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New Jersey FFA Association “Break Through Limits”

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

FROM: Kristianne Dowd, State FFA President
Erin E. Noble, State FFA Specialist
Nancy J. Trivette, State FFA Advisor

DATE: March 25, 2015

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, April 6, 2015 – 4:00 p.m.
1st Floor NJDA Auditorium, Trenton, NJ

All State Executive Board Members must attend this meeting. If these individuals cannot attend, they should call Mrs. Noble at (609) 984-4380, and give the reason to receive an excused absence. Mrs. Lisa Ann Moschera-Chernigovets will fill the teacher representative on the Executive Board, and will have voting power at each meeting in 2014-2015.

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 – Kristianne Dowd
 - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Hope Cahill
 - C. State Leadership Activities – Ben Wainwright
 - D. State Applications – Kyle Fisher
 - E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Jenna Pinhas
 - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Kelly Gangel
 - G. State Convention Evaluation – Sean Hamner

The FFA Mission

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

- VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report – Kyle Fisher**
- VII. Executive Committee Report – Kyle Clement**
- VIII. Foundation Report – Ben Wainwright**
- IX. Alumni Report – Kelly Gangel**
- X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report – Kristianne Dowd**
- XI. New Jersey Ag Society – Kristianne Dowd**
- XII. Unfinished Business**
 - A. ACTE National Policy Seminar (March 3, 2015) – Stuart Faunce
 - B. NJ Agricultural Society Gala (March 13, 2015) – Kyle Fisher
 - C. Horticultural Exposition/ Floral Design CDE (March 13-14, 2015) – Kelly Gangel
 - D. National Ag Day Event (March 16-18, 2015) – Ben Wainwright
 - E. Online Career Development Events (March 25, 2015) – Kyle Fisher
 - F. State Applications (April 9, 2015) – Ben Wainwright
 - G. Spring CDEs (April 16, 2015) – Jenna Pinhas
 - H. Livestock Judging CDE (April 18, 2015) – Kyle Fisher
 - I. Dairy Judging CDE (April 18, 2015) – Sean Hamner
 - J. Eastern PA FFA Day (April 28, 2015) – Hope Cahill
 - K. Agriscience Fair (April 29, 2015) – Jenna Pinhas
 - L. Marketing Plan CDE (May 20, 2015) – Kelly Gangel
 - M. State Convention Planning
 - a. Timeline – Ben Wainwright
 - b. Video Shoot – Kelly Gangel
 - c. Statewide Community Service Project – Kelly Gangel
 - d. Potential SOCs – Hope Cahill
 - e. Delegate Issues for State Convention – Kyle Fisher
 - f. Ceremony Practice Schedule – Sean Hamner
 - g. Retiring Address Workshop – Delaney Gray
 - N. National Officer Candidate – Sean Hamner
 - O. Assembly Resolution – Stuart Faunce
 - P. Team Goal Action Plan – Jenna Pinhas
 - Q. Chapter Visits – Hope Cahill
- XIII. New Business**
 - A. Nominating Committee Candidates – Kyle Clement
 - B. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion – Hope Cahill
 - C. Member of the Month – Kyle Clement
 - D. State Officer Mileage – Sean Hamner
- XIV. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting- May 4, 2015
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Auditorium
4:00 p.m.*

**New Jersey FFA Association
Minutes from March 2, 2014 Meeting**

I. Opening Ceremonies

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm. Voting members in attendance were Kelly Gangel, Jenna Pinhas, Ben Wainwright, Hope Cahill, Sean Hamner, Kyle Fisher, Kyle Clement, Delaney Gray, Catherine Cincotta and Stuart Faunce. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Noble and Ms. McCluskey. Guests in attendance were Mr. Jerry Verrico and Mr. Bill Carney.

II. Minutes from the February State Meeting

Motion by Catherine Cincotta to dispense the reading of the minutes.

Seconded by Stuart Faunce. Motion passes.

III. Treasurer's Report

Motion by Ben Wainwright to accept the treasurer's report pending audit

Motion passes pending audit.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

Mr. Bill Carney of the Allentown FFA Alumni came to thank the State Executive Board for participation in their Sponsor's Breakfast. Mr. Jerry Verrico, President of the New Jersey Ag Society gave us a presentation about learning through gardening. He also wants dynamic leaders to be part of the New Jersey Agricultural Leadership Development Program. This program can give their members 2 college credits and is a 2 year course.

