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New Jersey FFA Association

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

FROM: Chase Sherburne, State FFA President
Erin Noble, State FFA Advisor

DATE: May 31, 2023

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, June 5, 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) 571-0441 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 2023-2024.

AGENDA FOR THE JUNE STATE MEETING

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the May State Meeting**
- III. Treasurer’s Report**
- IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**
- V. Committee Assignments**
 - A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities
 - B. Membership & Chapter Relations
 - C. State Leadership Activities
 - D. State Applications
 - E. Career Development Evaluation and Review
 - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review
 - G. State Convention Evaluation
- VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report – TBD**
- VII. Executive Committee Report – Jonathan Finney**
- VIII. Foundation Report**

- IX. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Report**
- X. Food, Agriculture, & Natural Resources Education Advisory Council Report**
- XI. New Jersey Agricultural Society Report**
- XII. Equine Advisory Board**
- XIII. New Jersey Association of Agriculture Educators**
- XIV. Unfinished Business**
 - A. State Convention Review – Jonathan Finney
 - B. Honorary American Degree Nominations – Chase Sherburne
 - C. Chapter Banquets – Jonathan Finney
 - D. Summer CDEs – Julia Moreno
 - a. Safe Tractor Operations Event (July 18, 2023)
 - b. Dairy Handlers Activity (July 22, 2023)
 - c. Meats Evaluation (July 22, 2023)
- XV. New Business**
 - A. State Officer Leadership Training (June 10-11, 2023) – Ashleigh Dickson
 - B. Alumni Golf Tournament (June 27, 2023) – Maisie Shimko
 - C. Base Camp (June 28 – June 30, 2023) – Julia Moreno
 - D. Code of Ethics – Ashleigh Dickson
 - E. Select State Representatives to Organizations – Maisie Shimko
 - a. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Association
 - b. State FFA Foundation
 - c. Agricultural Education Advisory Council
 - d. New Jersey Agricultural Society
 - e. Equine Advisory Board
 - F. Establish Policies – Julia Moreno
 - a. Travel Policies
 - b. SO Attendance Policy
 - c. Executive Committee Attendance Policy
 - d. Social Media Policy
 - G. State Officer Summit (July 24-28, 2023) – Ashleigh Dickson
 - H. Check Point #1 (July 17-20, 2023) – Maisie Shimko
 - I. Impact Training (July 21, 2023) – Maisie Shimko
 - J. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion – Chase Sherburne
 - K. Member of the Month – Jonathan Finney
 - L. State Officer Mileage – Julia Moreno
- XVI. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting
July 11, 2023
New Jersey Department of Ag Building
9:00 am*

**New Jersey FFA Association
Minutes from the May 1, 2023 Meeting**

I. Opening Ceremonies

Jon Finney called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. The voting members in attendance were Jon Finney, Emily Sadlon, Chase Sherburne, Lori De Sousa Rego, and Mr. Dale Cruzan. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Noble, and Mx. Owen-Ross.

II. Minutes from August State Meeting

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

Seconded by Emily Sadlon. Motion passes.

III. Treasurer's Report

The opening balance for the month was \$93,122.19 and the closing balance was \$91,143.66.

Motion by Emily Sadlon to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.

Motion passes pending audit.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

No guests were present at today's meeting.

V. Committee Assignments

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

No report.

B. Membership, Chapter Relations, State Leadership Activities

The board reviewed membership data, the board looked into a possible 1-year probation for the North Warren FFA Chapter.

Motion by Jonathan Finney to recommend to the delegates at state convention to place the North Warren FFA Chapter on probation.

Seconded by Emily Sadlon. Motion passes.

Motion by Emily Sadlon to recommend to the delegates at state convention to revoke the charter of the Middlesex- Piscataway FFA Chapter.

Seconded by Jonathan Finney. Motion passes.

C. Career and Leadership Development Evaluation and Review

No report.

D. Horticulture Exposition Evaluation and Review

No report.

- VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report**
Jonathan went over the meaning and usage of adjournment.
- VII. Executive Committee Report**
Emily led the team through a period of reflection of the year.
- VIII. Foundation Report**
At the last meeting they decided to re-elect their officers, so all officers will remain in their original positions. They finalized the foundation credit card, and they will be looking to revitalize their social media presence.
- IX. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Report**
The New Jersey Ag Convention was a success. Alumni nation items were ordered. They talked about the alumni golf tournament. The Alumni has decided to sponsor 8 FFA jackets that will be gifted to members at state convention through the Blue Jackets Bright Futures program.
- X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report**
No report.
- XI. New Jersey Agriculture Society Report**
No report.
- XII. Equine Advisory Board**
The board met to discuss opportunities for people looking into the equine industry including clinics on equine health and workshops for training techniques.
- XIII. New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators**
The NAAE Region 6 Conference will be hosted in Allentown. Speakers from Teach Ag and the NAAE will be present. The next meeting will be held during the NJ FFA state convention, and they'll be electing their new officers.
- XIV. Unfinished Business**
 - A. State Application Judging**
All applications were judged virtually.
 - B. Retiring Address Workshop**
On April 12th, officers presented their retiring addresses to alumni and supporters and received feedback to improve them before state convention.
 - C. Spring CDEs**
On April 20, New Jersey FFA hosted Spring CDE events. We offered 6 different competitions including: Agricultural Sales (1st place Team- Freehold; 1st place Individual- Breanna Rosmarin- Freehold), Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems (1st place Team- South Hunterdon Regional; 1st place

