

Maryland FFA Board of Directors  
Special Meeting to address Costs of CDE  
June 1, 2015  
Mid Atlantic Farm Credit, Frederick, MD

Lori Mayhew, Naomi Knight (phone), Steve Garland, Taylor O'Guinn, Richard O'Hara, Tom Linthicum, Brian Hendrickson, Jeni Lacko, Joe Linthicum, Jodi Callahan (phone), Ed Mayne, Terrie Shank

A special meeting of the Maryland FFA Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Chuck Schuster at 6:00 pm.

Lori Mayhew asked for a clarification of the costs for students to participate in career development events. The current cost is \$35/team and \$10/individual per event. Much discussion was held about the cost of \$100/student /day to attend the State FFA Convention to participate in events.

Ed Mayne moved that students pay \$35/team or member to participate in the career events and not attend the convention sessions and related activities. Taylor O'Guinn seconded the motion. More discussion continued with suggestions of \$50/day and \$60/day for attending convention and participating in career events. Having a stamp to identify those students who only were there to participate in CDE was suggested. Joe Linthicum moved to refer this discussion to a committee. Richard O'Hara seconded the motion and the motion passed. Ed Mayne abstained from voting. Chuck appointed a committee of Tom Linthicum, Joe Linthicum, Ed Mayne and Richard O'Hara.

Brian Hendrickson presented a CDE policy on behalf of the Catoctin FFA Chapter. The recommended change is to hold the awarding of all CDE recognitions until the results can be reviewed. Jodi Callahan commented that her chapter always misses the awards program due to travel. Jeni Lacko shared that this year, the MD FFA State Officers presented the student awards during the various chapter banquets.

Brian moved that all Maryland State Award placings be held a minimum of one day until they can properly be reviewed by a 3 member state committee appointed by the Chairman of the FFA Board and that once the results are announced and publicized they are considered final. Jeni Lacko seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Tom Linthicum moved to explore the options of holding all Career development events prior to the Maryland FFA State Convention and present all student awards at that time. Taylor O'Guinn seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chuck asked that the committees meet and report at the September Board meeting. He noted that many volunteers will be needed to serve on CDE committees to make these changes happen.

Ed Mayne moved to adjourn the meeting. Tom Linthicum seconded the motion and the Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Terrie Shank*

Terrie Shank, Secretary

