

South Carolina FFA Board Minutes
Sandhill REC – Main Office Conference Room
Tuesday, August 13, 2002

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	Staff: John Parris

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

Mr. Gladden presented a welcome followed by a welcome from State President Mike Haynes. Mike introduced the state FFA officers and Mr. Gladden introduced the adults.

State President Mike Haynes called the meeting to order at 4:45 PM.

Minutes

The minutes were distributed to the board for their approval. Joshua Waters/Mr. Wigington moved and Chris Moss/Mr. Cox seconded the motion to accept the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.

Reports

A. State FFA Officers

Carrie Trebil reported on the Career Development Event Committee plan of action for this year. Nic Stratton presented a report on the 76th State FFA Convention Committee; Bryan Armstrong gave a report on the SAE Committee and Chris Moss presented the Chapter Enhancement Committee report. Details reports were distributed at the meeting. Joshua Waters shared with the board the officer's activities to date including Leadership Camp where an increase in attendance showed 234 campers from 35 chapters participated; Atlanta Training and Six Flags; and COLT. Mike Haynes shared details about WLC; SPC; Carolina Leadership Training Experience; and the team's personal growth and progress to date.

Mr. Gladden commended the officers on a job well done and led a round of applause for the officers. Mr. Williams commented that the challenge the officers will have is to convince the FFA advisors in order to make their plans a reality.

B. Review of Calendar Dates

Mr. Gladden indicated that everyone will need to keep an eye on the state's website to keep current on dates of events. He also indicated that the poultry CDE would most likely be moved to another date.

C. Membership Report

Mr. Scott reported that our state's membership had increased for the third consecutive year. Our membership for 2001-02 was 5,679. This represents an increase of over 21% from 1998-99. He shared that membership rosters for this school year will be distributed to all teachers at the September District Meetings and will be electronic using Excel as the software. Membership rosters are due November 15th and March 15th to the respective district coordinator. In the year 2006, the national FFA will no longer accept paper rosters from any State Association.

D. Capital Campaign

Mr. Keels reported that he is continuing to build relationships and mentioned specifically Coastal Carolina. He mentioned that the driveway is being paved at camp. He requested help from local advisors and the state officers to tell folks about the capital campaign, as many are unaware of this initiative.

E. 2002 Camping Report

Mr. Keels distributed an attendance trends report and shared that attendance at regular camp was 279 and at leadership camp 233. In both cases this marks an increase. He also shared a camp utilization list with the board.

Recommendation #1: Recommend the formation for a Governing Board for the South Carolina FFA Leadership Center.

- a. Duties of the Board would be as follows:
 - i. Establish Constitution and Bylaws
 - ii. Set Calendar
 - iii. Set policies
- b. Name Mr. Parris as Chair and have him work with Billy Keels to name other Board Members. The FFA Advisory Committee will approve the final Board.

Nic Stratton/Dr. White moved and Chris Moss/Mr. Williams seconded the motion to accept the concept of the formation of a Governing Board for the South Carolina FFA Leadership Center. Motion carried. Questions or issues raised included:

Mr. Cox – We need to have term limits on board membership.

Mr. Stover – The FFA Board must have authority to dissolve this Governing Board, to select membership and to approve the constitution and constitutional changes.

Mr. Scott – Expressed a concern that a State FFA Officer needs to be a member of this board.

Mr. Williams – Will this new board retain its own lawyer or use the FFA's?

Mr. Stover – Raised a question about tort liability.

Mr. Parris shared that he would rather be listed as a consultant until the constitution and bylaws are established.

Recommendation II: Recommend that the FFA camping program season should be changed to reflect the following:

- a. Four weeks of a camping program that will consist of both recreation and leadership components that will be held during the normal camping period. Billy Keels will manage this program.
- b. A week of Chapter Officer Leadership Training camp to be held in late July. Jim Scott will handle this program.

It was agreed that a fifth week of camp should be offered. No action was taken on this recommendation. Billy Keels and Jim Scott are to meet on this item.

Recommendation III: Recommend the proposed dress code be implemented (see attached.)

After considerable debate Carrie Trebil/Dr. White moved and Nic Stratton/Mr. Stover seconded the motion to accept implementation of the proposed dress code subject to legal opinion from the FFA lawyer. Motion carried. Student Officers vote was 4-2. Adult Board vote was 7-1. Mr. Gladden shared that if the intent is changed then he will proxy the adult board.