Individual- Wayne Heisler- South Hunterdon Regional), Environmental and Natural Resources (1st place Team- Newton; 1st place Individual- Joseph Krieg-Newton), Floriculture (1st place Team- Phillipsburg; 1st place Individual- Lily Snyder- Phillipsburg), Nursery Landscape(1st place Team- Newton; 1st place Individual- Bruno Groth- Newton), and Veterinary Science (1st place Team- Hunterdon Polytech Central Campus; 1st place Individual- Brittney Svendsen- Hunterdon County Polytech Central Campus). Congratulations to our CDE winners!

D. Eastern PA FFA Day CDEs

On April 25th, many NJ FFA members as well as Jon Finney and Emily Sadlon were present at the event. There were several competitions too place including: Agronomy (1st place Team- Hunterdon County ESEA; 1st place Individual- Nina Weiland-Hunterdon County ESEA), Food Science (1st place Team- Bergen County Academies; 1st place Individual- Angela Li- Bergen County Academies), Livestock Evaluation (1st place Team- Woodstown; 1st place Individual- Lydia Kilinsky- Hunterdon County Polytech), Poultry Evaluation(1st place Team- Woodstown; 1st place Individual- Leah Clark- Woodstown). Congratulations to all winners!

E. Agriscience Fair

On April 26, members from around the state came together at the Rutgers EcoComplex to present their agriscience fair projects. We also had our very first middle school students participate in this event. Winners of each division are posted below.

Animal Systems

Division II: Rocco Sandman & Gavin Colabella – Montague Township Middle

Division V: Andrea Kim – Bergen County Academies

Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems

Division III: Justin Ahn – Bergen County Academies

Division V: Arda Sensoz – Bergen County Academies

Division VI: Tai Nakamura & Chloe Park – Bergen County Academies

Food Products & Processing Systems

Division III: Skylar Herman – Bergen County Academies

Division V: Talia Ghetie – Bergen County Academies

Division VI: Ava Oliveira & Jisae Son – Bergen County Academies

Plant Systems

Division III: Pravit Kochar – Bergen County Academies

Division IV: Esat Acikgoz & Hannah Lee – Bergen County Academies

Division V: Maisie Shimko – Union County

Division VI: Sushila Rau & Shivarni Govind – Bergen County Academies

Power, Structural, & Technical Systems

Division VI: Annabella La Mantia & Andrea Falar – Union County

Social Systems

Division I: Morgan Christmann – Montague Township Middle

Division VI: Josephine Tagliavore & Samantha Zack – Union County

Congrats to all agriscience fair winners!

F. Dairy Evaluation CDE

On April 29, our association held the Dairy Evaluation CDE at Cedar Lane Farm. The Belvidere FFA Chapter placed first, and Cora Birmingham from the Newton FFA Chapter placed 1st individually.

G. State Convention Planning

The team discussed filming for the annual report video and promoting the state community service project. In total there are 6 New Jersey FFA State Officer Candidates for the new year. Delegate packets have been released and the nominating committee has been selected. Jon and Lori will be holding a delegate workshop to introduce the delegates to the process and to create hype for the experience.

Motion by Chase Sherburne to donate \$2,500 from the association account to the “Convention Awards” special project fund with the New Jersey FFA Foundation.

Seconded by Emily Sadlon. Motion passes.

H. Chapter Visits

Several visits have yet to be completed, some have been scheduled and completed since the last meeting.

I. Chapter Banquets

The officer team has received several requests from chapters to attend end of year banquets.

J. Team Goal Action Plan

The team did not review progress on the team goal action plan.

XV. New Business

A. H.O. Sampson Chapter Recognition

Chapters can receive a rating of bronze, silver, or gold. Ratings are based off the chapter’s amount of participation in state level events.

B. Honorary American Degree Nominations

This year's officer team came up with a list of potential candidates for this award, the nominations will be made by the 2023-24 officer team.

C. Summer CDEs

The Safe Tractors Operators Event will be held on July 18th at the Burlington County Fairgrounds and the Dairy Handlers Event and Meat Evaluation & Technology Event will take place on July 22 at the Burlington County Fairgrounds.

D. Agricultural Education/Issues Discussion

Lori discussed the lack of workers in the agricultural industry in New Jersey. The lack of labor is causing supply chain problems. Due to the lack of labor, harvests are not happening quick enough to comply with the needs of the industry.

