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New Jersey FFA Association

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TO: State Executive Board Members, NJ FFA Chapter Advisors, Officers, and Members

FROM: Jonathan Finney, State FFA President
Hannah Owen-Ross, State FFA Specialist
Erin Noble, State FFA Advisor

DATE: February 15, 2023

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, April 3rd, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.

All State Executive Board Members must attend this meeting. If these individuals cannot attend, they should call Mrs. Noble at (609) 290-3212 and give the reason for receiving an excused absence. Mr. Dale Cruzan will fill the teacher representative on the Executive Board and have voting power at each meeting in 2022-2023.

AGENDA FOR THE APRIL STATE MEETING

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the March State Meeting**
- III. Treasurer’s Report**
- IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**
- V. Committee Assignments**
 - A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities, State Applications, and State Convention Evaluation - Emily Sadlon
 - B. Membership, Chapter Relations, State Leadership Activities - Loriann De Sousa Rego
 - C. Career and Leadership Development Evaluation and Review - Chase Sherburne
 - D. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review - Jonathan Finney
- VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report – Jonathan Finney**
- VII. Executive Committee Report- Emily Sadlon**

- VIII. Foundation Report** - Jonathan Finney
- IX. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Report** - Jonathan Finney
- X. Food, Agriculture, & Natural Resources Education Advisory Council Report** - Chase Sherburne
- XI. New Jersey Agricultural Society Report** - Jonathan Finney
- XII. Equine Advisory Board** - Loriann De Sousa Rego
- XIII. New Jersey Association of Agriculture Educators** – Mr. Dale Cruzan
- XIV. Unfinished Business**
- A. Horticulture Exposition and Floral Design CDE (March 10-11, 2023) – Loriann De Sousa Rego
 - B. National Ag Day (March 21, 2023) – Chase Sherburne
 - C. Winter CDE (March 22, 2023) – Loriann De Sousa Rego
 - D. Statewide Community Service Project – Chase Sherburne
 - E. New Jersey Agricultural Society Gala (March 25) - Jonathan Finney
 - F. Horse Evaluation (April 2, 2022) – Loriann De Sousa Rego
 - G. State Applications Judging (April 8-12, 2022) – Loriann De Sousa Rego
 - H. Retiring Address Workshop (April 12, 2022) – Chase Sherburne
 - I. Spring CDEs (April 20, 2022) – Chase Sherburne
 - J. Eastern PA FFA Day CDEs (April 25, 2022) – Jonathan Finney
 - K. Agriscience Fair (April 26, 2022) – Chase Sherburne
 - L. Dairy Evaluation (April 29, 2022) – Jonathan Finney
 - M. Chapter Visits - Loriann De Sousa Rego
 - N. Team Goal Action Plan - Jonathan Finney
- XV. New Business**
- A. State Convention Planning
 - a. Timeline – Jonathan Finney
 - b. Video Shoot – Chase Sherburne
 - c. Potential State Officers/NomCom - Emily Sadlon
 - d. Delegate Issues for State Convention – Loriann De Sousa Rego
 - B. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion – Emily Sadlon
 - C. Member of the Month – Emily Sadlon
 - D. State Officer Mileage– Chase Sherburne
- XVI. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting- May 1st, 2023,
New Jersey Department of Ag Building
4:00 pm.*

**New Jersey FFA Association
Minutes from the March 6, 2023 Meeting**

I. Opening Ceremonies

Jonathan Finney called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. The voting members in attendance were Jonathan Finney, Chase Sherburne, Loriann De Sousa Rego, and Mr. Dale Cruzan. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Noble, Mx. Owen-Ross and Ms. McCluskey.

II. Minutes from August State Meeting

Chase Sherburne moved to dispense with the reading of the meeting minutes and approve them as distributed.

Seconded by Lori De Sousa Rego. Motion passes.

III. Treasurer's Report

The opening balance on February 1st was \$94,199.42, and the closing balance on February 28 was \$98,710.23.

