

**South Carolina FFA Board Minutes**  
**Sandhill REC – Main Office Conference Room**  
**Tuesday, January 14, 2003**

An Executive Session of the Board was held from 4:35 PM – 5:35 PM. All adult board members and Mr. Parris were present.

The regular Board Meeting was called to order by Mr. Gladden at 5:40 PM.  
Members in Attendance

Bryan Armstrong	Frank Stover
Keith Cox	Nic Stratton
Phil Fravel	Carrie Trebil
Tommy Gladden	Joshua Waters
Mike Haynes	Curtis White
Billy Keels	Jason Wigington
Chris Moss	Allen Williams
Jim Scott	John W. Parris, Staff

Also in attendance was Dr. Tom Dobbins from Clemson University.

Mr. Gladden called the meeting to order.

**Minutes**

Nic Stratton/Mr. Williams moved and Chris Moss/Mr. Wigington seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the August 13, 2002. Motion carried.

**Budget Report**

Mr. Gladden reviewed the fiscal year 2003 Budget, Year-To-Date activity and distributed a copy to all board members.

**Reports**

1. State Officer Reports:
  - a. Carrie Trebil updated the board on the Career Development Event initiative. Nine CDE's are not yet completed on the web site.
  - b. Chris Moss reported that at this time the state officers have visited 38% of the chapters and 44% have a visit planned. Chris asked the board members to ask teachers to bring as many FFA members to the April Delegate Forum meetings.
  - c. Nic Stratton shared a new initiative for state convention that entails chapters and/or counties setting up booths that would highlight that particular chapter/county.

- d. Bryan Armstrong reported about his SAE initiative. He shared with all that we would be interested in conducting Proficiency and Degree Workshops in each district.
  - e. Joshua Waters gave a report on the national convention activities.
  - f. Mike Haynes reviewed highlights of the year and how it has helped the team grow in their ability and skill. He thanked the board for their support and encouraged them to continue the strong support for the FFA programs.
2. Calendar of Events: Mr. Gladden reviewed the calendar events and reminded the board that the livestock CDE will be conducted in four regional events with the top three teams from each region along with three at-large teams based on score to advance to the state competition. The date of the poultry CDE is not determined.
3. Public Relations: Mr. Parris discussed details about the State FFA-sponsored Legislators Appreciation Day planned for February 19, 2003, in Columbia. In addition to a Special Ceremony at the State Capitol at 11 AM for FFA members and advisors, State Legislators, other government and agricultural leaders, school officials, parents and sponsors, a luncheon for the State FFA Officers and National FFA Vice President J.J. Jones along with State Legislative leaders, government and agricultural leaders and others will be held at the Capitol City Club. The Andy Thomas Statewide Radio Show, including the Teen Forum, will also be broadcast live from the Blat House Office from 3 PM until 6 PM.
- He reported that he had arranged for the State FFA Officers to attend the Inauguration Dinner for State Commissioner of Agriculture Charles R. Sharpe at the Koger Center in Columbia, January 13, 2003, as guests of the Sharpe Inaugural Committee. This was a “first ever” for a State FFA Officer Team in South Carolina.
- He also reported that the South Carolina Cooperative Council has increased the amount of funds for sponsorship of the State FFA Star Farmer to \$1200 beginning in 2003. Mr. Parris announced that the annual State Conference of the SC Cooperative Council is set for March 6, 2003, in Columbia, SC, and invited the State Agricultural Education Administrative Staff and Clemson Agricultural Education faculty along with the State FFA Officers to attend.
- He announced plans for the annual SC FFA and Agricultural Educators Association Plant Presentation Ceremony at the State Capitol. He reported that Mr. Pat Black, chairman of the joint project, had recommended Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, at 11 AM, for the event. . Joshua Waters/Mr. Wigington moved and Nic Stratton/Mr. Stover seconded the motion to have the plant presentation on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.
4. 2003 Camping Program: Mr. Keels reported on the upcoming year program. Mr. Gladden and Mr. Keels will meet to discuss what format the leadership camp will take this year. A committee consisting of Billy Keels, James Almond and the advisory committee will hire the summer camp staff.
5. Capital Campaign Report: Mr. Keels reported that he is working with groups and individuals for sponsorship. Mr. Williams requested that an appropriate plaque be placed

to recognize sponsors of the camp. He specifically mentioned the Wagener-Salley YFAA and the South Carolina FFA Association.