Motion by Ben wainwright to give David Watts an excused absence due to school obligations.

Seconded by Stuart Faunce. Motion passes.

Motion by Ben Wainwright to excuse Kristianne Dowd for leaving early due to school obligations.

Seconded Delaney Gray. Motion passes.

V. Committee Assignments

A. Constitution, Bylaws, & Program of Activities

No report

B. Membership and Chapter Relations

No report

C. State Leadership Activities

The committee will be looking over the SOCS evaluations soon.

D. State Applications

No report

- E. **Career Development Evaluation and Review**
No report
 - F. **Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review**
Horticultural Exposition will be in less than two weeks.
 - G. **State Convention Evaluation**
The top three possible keynote speakers were decided.
- VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report**
Kyle Fisher taught the Executive Board about the motion to refer a main motion to a committee, where it is better suited. A member can use standing committee or can create a special committee. It is normally used if there is a lot of debate on the motion and needs more time and research before a decision can be made.
- VII. Executive Committee Report**
The team created SMART goals to continue to improve throughout the last 3 months of the year in areas shown during the Fuel-Up Retreat.
- VIII. Foundation Report**
The next meeting will be on April 14 at 6 pm at the NJDA.
- IX. Alumni Report**
Hope Cahill and Ben Wainwright gave a presentation about ILSSO to thank the Alumni for their donation. The Alumni discussed the pricing of an "Ag yearbook" for state convention and ways to make the Bunny Hop 5K more engaging. Alumni Development Conference will be on Saturday, March 14 at Mercer County Community College.
- X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report**
The Advisory Council held a meeting on February 4 at the State Ag Convention. Jenna Pinhas and Kristianne Dowd were in attendance, as well as representatives from various agricultural industries from around the state. Mr. Bill Walker discussed the issues facing New Jersey agriculture and possible solutions to keep New Jersey the Garden State.
- XI. New Jersey Ag Society Report**
The next meeting will be this Wednesday, March 4. Sean will attend in place of Kristianne.
- XII. Unfinished Business**
- A. **State Officer Challenge**
The state officer challenge was submitted today. We look forward to seeing how we did!
 - B. **Selection of Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Recipients**
Letters of congratulations went out to all of the recipients of the Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Award. The Honorary State Degree ceremony will be during Session

IV and the Distinguished Service Recognition will be during Session V of State Convention.

C. State Ag Convention

The State Ag Convention was held February 3-5 in Atlantic City. It was a great experience to meet with different agricultural leaders from around the state and to hear Kristianne Dowd's speech about keeping agriculture relevant. Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno also made a speech at the banquet about CASE and STEM, highlighting what the FFA does.

D. National FFA Week

a. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day

ALLD was held on Thursday of FFA Week at Wyndham Garden Hotel in Trenton. The members were able to attend workshops and visit the State House. The team shared their favorite part of the day including getting back into facilitating workshops, the symposium, and getting to meet new members. The day was a great success and we cannot wait for next year!

b. National Officer Visit/Chapter events

We were lucky to have Caleb Gustin, National FFA Western Region Vice President, come to New Jersey during FFA Week. The week kicked off on Sunday with visiting Leslie Applegate's grave with Allentown. Monday, Kyle and Hope were able to visit Woodstown, Penns Grove, Camden Penn Tech, and participate in a Jersey Fresh Chopped Challenge with Salem County Vo Tech. From ice fishing with Newton, Ag Olympics with Sussex, and activities with Philipsburg and South Hunterdon, Tuesday was a blast. Wednesday, we were able to visit Allentown, Monmouth County, Freehold, Northern Burlington, and Northern Burlington Middle for their amazing FFA Week activities. That night, we also held the Fun For All Bowling night with about 60 FFA members involved. On Friday, we received a tour of the amazing greenhouses of Buena Regional and the marshes and aquaponics at Cape May Tech.

E. State Convention Planning

a. Fuel Up Retreat

From February 26- March 1, we had the Fuel up Retreat to do much of the planning for state convention. We had an amazing time during the weekend and were able to learn a lot about ourselves. Thank you again to the Brooks family for allowing us the use of their condo!

b. Timeline

We have completed everything that is past due on the timeline. We need to make sure that we keep up with the deadlines to make this convention the best yet!

