

Maryland FFA Board of Directors
May 30, 2018 5:00 p.m.
Mid Atlantic Farm Credit-Frederick
Conference Call Number: 443-339-3131

Chuck Schuster, Brenda White, Laura Ramsburg, Mikayla Stockman, Tom Linthicum, Mike Harrington, Terrie Shank, Quinn Cashell, Tom Mazzone, Karen Nicklas, Justin Arnold, Amy Jo Poffenberger

Phone: Emily Hester, Naomi Knight

Chairman Chuck Schuster called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm

The Minutes from the March 21, 2018 meeting were presented. Mike Harrington noted that he was on the March 21st conference call and his name was not included as being present. Terrie Shank will add Mike Harrington to those present on the conference call. Karen Nicklas noted that her name was misspelled in the Treasurer's report of the March 21st minutes. Correction will be made. Mike Harrington moved to accept the minutes as amended. Tom Linthicum seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report was submitted from Treasurer Laura Ramsburg. Karen Nicklas moved to approve the report and Mike Harrington seconded the motion. Motion passed and the report will be filed for audit.

Financial update- Outstanding Invoices: Naomi Knight shared an updated list of those chapters who still have outstanding debts to the Association.

State Officer Report- State Reporter Mikayla Stockman and State Secretary Justin Arnold shared highlights of events the team has attended from March through the end of the year. Chuck Schuster thanked the team for their leadership and dedicated service throughout the past year and commended them on a job well done.

Committee Reports:

State Officer Candidate Nominating Committee-Brenda White reported that the process went very well and that seven candidates were interviewed over the two days. She noted that the student regional representatives were well prepared and dedicated to make the process work. Terrie Shank shared that candidate Madeline Etchison had contacted Mrs. Shank asking that her application for serving as a 2018-2019 State Officer be removed due to her previous work and family commitments. The Board members accepted her request.

Unfinished Business:

Review of MD FFA Spring Judging CDE- General discussion was that the events went well. There were some concerns expressed that students didn't know how to complete the scantron sheets for their events or they didn't complete them accurately with their Chapter numbers, code and their names. There was some confusion as to the directions given by the Superintendents to the students prior to the events and the students opportunities to ask for clarification.

4-H/FFA MOU- George Mayo was unable to attend the meeting. Chuck Schuster reported that he has spoken with George Mayo about completing this task soon.

Other items:

New Business:

State Convention Update-Naomi Knight

State Convention Delegate Issues-Justin Arnold share the following proposed Delegate Issues for discussion at the State Convention

1. Protocol for informing students of scoring process-Frederick CTC FFA Chapter

It was shared by Terrie Shank and Naomi Knight that there is a process in place and that Superintendents are provided with directions to give to the students prior to the start of the event. The State Staff would welcome a better way or wording to this protocol so that students are aware of event expectations.

2. Announcement of the six state officers prior to the State Convention and the time of year and location of State Convention-North Harford FFA Chapter

It was discussed by the Board and felt that item #2 should be divided into two items, date of the convention and the release of state officer nominees prior to the state convention. Justin will share with his officer team and the revisions will be made to the delegate process.

3. Dues increase on National/State levels-Move towards State-wide Affiliation-State Officers/Staff

The State Officer team and State Staff are recommending a \$1.00 increase in Maryland FFA active membership dues for the 2018-2019 school year to coincide with the proposed \$2.00 increase from the National FFA. This would bring the cost for active membership on the State and National levels from \$12.00 to \$15.00 per member.

New Sponsors to MD FFA- Terrie Shank shared that JESCO and Mountaire have presented sponsorship checks to the MD FFA Foundation in support of the Association activities. State Officers Autumn Lippy and Justin Arnold along with Mrs. Shank, met with Mountaire staff to receive the sponsorship check. JESCO will have an interactive display and staff available at the State Convention to meet with students.

Other items: Justin Arnold requested that a representative of the Board of Directors attend the first general session of the 90th State Convention on Monday night, June 25th to bring greetings. Chairman Chuck Schuster will bring greetings.

Amy Jo Poffenberger shared the following concerns from Region 2- The costs of team members to participate at State Convention is too high when they only come to participate in one event on one day. Terrie Shank shared that events at the State Convention have a higher cost for room use and materials which needs to be covered by those who attend and participate in the events.

Teachers need Superintendents to be more responsive to sending out information for the CDE. Materials need to be posted 45 days prior to the event. Karen Nicklas moved to have the State Staff provide a topic for events 45 days prior to the event if the Superintendent does not do so. Mike Harrington seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ag Mechanics CDE- Amy Jo shared that the industry representative from UTI was not allowed to assist with the event. He observed the event and shared that he felt that the team portion of the event was bias. UTI sponsors scholarships to the students on the first-place team at the regional and state levels. Terrie Shank asked if this concern was shared with the event Superintendent as it was not shared with her as State Director. Terrie Shank will contact the UTI representative to learn more about the situation so that it can be avoided in the future.

Emily Hester asked the following question: If you have less than 3 teams signed up for the regional event, do you have a policy on not holding the event? Terrie Shank shared that currently, there is no state policy to this effect. It is generally left up to those on the Regional level.

Chuck Schuster reviewed the location, date and time for upcoming Board of Directors Meetings. The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.- Harford County Comfort Inn and Suites in Aberdeen on Route 22 starting at 6pm. This meeting is held in conjunction with the Maryland Agriculture Teachers Technical Workshops.

Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 5:30 pm- Farmer's Coop Frederick, Richard O'Hara host
Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 6 p.m.- Annual Meeting, tentatively to be held at Baugher's Restaurant
Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.- MAFC-Frederick

With no further business to be discussed, Mike Harrington moved to adjourn the meeting. Karen Nicklas seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrie Shank

Terrie Shank,
MD FFA Executive Director