Debra McCluskey moved to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.

Motion passes pending audit.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

Chase Sherburne moved to excuse the absence of Emily Sadlon due to illness.

Seconded by Dale Cruzan. Motion passes.

V. Committee Assignments

A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program Activities and State Convention Evaluation

No report.

B. Membership & Chapter Relations

No report.

C. State Leadership Activities and State Applications

No report.

E. CDE and LDE Evaluation & Review

No report.

F. Horticulture Exposition Evaluation & Review

No report.

G. Other Committee Affairs

Loriann De Sousa Rego moved to bring to the delegate body at state convention the idea of amending the state constitution to reflect the national constitution's change to extend membership to 5th and 6th graders.

Seconded by Chase Sherburne. Motion passes.

VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report

Jonathan went over the meaning and usage of calling for the orders of the day.

VII. Executive Committee Report

No report.

VIII. Foundation Report

The next Foundation meeting will be on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at the new Jersey Department of Agriculture.

IX. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Report

At their February meeting, the Alumni & Supporters discussed the State Officer banquet speech workshop, the results from the ag convention, the FFA week plans, the golf tournament, and the State Officer retiring address workshop.

X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report

At the meeting, which took place during the State Agriculture Convention, the advisory council discussed how to promote TeachAg and the agricultural education career path and how to better the reciprocation of certifications for students looking to teach ag across state borders, specifically in Pennsylvania.

XI. New Jersey Agriculture Society Report

Newell Thompson was chosen to be the new executive director.

XII. Equine Advisory Board

The equine industry summit will be held on March 16th, and there will be many equine health clinics throughout the year.

XIII. New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators

Next meeting will be held on March 14th. Constitutional amendment in process, the regional conference is being planned, and several professional developments are planned.

XIV. Unfinished Business:

A. New Jersey Agricultural Convention (February 7-9, 2023)

Jon delivered a speech to the convention attendees about the importance of agricultural education and youth in agriculture. The speech was well received. Members from the Middlesex East Brunswick FFA chapter were present. Jon, Chase, and Mx. Owen-Ross attended the youth reception and dinner, where they heard from and a great keynote speaker.

B. Fuel Up Retreat (February 16-19, 2023)

The state officers, Emily, and Mx. Owen-Ross stayed together for a weekend to take pictures, film support system thank you videos, and plan the state convention.

C. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day (February 23, 2023)

The 2023 ALLD theme was "Better Days Through Better Ways", and the focus was on sustainability. Five legislators were in attendance and spoke to members. The Symposium also included a panel consisting of experts in sustainability who answered questions from members and shared about their experiences. Throughout the afternoon, members attended workshops facilitated by the State Officers and Ms. New Jersey Elite Agriculture 2023, Brittany Ennis.

D. National FFA Week (February 18-25, 2023)

We held a social media challenge for each day, and State Officers attended many FFA events held by chapters throughout the state.

E. Horticulture Exposition/Floral Design CDE (March 10-11, 2023)

Students from around the state will compete in the Floral Design CDE and the Horticulture Exposition. Students' entries will be judged based on how they follow the theme, follow the rules, and of course based on presentation and quality of the plant(s).

F. National Ag Day (March 21, 2023)

There will be virtual webinars to spread awareness of ag industry and its importance.

G. Winter CDE (March 22, 2023)

The Farm & Agribusiness Management CDE will be held virtually on March 22nd.

H. Statewide Community Service Project

The new Jersey FFA Association will be partnering with City Green to collect items for school gardening kits. State officers will help to promote the collection for these items, and the kits will be put together at the day of service at state convention.

I. Chapter Visits

Officers discussed upcoming visits, and progress made on scheduled visits.

XV. New Business

A. New Jersey Agricultural Society Gala (March 25)

Officers may be attending, still waiting on confirmation of invitation.

B. Horse Evaluation CDE (April 2, 2022)

Loriann will be present at the event as a proctor, helping with registration, upholding the rules, etc. New Jersey FFA members will join New Jersey 4-Hers for the event.

