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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: January 23, 2015

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, February 2, 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 FEBRUARY STATE MEETING

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the January 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
- VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report – Kyle Fisher**

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.

- 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 Report – Kristianne Dowd**
- XII. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Banquet Speech Workshop (January 23, 2015) – Jenna Pinhas
 - B. State Officer Candidates’ School (January 31, 2015) – Hope Cahill
 - C. State Agriculture Convention (February 3-5, 2015) – Kyle Fisher
 - D. National FFA Week
 - a. ALLD (February 26, 2015) – Hope Cahill
 - b. Chapter Events – Jenna Pinhas
 - E. Fuel Up Retreat (February 26 -March 1, 2015) – Kyle Fisher
 - F. Horticultural Exposition/ Floral Design CDE (March 13-15, 2015) – Kelly Gangel
 - G. National Ag Day Event (March 16-18, 2014) – Ben Wainwright
 - H. Potential State Officers – Kelly Gangel
 - I. Retiring Address – Delaney Gray
 - J. Statewide Community Service Project – Ben Wainwright
 - K. American FFA Degree Workshop – Kyle Fisher
 - L. Ceremony Practice Schedule – Sean Hamner
 - M. Assembly Resolution – Stuart Faunce
 - N. Team Goal Action Plan – Jenna Pinhas
 - O. Chapter Visits – Hope Cahill
- XIII. New Business**
 - A. Selection of Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Recipients – Sean Hamner
 - B. State Convention Cost Analysis – Ben Wainwright
 - C. Delegate Issues for State Convention – Ben Wainwright
 - D. Online Career Development Events (March 25, 2015) – Kelly Gangel
 - E. Spring CDEs (April 16, 2015) – Jenna Pinhas
 - F. Dairy Judging CDE – Hope Cahill
 - G. Livestock Judging CDE (April 2015) – Kyle Fisher
 - H. Eastern PA FFA Day (April 28, 2015) – Hope Cahill
 - I. Agriscience Fair (April 29, 2015) – Kelly Gangel
 - J. Marketing Plan CDE – Kelly Gangel
 - K. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion – Sean Hamner
 - L. Member of the Month- Kyle Clement
 - M. State Officer Mileage- Sean Hamner
- XIV. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting- March 2, 2015
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Board Room
4:00 p.m.*

**New Jersey FFA Association
Minutes from January 20, 2015 Meeting**

I. Opening Ceremonies

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm by Kristianne Dowd. Voting members in attendance were Kelly Gangel, Jenna Pinhas, Ben Wainwright, Hope Cahill, Sean Hamner, Kyle Fisher, Kyle Clement, Stuart Faunce, David Watts, and Catherine Cincotta. State Staff in attendance was Mrs. Noble. Guest in attendance was Myranda Bond of the South Hunterdon FFA Chapter.

II. Minutes from December State Meeting

Motion by Jenna Pinhas to accept the secretary's report as read.

Seconded by David Watts. 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

Myranda Bond explained that the South Hunterdon Chapter just held a clothing drive for community service. Their recent fundraiser was an alumni breakfast, which was a great success.

Motion by Kyle Clement to give an excused absence to Delaney Gray due to work and excused lates to Stuart Faunce and Ben Wainwright due to school.

Seconded by Kyle Fisher. Motion passes.

Kelly Gangel assumes the duties of the chair.

V. Committee Assignments

A. Constitution, Bylaws, & Program of Activities

The committee held a meeting on December 3, 2014. They discussed possible changes to the POA and amendments to the constitution.

Motion by Kristianne Dowd to accept the committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

Motion by Kristianne Dowd to endorse the recommendations of the committee during this meeting to be brought up at the meeting at state convention.

Seconded by Sean Hamner. Motion passes.

B. Membership and Chapter Relations

The committee met on December 1, 2014. They discussed the February Photo-a-day challenge and a live hash tag chat on twitter to give members the ability to ask any questions they have to the state officers.

Motion by Hope Cahill to accept the committee report as read
There is an implied second. Motion passes.

C. State Leadership Activities

The committee will meet next Friday, the 30 of January, to discuss LEAD and the possibility of enacting a State Global Youth Institute.

D. State Applications

No report

E. Career Development Evaluation and Review

The date of the next meeting will be Monday, February 2, after the next state meeting.

F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review

No report

G. State Convention Evaluation

No report

Kristianne Dowd reassumed the duties of the chair.

VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report

Kyle explained that dilatory motions are used to obstruct the will of the assembly. They proceed to be interfering with the meeting. It is the obligation of the chair to disregard or call the motion out of order to speed up the business of the association.

VII. Executive Committee Report

The executive committee had the team split up and each form a dance. The separate pieces of the dance came together when preformed. It showed that even though we may be each doing something different, we have to come together in the end and make everything fit together seamlessly.

VIII. Foundation Report

The Foundation had their meeting on January 13. Paige Hennighan gave a presentation about her experiences at National Convention and to thank them for her scholarship to attend. The Foundation Board also discussed ideas for recognizing their supporters for all they do.

IX. Alumni Report

The Alumni Board is currently working on the Alumni Development Conference to be held the same weekend as the Horticultural Exposition. The alumni will also be holding the Fun For All Bowling Event being held on Wednesday February 25, during National FFA Week. Registration can be found on the Ag Education Bulletin Board.

X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report

The next meeting will be February 4 at 1:30 pm at the Tropicana in Atlantic City during the State Agricultural Convention.

