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## NEW JERSEY FFA ASSOCIATION

### *"Radiate"*

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

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

DATE: September 27, 2023

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting  
**Monday, October 2, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.**  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor NJDA Conference Room, Trenton, NJ

All State Executive Board Members must attend this meeting. If these individuals cannot attend, they should call Mrs. Noble at 877-243-3332 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 OCTOBER STATE MEETING

- I. **Opening Ceremonies**
- II. **Minutes from the September State Meeting**
- III. **Treasurer's Report**
- IV. **Guest Introductions and Attendance**
- V. **Committee Reports**
  - A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities, State Convention Evaluation & State Applications – Jonathan Finney
  - B. Membership, Chapter & Relations and State Leadership Activities – Chase Sherburne
  - C. Career and Leadership Development Evaluation and Review – Julia Moreno
  - D. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Maisie Shimko
- VI. **Parliamentary Procedure Report** – Chase Sherburne
- VII. **Executive Committee Report** – Jonathan Finney

- VIII. Foundation Report** – Julia Moreno
- IX. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Report** – Chase Sherburne
- X. Food, Agriculture, & Natural Resources Education Advisory Council Report** – Maisie Shimko
- XI. New Jersey Agricultural Society Report** – Jonathan Finney
- XII. Equine Advisory Board** – Maisie Shimko
- XIII. New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators** – Mr. Dale Cruzan
- XIV. Unfinished Business**
  - A. Eastern States Exposition (September 15-16, 2023) – Chase Sherburne
  - B. Fall Ag Ed Conference (September 29, 2023) – Chase Sherburne
  - C. Leadership Experience and Development Conference (October 6-7, 2023)
    - a. Impact Conference
      - i. Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) – Julia Moreno
      - ii. Leadership Opportunities Conference (LOC) – Maisie Shimko
    - b. State Greenhand Conference (SGC) – Jonathan Finney
    - c. Timeline – Chase Sherburne
  - D. Vineland Chapter Chartering (October 18, 2023) – Julia Moreno
  - E. 96th National FFA Convention (November 1-4, 2023)
    - a. Delegates – Chase Sherburne
    - b. Flag Bearer – Maisie Shimko
    - c. State Suite – Chase Sherburne
    - d. Recognition Program – Maisie Shimko
  - F. Delegate Process Written/Oral Testimony – Maisie Shimko
  - G. Fall Career Development Events (November 16, 2023) – Julia Moreno
  - H. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (January 3-15, 2024) – Maisie Shimko
  - I. Calendar of Events – Julia Moreno
  - J. Chapter Visit Updates – Chase Sherburne
  - K. Team Goal Action Plan – Chase Sherburne
- XV. New Business**
  - A. New Jersey State Grange Annual Meeting – Julia Moreno
  - B. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention (November 13-14, 2023) – Chase Sherburne
  - C. Agricultural Education/Agricultural Issues Discussion – Jonathan Finney
  - D. Member of the Month – Jonathan Finney
  - E. State Officer Mileage – Julia Moreno
- XVI. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting- November 13, 2023  
New Jersey Department of Ag Building  
4:00 pm.*

**New Jersey FFA Association**  
**Minutes from the September 11, 2023 Meeting**

**I. Opening Ceremonies**

Chase Sherburne called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. The voting members in attendance were Maisie Shimko, Chase Sherburne, Julia Moreno, and Mr. Cruzan. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Noble and Ms. McCluskey.

**II. Minutes from August State Meeting**

**Motion by Julia Moreno** to dispense with the reading of the meeting minutes and approve them as distributed.

**Seconded by Maisie Shimko. Motion passed.**

**III. Treasurer's Report**

The opening balance for the month was \$147,743.34 and the closing balance was \$72,323.86.

**Motion by Maisie Shimko** to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.

**Motion passed pending audit.**

**IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**

No Guests were present at today's meeting.

**Motion by Maisie Shimko** to excuse Jonathan Finney's absence due to a school obligation.

**Seconded by Julia Moreno.**

**V. Committee Reports**

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

No report.

**B. Membership, Chapter & Relations, and State Leadership Activities**

The members of this committee talked about creating a New Jersey FFA Association TikTok page. They also went over their previous committee report and discussed the outreach of the social media posts about the LEAD Conference that is coming up.

**Motion by Chase Sherburne** to accept the committee report as presented.

**Implied Second. Motion Passes.**

**C. Career and Leadership Development Evaluation & Review**

No report.

**D. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation & Review**

No report.

**VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report**

Chase discussed "previous question" and explained what that means. This motion is used to terminate debate and bring the house to an immediate vote on the question. This requires a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote.

**VII. Executive Committee Report**

Mrs. Noble gave the state officers a "pop quiz" on the sessions that they are facilitating at the LEAD Conference in October.