- c. **Video Shoot**
We decided the videos that we would like to shoot for the session openers/ rules skit during Fuel up. We will shoot the videos at the end of March.
 - d. **Statewide Community Service Project**
Motion by Ben Wainwright to make our statewide community service project a food drive to help our community receive healthy foods.
Seconded by Kyle Fisher. Motion passes.
 - e. **Potential SOCs/ Nom Com**
We should continue to reach out to potential Nom Com members and SOCS to help them begin the process of selection.
 - f. **Delegate Issues for State Convention**
Two constitutional amendments are on the floor for National Convention to be brought to our delegates at State Convention.
Motion by Catherine Cincotta to encourage the delegates at state convention to vote in favor of the two national constitutional amendments
Seconded by Delaney Gray. Motion passes.
 - g. **Ceremony Practice Schedule**
All of the ceremonies should be memorized. If you need help getting the ceremonies perfect, please reach out to executive committee.
 - h. **Retiring Address Workshop**
The retiring address workshop will be held on April 8 at the NJDA auditorium. The alumni board will give us feedback about the RA draft.
- F. ACTE National Policy Seminar**
On March 4, Stuart Faunce will be traveling to Washington DC for the ACTE National Policy Seminar. The seminar will take place at the Capitol Building where there will be discussion of policy issues with stakeholders from around the country. Stuart will also have individual meetings with congressmen to talk about why New Jersey FFA and Agricultural Education are so important.
- G. Horticultural Exposition/ Floral Design CDE**
Set up for the Horticultural Exposition is Thursday, March 12 at 4 pm. The Floral Design CDE will occur in the gym on Friday. The rest of the executive board will help with the judging of the horticultural expo prepared arrangements.
- H. National Ag Day**
The National Ag Day is coming up later this month, March 16-18 in Washington DC. On the 18th, Ben Wainwright and Kyle Fisher will attend congressional visits with US Assemblymen Chris Smith and US Senator Robert Menendez.

- I. Online CDEs**
The online CDEs will occur on Wednesday, March 25. The CDEs that will be held are Farm Business Management, Meat Evaluation and Technology, and Forestry. The events can be accessed via Mycaert.com from 10am-4:30pm.
- J. Spring CDEs**
The Spring CDEs will be held on April 16 at Rutgers University. The CDEs that members can compete in Environmental and Natural Resource, Floriculture, Agricultural Sales, Agricultural Mechanics, Nursery/ Landscape, and Veterinary Science. Further information of locations and assignments will be given soon.
- K. Livestock**
The Livestock Judging CDE will also be held on April 18. The event will occur at Delaware Valley College. Jenna Pinhas and Kyle Fisher will be attending the event.
- L. Dairy Judging**
The Dairy Judging CDE will occur at Cedar Lane Farms in Hunterdon County on Saturday, April 18. Sean Hamner, Ben Wainwright, and Kristianne Dowd will attend on behalf of the Association.
- M. Eastern PA FFA Day**
The Poultry Evaluation, Food Science & Technology, and Agronomy CDEs will occur at the Eastern PA FFA Day on Tuesday, April 28. These events will happen on the Manheim Fairgrounds. Hope Cahill and Jenna Pinhas will attend on behalf of the Association.
- N. Agriscience Fair**
The Agriscience Fair will be held on Wednesday April 29 at the Rutgers EcoComplex in Bordentown NJ. The event will begin at 3 pm with set up beginning at 2 pm. Kyle Fisher, Jenna Pinhas, Sean Hamner, and Dave Watts will attend on behalf of the Association.
- O. Marketing Plan**
The Marketing Plan CDE is a new addition to New Jersey FFA. This event will occur on Wednesday of State Convention, May 20 and is sponsored by the New Jersey Soybean Board. Teams consisting of 3 members will create a marketing plan for an existing or new enterprise in the soybean field. The written plans are due April 10.
- P. American FFA Degree Assistance**
The American Degree is due to the State Association on March 15. This is the last week to get help with the application since it is due next week.
- Q. Assembly Resolution**
At ALLD last week, all 37 New Jersey Chapters were given a Joint Assembly and Senate Citation commending these chapters for all that they do. These chapters were given a

template to send to their assemblymen to get a more individual recognition of their members and to help other assemblymen to become more aware of the need for AR145.