C. State Applications Judging (April 8-12, 2022)

State officers, advisors, alumni, foundation members, and other supporters will be reviewing applications for state convention.

D. Retiring Address Workshop (April 12, 2022) – Chase Sherburne

The Alumni will be hosting a workshop for state officers where they can hear their retiring addresses to be able to give feedback for officers to make adjustments to their retiring addresses before state convention.

E. Spring CDEs (April 20, 2022)

Spring CDEs will be held at Cook and Douglas Campus at Rutgers University.

Events include:

- Floriculture- Loriann
- Nursery and Landscape- Chase
- Environmental and Natural Resources-
- Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems- Jon
- Veterinary Science- Emily
- Agricultural Sales-

F. Eastern PA FFA Day CDEs (April 25, 2022)

Jon and Emily will be present at the event. New Jersey FFA members will join PA FFA members to compete in the Agronomy, Livestock Evaluation, Poultry Evaluation, and Food Science CDEs.

G. Agriscience Fair (April 26, 2022)

Students from around the state can submit agriculture related science fair projects, judges will select a winner and the winners will be announced and awarded at state convention. The Agriscience fair will be held at the Rutgers EcoComplex. Jon and Chase will be in attendance.

H. Dairy Evaluation (April 29, 2022)

Lori will be in attendance at the event. New Jersey FFA members will join New Jersey 4-Hers for the event.

I. Delegate Issues for State Convention

The constitutional amendment will be brought up to the members during the delegate process. State officers will assemble their committee's agendas for the committee meetings at state convention.

J. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion –

In East Palestine, Ohio, on Feb 2nd a 150-car train derailed in Ohio. Many dangerous chemicals were leaked into the environment and the EPA has stepped in to help with management. Roughly 150 fish have been killed from the pollution in nearby waterways, and the EPA is fining the railroad company for the damage. Dept. of transportation is also in trouble, there have been several train derailments in Ohio over the past few weeks. Stop and Shop- sell Arcadia branded water which comes from Ohio and they're saying don't buy the water from

K. Member of the Month

Chase Sherburne moved to select Sadie Davis, from the Woodstown FFA Chapter as the New Jersey FFA Member of The Month for the month of March.

Seconded by Loriann De Sousa Rego. Motion Passes.

L. State Officer Mileage

Jon and Lori submitted mileage forms for the month of February.

XVI. Closing Ceremonies

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

The next meeting will be held on April 3rd, 2023 at 4:00 P.M.

12:47 PM

March 3, 2023

Cash Basis

NJ FFA Association
Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger
As of February 28, 2023

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Split	Original Amount	Paid Amount	Balance
FFA							94,199.42 1
Check	02/02/2023	Debra L. McCluskey	pcard did not work - table coverings various ...	P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	-159.36	-159.36	94,040.06
Check	02/02/2023	Staats	ribbons	P8 (Hort Expo - Expense)	-145.93	-145.93	93,894.13
Check	02/02/2023	Villa Roma II	pizza for Lunch	P 12 (SOCS-Expense)	-201.87	-201.87	93,692.26
Check	02/02/2023	Shoprite	lunch items for SOCS	P 12 (SOCS-Expense)	-67.13	-67.13	93,625.13
Deposit	02/02/2023		Deposit	-SPLIT-	3,127.00	3,127.00	96,752.13
Check	02/07/2023	Rutgers, The State Uni...	Connect Conference room rental	P11 (Mission Conf-Expense)	-1,684.00	-1,684.00	95,068.13
Deposit	02/22/2023		Deposit	-SPLIT-	6,609.40	6,609.40	101,677.53
Check	02/23/2023	Davison, Eastman & M...	legal through Jan 15	P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	-2,947.30	-2,947.30	98,730.23
Check	02/27/2023	Davison, Eastman & M...	legal through Feb 15	P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	-20.00	-20.00	98,710.23
Total FFA						4,510.81	98,710.23
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