Mr. Stover asked that the minutes reflect that he voted in concurrence with the student officers not in favor of the recommended proposed dress code.

F. Public Relations Report

Mr. Parris shared the following with the board:

- Lauren Stone was selected as the SC Junior Beef Ambassador
- The Back to School Bash sponsored by WIS was a success.
- The *FFA Agribiz* will be out in the next week.
- The FFA Day at the State Fair is October 9th
- Details about the Andy Thomas Show and Teen Forum proposal.

Budget Report

Mr. Gladden distributed the FY02 Budget report for the board's information. Page 1 of the report will be sent to board members.

Mr. Gladden distributed the FY03 Budget showing July expenditures.

State Fair and State Fair Luncheon Update

Mr. Parris shared that the state fair is October 3 – 13, 2002. The FFA Day at the fair will be Wednesday, October 9th and he is currently working with the Governor's office to see if he would attend the luncheon.

National FFA Convention

Mr. Scott shared the following information about the upcoming national FFA convention.

- Our seven national chapter applications were rated Two-Star.
- We have 8 recipients of the American FFA Degree. A 100% increase over last year.
- We had five individuals selected to receive the Honorary American FFA Degree.
- Mr. Dreyfus Williams was selected as one of the two national winners of the H.O. Sargent Non-Member Award
- We had 26 proficiency awards submitted with one earning a gold rating.
- Our 122 rooms at the Holiday Inn Downtown are booked and chapters are finalizing their reservations.
- Alex Gleason from Calhoun Falls was selected as the seventh delegate from nine applicants that applied.

Career Development Event Funding

A discussion was held regarding funding of the Wildlife and Envirothon CDE's. During last year's budgeting it was decided to withdraw the \$2,000 from Envirothon and apply those dollars toward the Wildlife CDE. Mr. Stover requested that the minutes reflect that he was on record to opposing the withdrawal of funds from the Envirothon. After review of the facts Chris Moss/Dr. White moved and Joshua Waters/Mr. Wigington seconded the motion to move funding from the 2002 Wildlife CDE winner to the 2003 Envirothon winner. Motion carried. Student Officers vote was 4-1. Adult Board vote was 5-2.

Establishment of SAE Scholarships for First- Year Members

Bryan Armstrong/Mr. Wigington moved and Carrie Trebil/Mr. Cox seconded the motion to accept the idea of implementing six SAE Scholarships (2/district) in the amount of \$250 each for first and second FFA members to apply for in the establishment of their SAEP. Motion carried. Although there are no funds available at this time, Mr. Gladden mentioned that we might have a current sponsor that would be potentially interested in moving their dollars to another project.

Career Development Events – Eligibility

The board was informed of a situation involving an FFA member and chapter that desired a clarification in regard to eligibility. The situation involved a 9th grade first year member who was a member of the state-winning Parliamentary Procedure CDE and placed second in the State Creed CDE. The state winner in the Creed is ineligible to compete nationally because she was a

10th grader at the time of winning. The student in question was given the opportunity to compete in the National Creed CDE. The question: Since this student was a member of the state-winning parliamentary procedure team and she chose to compete in the Creed CDE, would she be eligible to compete next year on the parliamentary procedure team for her chapter? The board considered this item and based upon Board Policy passed on August 9, 2000. The section of the policy that answers this question follows:

- A. "Any student participating in a state or district FFA Career Development Event that qualifies for a National FFA CDE must:
1. Be a bona fide dues paying FFA member in good standing with the local chapter and the state association at the time of selection to represent South Carolina at a national CDE.
 2. Be a high school FFA member.
 3. Be enrolled in least one agricultural education course during the school year or following a planned course of study such as school-to-work in an agricultural area.
 4. Not participate in another CDE if he/she has qualified to represent the state in another National CDE during the current year.
 5. Not compete in the same CDE again if they have been on a state winning CDE in that area."

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the State FFA Association Board will be January 14, 2003.

Other Items

Mr. Wigington requested the following items be placed on the January Agenda.

1. Nominating Committee Item
2. Exit Interviews with State Officers

Carrie Trebil/Mr. Cox moved and Joshua Waters/Mr. Scott seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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State FFA Association
Board Secretary