individual placers of the district Ag. Sales CDE (regardless of team affiliation) to advance to the State Leadership CDE’s. Individual score will also include the written test. ****Passed**** [This will allow chapters without enough members for a team to have their good individuals compete at the state level]

6. Moved to move the Ag. Communications CDE back to the fall leadership CDE’s ****Failed****

7. Moved to double the existing points value for the ID portion of the Fall Range Plant CDE.
****Passed****

8. Moved to fund the Junior Parliamentary Procedure CDE team at the same level of other CDE teams for advancement and competing at the National Novice Parliamentary Procedure CDE.
****Passed****

9. Regarding the Ag. Mechanics CDE. Moved to give a student a score of zero for a safety violation on a particular skill activity. Multiple safety violations will merit removal from the CDE. A student may voluntarily take a score of zero if they are not comfortable with or prepared to operate a piece of equipment during the CDE. Craig Shryock amended the motion "to remove a student from the entire Ag. Mechanics CDE if not wearing OSHA approved safety glasses/goggles in the shop/lab during the CDE." **** Amendment and amended main motion passed****

10. Moved to add the Vet Science CDE to the spring convention CDE's if feasible and follow the national rules wherever possible. ****Passed****

11. Moved to follow the national rules for cheese ID and characteristics and scoring value on fat content for the Milk Quality CDE. Also score written test as 2 points each. ****Passed****

12. Moved to specify a topic for the written tests in the Ag. Mechanics, livestock and agronomy CDE's each year. ****Passed****