**Minutes from the Minnesota FFA Board Meeting**

**July 7, 2014**

**9:30 AM**

**MAAE Conference - Red Wing, MN**

President Jack Roessler

Vice President Kyla Mauk

Secretary Valerie Earley

Treasurer Brady Wulf

Reporter Erin Larson

Sentinel Dalton Kampsen

Region I President Logan Milligan

Region II President Christina

Region III President Ben Middendorf

Region IV President Morgan Krause

Region V President Sienna Kampsen

Region VI President Suzzane Pagel

Region VII President Sam Johnson

Region VIII President PJ Aarsvold

Advisor Mr. Joel Larsen

Executive Secretary Mr. Jim Ertl

Minnesota FFA Foundation Representative -

Ms. Donna Moenning

Executive Director of Minnesota FFA Foundation -Ms. Val Aarsvold

Minnesota FFA CDE Coordinator -

Mr. Dennis Bjorklund

Region I Representative Ms. Rita Olson

Region II Representative Ms. Gretchen Schleper

Region III Representative Mr. John Roberts

Region V Representative Ms. Becky Haddad

Region VI Representative Mr. Mike Pagel

Region VII Representative Ms. Pam Koenen

Region VIII Representative Mr. Brad Harguth

Region II Advisor Mr. Kerry Lindgren

Region III Advisor Mr. Nick Milbrandt

On July 7, 2014 President Roessler called the board meeting of the Minnesota FFA Association to order at 9:32 AM at the MAAE Conference in Red Wing, MN.

President Roessler welcomed the board and led introductions. The Region IV Representative was absent.

Secretary Earley presented the minutes of the previous minutes. Reporter Larson moved to approve the minutes. Region VII President Johnson seconded the motion. Region III Representative John Roberts moved to sustain. Region VII Representative Koenen seconded. The motion was sustained.

Executive Secretary Ertl presented a variety of correspondence.

Treasurer Wulf presented the Treasurer’s report. Treasurer Wulf moved to accept the Treasurer’s report subject to audit. Sentinel Kampsen seconded the motion. The motion passed. Region III Representative Roberts moved to sustain the motion. Region I Representative Olson seconded the motion. The motion was sustained.

**Career Development Event Report**

MN FFA CDE Coordinator Bjorklund shared an update on CDE’s and changes that will be made for the upcoming year. He also shared the dates of upcoming events including the University of Minnesota Fall CDE Invitational on October 7 and the University of Minnesota Winter Invitational on December 11. Region VIII Representative Harguth advised members to look at the 2015 Update on MN State FFA CDE page. CDE Coordinator Bjorklund added that the board should begin looking for Creed Speaking and Prepared Public Speaking judges. Advisor Larsen provided insight on the Horse CDE being held in Arena this year.

**Region Reports**

Region Presidents presented their reports. They shared that their regions were planning for a busy year and had enjoyed POWER as it was very beneficial to each of their teams.

**BLAST OFF Conference**

Reporter Larsen shared that on May 16-19 the State Officers attended BLAST OFF in Eagan, MN.

N**LCSO**

Sentinel Kampsen reported on NLCSO Conference in June with facilitators Clay Sapp, Bradley Coleman and National Officer Jason Wetzler.

**State Presidents Conference**

Vice President Mauk shares that she will be attending State President’s conference with President Roessler at the end of the month.

**State Officer Professional Development Events**

Secretary Earley shared about SOPD’s to Cargill and the team’s first meeting at LDC Rada’s house. Executive Director of MN FFA Foundation Ms. Aarsvold expanded on the value of SOPD’s.

**WLC**

Treasurer Wulf reported about experience in previous years. 45 MN FFA members attended. Advisor Larsen requested chaperone for next year. Executive Secretary Ertl looking for second t-shirt for attendees. Scholarships are due February 1. Region VII President Johnson moves to recommend Mr. Jeff Nelson and his wife, New Ulm advisor, as chaperones. Region I President Milligan seconded the motion. The motion passed. Exectutive Secretary Ertl adds all members must go on scheduled flight together. Larsen adds they can go a different week, but not on MN scholarship funds. Koenen moves to sustain. Region VI Representative Pagel seconded. The motion was sustained.

**POWER**

Region VIII President Aarsvold provides update on POWER. Region I President Milligan moves that POWER will use the corresponding dates of June 9-11, 2015. Vice President Mauk seconded motion. Motion passes. Region V Representative Haddad moves to sustain. Region I Representative Olson seconded. The motion was sustained. Executive Secretary Ertl wil be checking on locations.

**SGLC**

Vice President Mauk reports on SGLC in June. Region III Advisor Milbrandt adds we need to wait to set fees until November board meeting.

**SLCCL**

Sentinel Kampsen shares update on upcoming SLCCL. 43 chapters are listed and fees will also be set at the next board meeting. Advisor Larsen explains and opens discussion about transportation issues. Region VI Representative Pagel advises start time be pushed back due to southern chapter’s extended travel. Region VIII Representative Harguth adds that Mr. Thompson no longer picks up Region IV and VIII. Executive Director of Foundation Aarsvold discusses option for two locations as even when travel is available it causes additional costs to campers. Eagle Bluff, Camp Friendship and Alexandria’s Pilgrim’s Point are shared as potential ideas.