E. Member of the Month

Motion by Emily Saldon to select Anna Holman from the Allentown FFA Chapter as the New Jersey FFA May's Member of the Month

Seconded by Loriann De Sousa Rego. Motion passes.

F. State Officer Mileage

Chase, Jon, and Emily all recorded mileage for the month of April.

XVI. Closing Ceremonies

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 P.M.

The next meeting will be held on June 5, 2023 at 4:00 P.M.

11:15 AM

May 1, 2023

Cash Basis

NJ FFA Association
Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger
As of April 30, 2023

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Split	Original Amount	Paid Amount	Balance
FFA							93,122.19 1
Deposit	04/04/2023		Deposit	Undeposited Funds	30.00	30.00	93,152.19
Deposit	04/04/2023		Deposit	-SPLIT-	1,054.00	1,054.00	94,206.19
Check	04/04/2023	Delaware Valley Floral	Floral Design CDE flowers	P8 (Hort Expo - Expense)	-1,106.71	-1,106.71	93,099.48
Check	04/04/2023	Clay Ewell Educational ...	Spring CDE scantrons	P2 (CDEs - Expense)	-115.00	-115.00	92,984.48
Check	04/04/2023	Bank of America	convention supplies	P6 (State Convention - Expense)	-91.96	-91.96	92,892.52
Deposit	04/10/2023		Deposit	-SPLIT-	654.14	654.14	93,546.66
Check	04/10/2023	Halo Branded Solutions	thank you gifts	P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	-514.25	-514.25	93,032.41
Deposit	04/11/2023		Deposit	-SPLIT-	823.00	823.00	93,855.41
Check	04/12/2023	Doubletree Somerset H...	Deposit for LEAD	P5 (LEAD - Expense)	-6,000.00	-6,000.00	87,855.41
Check	04/21/2023	Pennsylvania Associa...	PA FFA Day CDE registrations	P2 (CDEs - Expense)	-174.00	-174.00	87,681.41
Deposit	04/24/2023		Deposit	-SPLIT-	3,462.25	3,462.25	91,143.66
Total FFA						-1,978.53	91,143.66
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May 1, 2023

Cash Basis

NJ FFA Association
Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger
As of April 30, 2023

1. Opening Balance on April 1, 2023 was \$93,122.19

2. Closing Balance on April 30, 2023 was \$91,143.66

NJ FFA Association
FFA Monthly Budget Summary
April 2023

	<u>Apr 23</u>	<u>Jul '22 - Apr 23</u>	<u>\$Under / Over Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Income				
Deposit	0.00	0.00		
Opening Balance	0.00	0.00		
P1 Dues/Memberships (Income)	0.00	54,170.00	1,995.00	52,175.00
P2 CDEs (Income)	374.00	2,359.00	324.00	2,035.00
P3 General Supplies (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P4 State Officers (Income)	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
P5 LEAD (Income)	0.00	28,515.29	-8,437.71	36,953.00
P6 State Convention (Income)	4,719.75	9,700.75	-51,319.25	61,020.00
P7 National Convention (Income)	0.00	1,500.00	-1,460.00	2,960.00
P8 Horticulture Expo (income)	6.00	1,018.00	-2,382.00	3,400.00
P9 SO Continnum (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P10 ALLD (Income)	158.64	7,248.88	3,347.88	3,901.00
P11 Mission Conf (Income)	0.00	3,382.00	-368.00	3,750.00
P12 SOCS (Income)	0.00	0.00	-11.00	11.00
Total Income	5,258.39	108,093.92	-58,111.08	166,205.00
Expense				
P1 (Dues/Memberships-Expense)	0.00	16,428.30	4,178.30	12,250.00
P2 (CDEs - Expense)	245.00	2,819.10	-9,053.90	11,873.00
P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	514.25	7,628.41	5,203.41	2,425.00
P4 (State Officers - Expense)	0.00	6,273.09	216.09	6,057.00
P5 (LEAD - Expense)	6,000.00	42,581.39	5,819.39	36,762.00
P6 (State Convention - Expense)	91.96	61,794.22	-1,580.78	63,375.00
P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	0.00	5,719.39	-1,800.61	7,520.00
P8 (Hort Expo - Expense)	1,106.71	4,697.39	-4,062.61	8,760.00
P9 (SO Continnum - Expense)	0.00	2,000.00	-2,384.00	4,384.00
P11 (Mission Conf-Expense)	0.00	9,108.80	3,514.80	5,594.00
P10 (ALLD-Expense)	0.00	6,320.63	-464.37	6,785.00
P 12 (SOCS-Expense)	0.00	-82.00	-502.00	420.00
Total Expense	7,957.92	165,288.72	-916.28	166,205.00
Net Income	-2,699.53	-57,194.80	-53,853.80	0.00