

The Maryland FFA Board Meeting
October 7, 2015
5:00 pm
Mid Atlantic Farm Credit, Frederick, MD

Chuck Schuster, George Mayo, Elizabeth Knight, Ed Mayne, J.D. Repp, Allison Moore, Steve Garland, Brenda White, Roy Walls, Terrie Shank, Conference line: Naomi Knight

Chairman, Chuck Schuster called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

The Minutes of the August 13th meeting were presented. J.D. Repp moved to accept the minutes as presented and Steve Garland seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Matt Koerner submitted a current report for the Board. Steve Garland moved to accept the report and file it for audit. J.D. Repp seconded the report. Motion passed.

Elizabeth Knight, Maryland FFA State Reporter presented the State Officer report.

Ed Mayne thanked the State Officers and Mrs. Shank for participating in the Region 2 Greenhand ceremony held on September 20, 2015 at the Frederick Fair.

Committee Reports: J.D. Repp presented the CDE Committee report

*Committee recommends holding the Spring Judging CDEs on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at Westminster High School and Carroll Career & Tech Center.

*These would be Agronomy, Horticulture, Nursery/Landscaping, Milk Quality & Products, Food Science and the Agricultural Mechanics CDE.

*The Meats Evaluation and Farm Business Management CDE would be added to this day.

*Jessica Todd, Clear Ridge Nurseries would be willing to host the Nursery/Landscape event at their facility.

*Awards for Spring Judging and Single day events will be announced within one week of the event. Awards will be sent to the school for presentation by the State FFA Officers at the Chapter awards program/banquet or by the School staff.

*Horse Judging would still be held in conjunction with the Maryland 4-H program.

*Land Judging would still be held in the fall, but the committee would like for it to be moved from the same day as the COLT conference and MSE convention.

*The Forestry & Environmental & Natural Resources CDE would be held at the State Convention.

*Dairy Handling, Dairy Judging, Poultry, Livestock could be held together in conjunction with Washington Co. Ag. Expo.

*All CDE teams qualifying for out of state events would be identified by no later than August 1st of the current year.

*Registration fee of \$35/team and \$10/individual would be charged.

JD expressed concerns about school districts on spring break: Prince George's, Montgomery, Baltimore Co, Kent, and Baltimore City. He also shared concerns Student participation on the weekend, may not bring the same number of participants. It may be hard to get buses during the school day, easier on Saturday.

Steve Garland moved to accept the CDE Committee report. Allison Moore seconded the committee report. Motion passed to move the Spring CDE plus Farm Business Management and Meats to April 2nd at Westminster High School.

Chuck Schuster asked that the Board to investigate having food available for the members. Brenda White will bring this up to the FFA Alumni Board to see if this is something they can support.

Elizabeth Knight will post the information on the MD FFA social media sites. Naomi Knight will post on the website, the changes. Registration 8-8:45 am, 9:00 am welcome. CDE events start at 9:30 am.

JD Repp suggested moving Land Judging from Association day to another day/time. Terrie Shank will talk with Jim Brewer as to when I would be a good time to hold the event.

Ed Mayne Recommended to hold the Ag. Knowledge and Horticulture Bowl finals on the main stage. Possibly hold a "Horticulture Happenings" for students. No action was taken.

Dinner for Superintendents: Chuck Schuster offered the Multipurpose building at Montgomery Co. He will check with Westminster High School as to the availability of a tour and meal at Carroll Co. on Nov 9th or 16th.

Terrie Shank shared a need to find Superintendents for: Food Science-Erin Kennedy-MSDE Nutrition Services @ MSDE was suggested. Ag. Communications- Jessica Armacost was suggested. Horse, Floriculture and Forestry events also need leadership.

MSDE-Chuck Wallace was moved to a new position as CTSO Coordinator.

MAEF-George Mayo reported that the mobile science lab is in Montgomery County all school year. The Board approved purchasing a general lab for 2016. New Showcase initiative has raised over \$200,000. Being Built in Lancaster Co. 40 'with slide-out doors. Working with Purdue Univ. design center for the new showcase. Should be ready in June 2016. Hannah Schantz is working as an intern at MAEF. Annual Banquet coming up on November 5th. Dr. Smith, Joe Bartenfelder, Dr. Beyrouty, UMCP. Sara Sampson from MPT will be the guest speaker. Still looking for live auction items.

Chuck Schuster reported on the MD State Fair meeting: FFA Advisors don't have a credential for them to get in. He was told to develop a credential and have more FFA Advisors to help at the Fair. Moving some events around, increased the educational exhibits at the fair.

CPH exam will be given on Oct 6th in Annapolis. Thirty students registered from education. They used the new manual for preparation.

Brenda White shared that the Maryland FFA Alumni wants to sponsor another CDE at the State Convention.

JD Repp moved to adjourn the meeting. Ed Mayne seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrie Shank

Terrie Shank, Secretary