**State Conferences Discussion**

Region VI President Pagel moves to set dates for SGLC conference as listed on agenda. Region VII President Johnson seconded. Motion passes. Region I Representative Olson moves to sustain. Region VII Koenen seconded. Motion was sustained. Treasurer Wulf moves to set dates for SLCCL conference as listed on agenda. Region VII President Johnson seconded the motion. Motion is passed. Region V Representative Haddad moves to sustain. Region III Representative Robert seconded. Motion is sustained.

**Fall Leadership Events**

Region VII President Johnson shares that Region VII and Region VIII will be the chapter the State Officers visit this year. They will be visited by one state officer and at least one regional officer.

**POWER II**

POWER II will be held at Camp Friendship to provide region officers wrap up with fall events and prepare for the second half of the year as Region Officers.

**360 Conference**

Sentinel Kampsen shares that 90-105 members will be able to attend the 1-day, 360 Conference.

**Ag Policy Bootcamp**

Executive Director of the MN FFA Foundation Aarsvold shares that Ag Policy Bootcamp will be renamed due to funding provided by MN Soybean Council. The date will be determined at a later date. Sarah Dornick from MAELC will help to organize this experience.

**Membership Report**

Executive Secretary Ertl stated that Minnesota FFA had 10,094 members. New chapters include Breckenridge in Region III, Silver Bay in Region II and the Dream Academy in Region V. He further describes chapters that have potential for affiliate membership. Additionally, he provides insight on schools adding or taking away a position for an Ag Educator. He shares concerns about unpaid members participating in CDE’s.

**American Degrees**

Advisor Larsen stated that 126 American Degrees were submitted with candidates in all 4 areas. The applications are due April 15, 2015. There will be three locations for interviews next year.

**Proficiency Award Applications**

Advisor Larsen shares that he submitted 45 applications for proficiency awards. Results will be posted in August.

**Minnesota FFA Degree**

Advisor Larsen provides information about MN Degree applications that will be available online within 3 weeks via National website or AET. The handbook will need rebuilding because of application changes. Workshops will be provided for students and advisors to learn more about changes including at the December U of M invitational.

**Minnesota FFA Delegate Issue**

Vice President Mauk shares Minnesota’s Delegate issue that will be discussed at State President’s Conference.

**National Chapter Award**

Sentinel Kampsen shares that 18 applications were submitted.

**Food Science and Technology CDE**

Advisor Larsen shares that the Food Science and Technology CDE will be held at Southwest State with a date to be decided. Mr. Lingdren explains that central and northern Minnesota should have a contest as well due to travel distance. Region I Representative Olson discusses potential for University of Minnesota location. Advisor Larsen adds General Mills is an opportunity as well.

**National Convention**

Reporter Larson shares information from page 5. Heidie Sloot will represent Minnesota as the National Officer Candidate, there will be 8 delegates and Sarah Dornick is delegate coordinator. Applications for Minnesota FFA Delegate are due July 15.

**Agriscience Fair**

Science Larsen shares applications for Science Fair due July 15, Ertl will have CDE Teams for chapter visits ready, need judge for Creed for National Convention

**MN FFA Convention 2014**

Two speakers are needed for State Convention with a budget of 3000 through 4000 dollars. Executive Director of the Minnesota FFA Foundation Aarsvold shares insight on In House Media improved lighting, sound and location of the stage. The Foundation will work to provide resources for members to attend State Convention (without them, the cost would rise from 17 dollars to 50 dollars per student). She shares that CECC is overcrowded but moving to Mariucci would create a bussing problem. Advisor Larsen and Executive Director of the Minnesota FFA Foundation Aarsvold agree decisions should be made at the November board meeting about time and location for luncheons. Region VIII Representative Harguth shares that scanning went smoothly, but advisors spent all afternoon tabulating. He shares an idea for a flashdrive for each contest.

**Minnesota FFA Media**

Executive Secretary Ertl shares Foundation has new Marketing Plan for Convention to implement on Social Media. He shares issues with State Association website and adds that Foundation hopes to create individual chapter accomplishments. Social media and making the website mobile-friendly are focuses.

**Minnesota State Fair**

Executive Secretary Ertl shares press release with all of the details will be released. Advisor Larsen met with Second Harvest Heartland to do service project with them during Convention. The landscape design will be moved outside near leadership center.

**Alumni Report**

There was no alumni report shared.

**Minnesota FFA Foundation Board**

Minnesota FFA Foundation Board Representative Moenning shares that planning meeting will be held in September to share ideas. The Foundation Golf Tournament will be July 24, FFA Day with the Twins will be July 27. Executive Director of the Minnesota FFA Foundation Aarsvold hopes to see Land O Lakes be a 2015 Minnesota FFA sponsor.

**Chapter Guide – State Materials Packet**

Executive Secretary Ertl shares that all resources are on the State Association website.

The next board meeting will be November 22 at Camp Friendship in Annandale.

Region I President Milligan moves to create committee to look over roles of current Regional Presidents and report to Nov 22 meeting. Region VIII President Aarsvold seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Region VII Representative Koenen moves to sustain. Region III Representative Roberts seconded. The motion was sustained.

Reporter Larson moves to adjourn board meeting. Vice President Mauk seconded the motion. Meeting is adjourned.