## **VIII. Foundation Report**

The Foundation talked about their financial position and made decisions on some of the investments. They also talked about donations and how to get them from big companies that are willing to donate. The next meeting will be held on October 10<sup>th</sup> 6 pm at the NJDA

## **IX. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Report**

There are currently 7 active alumni chapters. They talked about the golf tournament honorees and the potential for having a banquet separate from the golf tournament to honor a supporter. Next year's tournament will be held at the Mercer Oaks Golf Course. They also discussed who would be delegates for the National FFA Convention and the Ag Convention. Jonathan Finney was elected as secretary and Renee Stillwell is the new NJAAE representative.

## **X. Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education Advisory Council Report**

No report.

## **XI. New Jersey Agriculture Society Report**

No report.

## **XII. Equine Advisory Board**

Maisie reported that they haven't had a meeting yet, but some upcoming events include a board meeting on September 20 and a barn party October 20. Rutgers University sent delegates to the National Equine Conference in Texas and will have a family weekend October 13, a horse management seminar on Tuesdays in February, and a Junior Animal Science Symposium March 23, 2024.

## **XIII. New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators**

Mr. Cruzan reported that at their last meeting, they determined their committee chairs and representatives to upcoming events. They are in the process of planning the Fall Ag Ed Conference. Their next meeting will follow the Fall Ag Ed Conference on September 29th at the Rutgers EcoComplex.

## **XIV. Unfinished Business**

### **A. Eastern State Exposition**

Salem Tech, Phillipsburg and South Hunterdon will be competing at the Big E in Ag Issues, Floriculture, and Ag Mechanics, respectively. Emilia Aris from the Essex County FFA Chapter will be competing in the Star in Ag Placement competition.

### **B. Leadership Experience and Development Conference**

#### *a. Impact Conference*

##### *i. Chapter Officer Leadership (COLT)*

The state officers are busy preparing for their workshops for Impact and COLT.

##### *ii. Leadership Opportunities Conference (LOC)*

Jamie Specca is lined up to facilitate the LOC Conference.

#### *b. State Greenhand Conference (SGC)*

Jon Finney, Emily Sadlon and Ivan Moore met on Sept 7 to discuss the expectations of SGC and assign sessions.

#### *c. Timeline*

We reviewed the timeline for the conference and reminded ourselves what is still due.

**C. 96th National FFA Convention**

*a. Delegates*

Chase, Maisie, and Julia were registered as delegates.

*b. Flag Bearer*

Maisie Shimko was registered as flag bearer.

*c. State Suite*

We have secured a suite and teachers have been invited to request tickets.

*d. Recognition Program*

Maisie will work on assignment officers and Jon topics to speak about for the recognition breakfast.

**D. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers**

Maisie Shimko was selected to attend ILSSO. They will be fundraising the money for it. They will also be making and selling pillows to help cover the cost of this trip. This year ILSSO is in Australia from January 3-15, 2024.

**XV. New Business**

**A. Team Goal Action Plan**

The team reviewed their goals and decided who would complete the action plan for each goal.

**B. Calendar of Events**

The finalized calendar of events can be found on the state website under the section titled calendar of events.

**C. Chapter Visits**

All the officers know the chapters that they are supposed to be visiting and who to get in contact with for each chapter. The officers were reminded that their visit requests need to be sent by the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**D. Vineland Chapter Chartering**

The Vineland Chapter will be having their chartering ceremony on October 18<sup>th</sup>. All state officers are attending and have received the script.

**E. Delegate Process Written/Oral Testimony**

Each state officer is responsible for drafting written testimony for their assigned committee. Chase will prepare Production Agriculture Opportunities Committee and Student Voice Reassessment Committee; Maisie will prepare Expanding Student Opportunities Committee and Transparent Communication Committee; and Julia will prepare The Student Perspective on Affiliation Committee and Committee on Nominating Committee Evaluation.

**F. Fall Ag Ed Conference**

This is an opportunity for the ag teachers to go through professional development and Chase is invited to provide words to the teachers and highlighting the state theme.

**G. Fall Career Development Events**

The Fall CDEs will be held at Rutgers University on November 16. Chase will assist with Fruits & Vegetables; Maisie will assist with Land Judging; Jon will assist with Turf Management; Julia will assist with Milk Quality and Products, and an office staff person will assist with Forestry.

**H. Agricultural Education/Agricultural Issues Discussion**

In Jon's absence, Mrs. Noble shared that next week is "Gleaning Week" and that some NJDA employees would be joining Farmers Against Hunger for a gleaning event. Mrs. Noble also shared that gleaning is the collection of remaining crops from farm fields after the commercial harvesting process is complete. Gleaned crops are provided to food pantries, soup kitchens, senior facilities and shelters.