6. State FFA Executive Director's Report: Mr. Scott reported that the *Blue and Gold Update Newsletter* is well received by the teachers. He also reviewed his progress on the Five-Year Plan that was implemented and approved by the Board in January 2001. All initiatives are on target as projected with the exception of those that have been delayed due to other priorities. Mr. Scott reported that to date we have 49 of the 90 chapter rosters submitted with 16 of the 49 chapters having an increase in membership. Mr. Scott requested the opportunity to head up the initiative to secure outside funding sources for FFA activities. Mr. Wigington moved and Dr. White seconded the motion that a committee be formulated to look at a committee consisting of SCAAE, FFA and YFAA representatives to develop a plan. This committee should meet prior to the next FFA Association Board and FFA Foundation Board meetings. Motion carried.

## **State FFA Convention Plans**

Mike Haynes shared the tentative plans for the 2003 State FFA Convention. The officers proposed the following adjustments:

- a. State Officers will present individual retiring remarks
- b. Conduct a formal meal and program for Official Delegates on June 4<sup>th</sup>
- c. Conduct the National Chapter Awards Program on Wednesday evening
- d. Conduct a combined luncheon meal to recognize Honorary State Degree Recipients, Former and Retired Ag Educators, Past FFA/NFA Officers and State Staff.
- e. Conduct a dinner program for the current state officers' parents, advisors and administrators
- f. Recognize the state officer parents and administrators on Thursday evening
- g. Recognize proficiency winners on Thursday evening

A related issue addressing the date of the state convention was raised due to many schools that are modifying their beginning/ending dates of the school year. Mr. Fravel moved and Mr. Cox seconded the motion to refer this item of business to a committee to report back at the next meeting. The committee will consist of Mr. Scott, Mr. Parris, Mr. Keels and Mike Haynes. Motion carried.

## **Blue and Gold Hall of Fame Proposal**

Mr. Scott shared a concept to initiate a Blue and Gold Hall of Fame. This recognition would be for those who have served agriculture education and FFA for a minimum of 25 years. The number of recipients would be perhaps one or two per year after the initial 'catch up' time. If funding is secured this award will be initiated at this year's state convention. Mr. Scott shared a similar initiative will occur at the National FFA level this year with the recognition of the top 75 Outstanding Leaders across the Nation.

## **Board Policy and Procedures Book Proposal**

Mr. Scott introduced the concept of creating a Board Policy and Procedures Book for the South Carolina FFA Association. Mr. Cox moved and Mr. Williams seconded the motion to create a committee to develop such a book and the committee has the power to act. Motion carried. The committee will consist of Dr. White and Mr. Scott.

## **Nominating Committee Item**

Nic Stratton/Dr. White moved and Chris Moss/Mr. Stover seconded the motion that each school may submit one member to serve on the nominating committee or they may have a state officer candidate each year. Motion carried.

### **Exit Interviews for State FFA Officers**

Chris Moss/Mr. Cox moved and Carrie Trebil/Mr. Wigington seconded the motion to have a committee of three individuals conduct state officer exit interviews after the completion of the officer year. Mr. Gladden is to report back at the next meeting with nominees. Motion carried.

### **Student Eligibility Issue**

Carrie Trebil/Mr. Williams moved and Chris Moss/Mr. Cox seconded the motion to allow Ashley King, Manning FFA member, to compete again in the parliamentary procedure CDE due to the unique circumstances. Motion carried.

### **Star Farmer/Star in Agribusiness Selection**

Joshua Waters inquired as to how the evaluation of the candidates for Star Farmer and Star in Agribusiness was structured. Mr. Gladden shared that a committee assist him in the selection as he sends the applications to them for evaluation. The videotape interview is not used as the selection criteria.

### **Liability Insurance**

Mr. Keels requested Mr. Gladden to check on the liability insurance coverage for the FFA Association Board of Directors and report back at the next meeting.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next FFA Association Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2003.

Chris Moss/Mr. Scott moved and Nic Stratton/Mr. Williams seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

James P. Scott, Jr.  
State FFA Executive Director