

State FFA Advisory Committee Meeting

Friday, April 18, 2002

Sandhill REC – Conference Room

Columbia, SC

Members in attendance included:

Pat Earle	Jim Scott
Phil Fravel	Joshua Shea
Tommy Gladden	Frank Stover
Ashley Granata	Jason Wigington
Kyle Hatcher	Allen Williams
Eric Hill	Curtis White
Billy Keels	Hobson Fulcher
Jennifer Perdue	Staff: John Parris

State FFA President Kyle Hatcher called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM and gave a welcome followed by a welcome from Mr. Gladden.

Minutes

The minutes of the February 4, 2002 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Eric Hill/ Mr. Wigington moved and Ashley Granata/Mr. Stover seconded the motion to accept the minutes as printed with one change to page three to delete the word 'moved' and replace it with 'seconded'. Motion carried.

State FFA Officer Reports

Highlights of the officer reports included Jennifer Perdue's review of the Legislator Appreciation Day, Hobson Fulcher discussed details about the time capsule for the 75th State FFA Convention, Ashley Granata presented an update on the car accident and the officer's health, Eric Hill shared the success of the Public Speaking at Ridge View High School, Joshua Shea discussed shared that 45 students attended the state officer candidate workshop, and Kyle Hatcher discussed the past state officer function and CDE's that will occur at the state convention.

Calendar Review

Mr. Gladden review the calendar of activities for the Association as listed on the South Carolina FFA web page. Specifically, details about the ag mechanics district level competition and the three state CDE's that are occurring at the Pee Dee at the end of April – Farm Business Management, Agronomy, and Forestry.

Public Relations Report

Mr. Parris shared details about his public relations activities for the period of February 4, 2002 – April 17, 2002. Mr. Parris shared that the next issue of Agribiz will be a combination of two issues. He shared that his report will be mailed to board members.

Membership Report

Mr. Scott shared the latest membership data with the board. There are still several chapters who have not paid any dues to date. Calls to these advisors have been made and follow up will occur by specific district coordinators. Membership projection at this time indicates about one percent decline.

Review of FY2002 Budget

Mr. Gladden distributed a copy of the year-to-date budget for the board to review. The organization seems to be on its financial target for the budget year.

Review of FY2003 Proposed Budget

Mr. Earle reviewed the FY2003 proposed budget. Mr. Earle moved and Mr. Wigington seconded the motion to recommend a salary increase of 3.5% with the 3.5% coming from the contingency line item in the proposed budget for FY 2003. Motion carried. After considerable discussion of the budget and many line items, Eric Hill/Mr. Wigington moved and Jennifer Pedue/Mr. Earle seconded the motion to accept the FY2003 proposed budget as amended. Motion carried.

National FFA Convention Housing for 2002 Update

Mr. Scott reported that the housing lottery was conducted for chapters to vie for rooms at the Holiday Inn Downtown Louisville. All 122 rooms for have been given to chapters as per the lottery guidelines.

2002 Honorary State FFA Degree Recipients

Ashley Granata/Mr. Earle moved and Eric Hill/Mr. Wigington seconded the motion to accept the 30 names submitted for the Honorary State FFA Degree. Motion carried.

2002 Honorary American FFA Degree Nominees

Jennifer Perdue/Mr. Stover moved and Ashley Granata/Mr. Wigington seconded the motion to accept the following names for the Honorary American FFA Degree: Mr. Don Boice, Mr. Joe Gregory, Mr. Jack Cunningham, and Mr. Grady Patterson. Motion carried. (Note: Since our Board meeting, the National FFA Organization confirmed that Joe Gregory had already received this degree and the alternate name of Mr. Jim Loftis was submitted.)

Eric Hill/Mr. Stover moved and Jennifer Perdue/Mr. Keels seconded the motion to nominate Mr. Pat Earle, McBee FFA, as this year's teacher nominee for the Honorary American FFA Degree. Motion carried.

State FFA Evaluation Meeting

Mr. Scott shared that the committee selected by the SCAAE Vice Presidents and state staff will meet on Saturday, April 20, 2002 at 9:30 AM at Sandhill REC the purpose of reviewing chapter and individual award and degree applications and selecting the various recipients. The chapter selection process will have business and industry representatives involved in the selection of the Gold, Silver and Bronze chapters.

South Carolina FFA Leadership Center Report

Mr. Keels reported that the water and sewer is hooked up and the common areas of the four new dorms have been furnished. In regard to the camp program no changes are anticipated. Mr. Scott shared that he has hired Jennifer Perdue and Hobson Fulcher to conduct several leadership camp workshops. Mr. Keels reported that fund raising is moving along. No new announcements of sponsorship at this time. The camp rooming lottery has been finalized and will be released next week.

Leadership Continuum Presentation

Mr. Scott distributed a handout that addressed the concept of a leadership continuum for FFA members. The concept is to strategically align the various leadership components in sequential manner. Additional input was secured to better create the continuum.

Other

Mr. Scott reported the addition of Carhartt as a major sponsor of the South Carolina FFA Association. They will sponsor, fully or in part, in 2002-03 the following activities: Upper Division Creed speaker to WLC, Greenhand Quiz, Greenhand Conferences, Carhartt jackets for the state officers and two Carhartt jackets to be auctioned off at the state convention for the purpose of establishing a scholarship.

Also, the South Carolina Beef Board has agreed to sponsor the Welcome to Convention Cookout.

Jennifer Perdue/Mr. Earle moved and Ashley Granata/Mr. Wigington seconded the motion to provide the state winning Tool Identification team (4 persons maximum) a fully sponsored Day/Night package to FFA camp. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the South Carolina FFA Board will be Tuesday, August 13, 2002.

Jennifer Perdue/Mr. Keels moved and Eric Hill/Mr. Stover moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Kyle Hatcher adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James P. Scott, Jr.
State FFA Executive Director