**I. Member of the Month**

The Executive Board evaluated Member of the Month applications.

**Motion by Maisie Shimko** to select Cody Ponzio of the Allentown FFA Chapter as September's Member of the Month.

**Seconded by Julia Moreno. Motion passes.**

**J. State Officer Mileage**

State officers are reminded to submit their mileage reports. So far, only Maisie has been submitting reports.

**XVI. Closing Ceremonies**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 pm. The next meeting will be held October 2, 2023, at 4:00 pm.

**NJ FFA Association  
Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger**

As of August 31, 2023

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Split	Original Amount	Paid Amount	Balance
<b>FFA</b>							147,743.34
Deposit	08/09/2023		Deposit	-SPLIT-	1,540.00	1,540.00	149,283.34
Check	08/11/2023	Bank of America	Ewell - registering CDE events	P2 (CDEs - Expense)	-75.00	-75.00	149,208.34
Check	08/11/2023	Bank of America	Allstate - motor club (M. Shimko memb...	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-73.00	-73.00	149,135.34
Check	08/11/2023	Bank of America	Allstate - motor club (C. Cherburne ren...	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-79.00	-79.00	149,056.34
Check	08/11/2023	Bank of America	Allstate - motor club (J. Moreno upgrade)	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-82.93	-82.93	148,973.41
Check	08/11/2023	Bank of America	Allstate - motor club (upgrade for C. Sh...	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-59.84	-59.84	148,913.57
Check	08/11/2023	Bank of America	Allstate - motor club (M. Shimko upgrade)	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-82.93	-82.93	148,830.64
Check	08/11/2023	Bank of America	Acme - checkpoint 1 lunch items	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-119.90	-119.90	148,710.74
Check	08/11/2023	Bank of America	Town & Country Diner - checkpoint 1 di...	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-78.39	-78.39	148,632.35
Check	08/11/2023	Bank of America	Honeygrow - checkpoint 1 dinner Tuesd...	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-53.33	-53.33	148,579.02
Check	08/11/2023	Bank of America	Chili's - checkpoint 1 dinner Wednesda...	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-108.05	-108.05	148,470.97
Check	08/14/2023	Bank of America	checkpoint 1 lodging	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-350.76	-350.76	148,120.21
Check	08/14/2023	Bank of America	checkpoint 1 lodging	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-467.68	-467.68	147,652.53
Check	08/14/2023	Bank of America	checkpoint 1 lodging - facilitator	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-467.68	-467.68	147,184.85
Deposit	08/15/2023		Deposit	Undeposited Funds	120.00	120.00	147,304.85
Deposit	08/22/2023		Deposit	Undeposited Funds	75.00	75.00	147,379.85
Check	08/29/2023	Monmouth University	State Convention expenses	P6 (State Convention - Expense)	-74,992.91	-74,992.91	72,386.94
Check	08/30/2023	National FFA Organi...	CDE registration for National Convention	P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	-960.00	-960.00	71,426.94
Deposit	08/31/2023		Deposit	-SPLIT-	780.00	780.00	72,646.94
<b>Total FFA</b>						<b>-75,419.48</b>	<b>72,323.86</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>-75,419.48</b>	<b>72,323.86</b>

1. Opening Balance on August 1, 2023 was \$147,743.34
  
2. Closing Balance on August 31, 2023 was \$72,323.86



Wednesday, September 27, 2023

## Committee Report

New Jersey FFA Association Standing Committees

**Email** chasesherburne0@gmail.com

**Committee Name** Membership & Chapter Relations and State Leadership Activities

**Date** Friday, August 25, 2023

### Committee Members Present

Chase Sherburne, Maisie Shimko, and Julia Moreno

**Committee Members Absent** n/a

### Purpose of Meeting

Reviewed the previous meeting report, and discussed multiple ways that we could use social media to reach our members and build the excitement and awareness if our activities.

### Recommended Actions

-Research:

- \*what state associations are currently using TikTok
- \*what types of content they're posting/ how they're using it

-Continue using Instagram and Facebook as a way to engage members and generate excitement

-Make a plan for some sort of Treasure Hunt or Social Media challenge for FFA Week

### Comments

The committee recommends researching what other state associations are using TikTok, as well as what kind of content they're creating and posting on their accounts. We'd like to look into these things before we bring them to the board for the approval of the creation of the account. We also discussed using the already existing Instagram and Facebook to engage our members, specifically during events such as National/State Convention, CDEs, Leadership Conferences, and FFA week. For FFA week specifically, we talked about doing a virtual challenge like a treasure hunt or daily posting challenge.

**Chairperson** Chase Sherburne

**Secretary** Julia Moreno

**Chairperson Signature**

*Chase  
Sherburne*