

Maryland FFA Board of Directors
Annual Meeting
January 24, 2018 6:00 p.m.
Baughers Restaurant, Westminster

Conference Call Number: 443-339-3131

Chuck Schuster, Autumn Lippy, Brenda White, Amy Jo Poffenberger, Greg Stull, Emily Hester, Lexi Trickett, Quinn Cashell, Tom Mazzone, Ashley Abuelhawa, Richard O'Hara, Naomi Knight, Lori Mayhew, Laura Ramsburg, Terrie Shank, Tom Linthicum, Paula Linthicum, Justin Arnold, Cahlen Cheatham, George Mayo. Jodi Callahan and Mike Harrington on conference call.

The Annual Meeting of the Maryland FFA Association was called to order by Chairman, Chuck Schuster at 6:10 pm.

Treasurer's Report for the Association was provided by Laura Ramsburg- FY 2017 Jan-Dec
Laura Noted that security deposits for COLT 2018 and State Convention 2018 were paid in 2017. There were still some outstanding debts from 2016 which were paid in 2017. Emily Hester moved to accept the report and file for audit, Richard seconded the motion. Motion passed, and the report was filed.

A Report of the activities of the Maryland FFA State Officer team from June through December 2017 was provided by Autumn Lippy, President and Cahlen Cheatham, Vice-President.

The entire team shared a report on their experiences as part of the International Leadership Study Seminar for State Officers to South Africa.

Autumn noted the Kindness of the people, their farmers struggle with the same issues and common goals as those in the U.S.

Cahlen met the Farmer of the Year 2017, who leased his farm from the government. He has a goal of owning the farm and has 4 sons who want to farm. There are many Ag. Laws that the government is putting in place which both help and hinder those wanting to work in production agriculture in South Africa.

Justin shared how the people help each other, adaptable agriculture; drought is a large issue with a limit of 13 gallons of water/household/day available.

Ashley shared some of the different environments they were apart of such as spending the night at the Game reserve, seeing the animals, the vast landscapes.

Lexi's highlight was seeing Table Mountain, the Cape of Good Hope, mountains, ocean, and how beautiful the country and landscapes were.

Report of the Executive Director-Terrie Shank-Chuck thanked Terrie, George noted changes in staffing

Business of the Board:

Photography bids for Spring Judging and State Convention were discussed.

Discussion included: Do we need to have a photographer for our events? We don't take photos at the single day events? Could students photograph Spring Judging and hire a professional for State Convention? Could we have students serve as the photographers? Do we need to have a personal photographer? Could the photos be emailed to the Chapter Advisors? Do we want a photographer for State Convention and not Spring Judging? What about student privacy? Could the pictures be posted on the MD FFA Facebook page?

Jodi Callahan has a person who can take photographs and can most likely do the pictures.

Emily Hester moved to hire Personal Touch Photography for Spring Judging and State Convention. Richard O'Hara seconded the motion. Motion passed. Personal Touch Photography was awarded the contract.

Superintendents for CDE/LDE- Terrie shared that we are still looking for a Food Science CDE Superintendent.

Operating Budget for 2018-Laura reviewed the 2017 expenses for the fall events. Then presented the 2018 event budget and the 2018 Annual Budget. George Mayo noted that accepting a negative budget is not a bad thing as a management tool. Lori Mayhew moved to accept the proposed budget as presented with a negative loss. Amy Jo Poffenberger seconded the motion and the motion passed. George Mayo thanked Laura Ramsburg for her work on preparing the budgets.

Funding to support programming-Chuck Schuster asked for ideas- Justin Arnold suggested contacting Non-traditional funding sources. Richard suggested contacting sponsors for the t-shirts and Session sponsors at the State Convention. Lori Mayhew asked if we could challenge chapters to sell Ag tags.

Financial development Committee: Chuck Schuster appointed the following members to serve on this committee which he will Chair: Cahlen Cheatham, Justin Arnold, Naomi Knight, Richard O'Hara. They are to report back at the Board meeting on March 21, 2018.

Appointment of Auditing Committee- Chuck Schuster appointed George Mayo as chairman, Paula Linthicum, Terrie Shank, Naomi Knight and Laura Ramsburg. Their report will also be due by March 21, 2018.

Other items: Expectations/Guidelines for Industry Representatives was presented by Chuck Schuster. It was drafted by Naomi Knight and Cahlen Cheatham. Designate specific date, time, place for holding Board meetings. Possibly at an industry location.

Commitment change from two to three consecutive two-year terms for those serving on the Board.

George Mayo moved to change the term limits of Industry representatives from 2-two-year terms to 2-three-year terms. Once off the Board for a year, industry representative can be reelected to serve

another term. Lori Mayhew seconded the motion. Motion passed. Naomi Knight will update the document and share with the Board at the March meeting.

Greg Stull asked that the CDE events which are held at Spring judging be more in line with National CDE guidelines and that the time is used for the events as needed, which may lengthen the event.

Naomi Knight informed the group that the website, since it is a public domain, will have to be ADA compliance will have to be done with a possible cost of \$1,000. Discussion on this item will be added to the agenda for March meeting.

Upcoming Board Meetings:

March 21, 2018- Frederick MAFC-5pm,

May 30, 2018-Frederick MAFC-5pm

July 9, 2018- Conference room at Comfort Inn & Suites, Aberdeen-6pm

November 20, 2018- MAFC 5pm

Annual Meeting-Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Tom Linthicum moved to adjourn the meeting. Brenda White seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully,

Terrie Shank

Terrie Shank, Executive Director