R. Team Goal Action Plan

The team just recently had a bonding night, and is also working on a “We Are FFA” challenge to get ready for State Convention.

S. Chapter Visits

Only one chapter visit still needs to be completed.

XIII. New Business

A. NJ Ag Society Gala

Kyle Fisher, Kristianne Dowd, Sean Hamner, Hope Cahill and Jenna Pinhas will be attending the NJ Ag Society Gala to represent the New Jersey FFA Association on March 13, 2015. The theme for the night is “A Night at the Races”.

B. State Applications

We will meet to help judge applications for state convention. Kyle F., Sean H., Kelly G., Hope C., and Jenna P. will help with the application judging.

C. Ag/Education Issues Discussion

Honey bee populations have been declining in New Jersey. Some activists want to ban a certain brand of pesticides because of the decline of the honey bee population. In Europe, it was seen that this ban did not help the honey bee, but caused a decline in the crops because of not having the pesticide.

D. Member of the Month

Motion by Kyle Clement to name Kelsey Stockton as the March Member of the Month.

Seconded by Kyle Fisher. Motion passes.

Congratulations Kelsey!

E. State Officer Mileage

The mileage report is provided in our folders.

Motion by Ben Wainwright to move the deadline for the mileage to Wednesday March 4.

Seconded by Jenna Pinhas. Motion passes.

XIV. Closing Ceremonies

Motion by Ben Wainwright to accept Lauren Fillebrown as New Jersey’s National Officer Candidate for 2015.

Seconded by Kyle Clement. Motion passes.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.

**FY15
FFA Deposits**

<i>Payor</i>	<i>CK#</i>	<i>Amount Deposit</i>	<i>MonthlyTotal</i>	<i>Yearly Total</i>
February				
South Hunterdon Regional School District	000146	117.00		
Newton Board of Education (Newton & Belv)	041584	3,600.00		
P1 total			\$ 3,717.00	
National FFA Organization (travel expense -	073749	700.00		
North Warren Regional Board of Education	3491	30.00		
P3 total			\$ 730.00	
Daniel J Delcher (missing key at convention)	1635	75.00		
P5 total			\$ 75.00	
Centerplate (refund from National FFA bkfst)	3158072	397.61		
P7 total			\$ 397.61	
South Hunterdon Regional School District	151	\$ 81.00		
Northern Burlington County	13204	\$ 567.00		
Warren County Board for Vocational Education	1524	\$ 300.00		
Brookdale Community College (ALLD display)	13274	27.00		
Centenary College (ALLD display)	113444	27.00		
Daniel J Delcher (212 Conference)	1635	40.00		
P10 total			\$ 1,042.00	
February Total			\$ 5,961.61	\$ 95,478.06

New Jersey FFA Expenditures for FY 2015

Date	Description	Order #'s	Amount	MTD Total	YTD Total
	February				
	Contests (P2)				
2/2/15	4-H Club & Affiliated 4-H (dairy judging 4.27.14)		\$ 75.00		
2/4/15	Rutgers/University Conf. Cntr (Vet Science Apr '15)		\$ 1,600.00		
2/12/15	Rutgers/Office of Cont. Ed (Ag Sales & Floriculture)		\$ 1,552.50		
2/13/15	Rutgers/Office of Cont. Ed (Fall CDE)		\$ 1,427.50		
	State Officers (P4)				
2/12/15	Erin Noble (SOCS reim for dinner)		\$ 284.79		
	Leadership Experience and Development (P5)				
2/11/15	Erin Noble (Lead supplies reim)		\$ 58.11		
	State Convention (P6)				
2/3/15	Quill (supplies)		\$ 28.97		
	National Convention (P7)				
2/2/15	National FFA Organization (AV for breakfast at KEC)		\$ 99.50		
2/2/15	National FFA Organization (NOC Housing)		\$ 321.90		
	Hort Expo (P8)				
2/4/15	National FFA Organization (plaques)		\$ 1,108.00		
	State Legislative Leadership Activity (P10)				
2/12/15	Lafayette Yard Hotel (ALLD)		\$ 3,568.63		
	February Total			\$ 10,124.90	\$ 132,333.32