XI. New Jersey Ag Society Report

The last meeting was January 14. The Ag Society discussed the allocation of funding to different projects and the New Jersey Agricultural Leadership Development Program. This is an agricultural leadership program is based out of Burlington County College. We are encouraged to look into membership for the Ag Society for \$15 for students. The next meeting will be in March.

XII. Unfinished Business

A. 2015 Calendars

Before the December work session on December 15, we delivered calendars to our supporters in Trenton. Dave and Hope delivered them to people in the Department of Agriculture and Jenna and Stuart delivered calendars to the Department of Education and the Farm Bureau. Everyone was very grateful for the calendars and it was a great experience to meet these supporters.

B. 212^o Conference

The 212^o conference was held at the Cook Student Center at Rutgers University on December 13. Bradley Coleman of Louisiana and Jacob Dickey of Illinois were the facilitators for the event. We were excited to have 100 students in attendance who have never attended a leadership conference before. A total of 180 people attend the conference.

C. Holiday Party

The holiday party was at Mrs. Trivette's house on December 15. We tried beaver, received amazing gifts during the Secret Santa and read the Twas the Night Before Cajun Christmas. We all had a great night of holiday cheer.

D. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers

Hope and Ben attended ILSSO from January 3-17. They are working to create a presentation to thank their sponsors. Hope explained that two of her favorite experiences were visiting Kliptown and Tabletop Mountain, which had a gorgeous view. Ben's favorite two experiences were Kliptown, as well, where there were able to see how happy the children were even in such poverty and going on the farm tours.

E. Banquet Speech Workshop

The banquet speech workshop will be held on Friday, January 23 at the Rutgers EcoComplex. The team will present their potential banquet speeches to parents, guests, and advisors. Dinner will be served during the workshop. The state officers should be at the EcoComplex no later than 5:30 pm.

F. State Officer Candidate School

SOCS will be held at the NJDA on January 31. We will be setting up the room on Friday night before the conference. The theme for the event is DINO-mite and members in attendance have an interest in running for state office or being a member of the nominating committee. Final preparations will be made during next week's work session meeting.

G. State Agricultural Convention

The State Ag Convention will be February 3-5 at the Tropicana in Atlantic City. The Ag Advisory Council meeting will be at 1:30 and the youth reception and dinner will begin at 5pm on Wednesday the 4th.

Motion by Ben Wainwright to pay the \$300 fee for the members attending the Ag Convention delegate dinner.

Seconded by David Watts. Motion passes.

H. National FFA Week

a. ALLD

ALLD will be held on February 26 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Trenton. The theme for the event will be My Ag Story. National Western Region Vice President, Caleb Gustin will deliver a workshop for all of the members and there will be a tour to the State House in Trenton.

b. Chapter Events & National Officer Visit

Caleb will also visit various chapters throughout the week. Monday will be the Southern New Jersey tour, Tuesday will be the Northern New Jersey tour, and Wednesday will be the Central Jersey tour in which we will visit several chapters within each region. The Alumni Fun for All bowling night will be that Wednesday.

I. Fuel Up Retreat

We will be leaving for the Fuel Up Retreat after ALLD. The retreat will be in North Wildwood. We will be visiting chapters on Friday and be doing much of the planning for State Convention during this weekend.

J. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE

The Horticultural Exposition will be held March 13-14 at Mercer County Community College. The floral design CDE and the judging of prepared arrangements will occur on Friday the 13th. The schedule for shifts at working at the exposition were given.

K. National Ag Day Event

Ben and Kyle received confirmation that they will attend the National Ag Day Event in Washington DC. The event will be held from March 16-18. Ben and Kyle will be able to attend congressional visits during this time.

L. State Officer Challenge

The team gave updates about how their section of the state officer challenge is coming along. Many of these components are close to completion.

M. Ceremony Practice Schedule

The state officers are encouraged to memorize a different ceremony for each month leading up to State Convention. The schedule is as follows. November: Honorary Membership; December: State Degree; January: Officer Installation; February: Blue Jackets, Bright Futures Ceremony.

N. Assembly Resolution

AR 145 is coming together. There is the possibility of publicity for the FFA through this resolution, but it is not likely that funds will be attached to the bill.

O. Team Goal Action Plan

The team explained how the team and association goals are coming together.

P. Chapter Visits

Most of the chapter visits have been completed with only a few remaining. The entire team has enjoyed completing these visits and being able to meet so many great members through them.

XIII. New Business

A. Potential State Officers

We should continually look for potential state officers during all state events or when visiting chapters. We will reach out to any members that are interested and help them prepare for the process.

B. Retiring Address

We should start brainstorming for our retiring addresses and completing the information sheet. We will begin shaping the retiring addresses at the Fuel up Retreat.

C. Statewide Community Service Project

We are currently brainstorming ideas for the statewide community service project which will be confirmed at the Fuel up Retreat.

D. American FFA Degree Workshop

Mrs. Noble will be available to assist the executive board with applying for their American degree.

E. Agriculture/ Agricultural Education Issue Discussion

The aquaculture industry in New Jersey is growing, especially with shellfish. To do this, you lease a portion of the bay to have the operations and they are increasing the amount of acreage that these operations can be held on.

F. Member of the Month

Motion by Kyle Clement to accept Paige Hennighan of the Sussex Tech FFA Chapter as the January Member of the Month. Congratulations Paige!
Seconded by David Watts. Motion passes.

G. State Officer Mileage

The mileage report is provided in our folders.

XIV. Closing Ceremonies

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.

NJ FFA Association
Monthly Treasurer's Report

BEGINNING BALANCE: December 1, 2014

\$36,596.96

Deposits:												
Date	Project#	Project Description	Annual Budget	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	YTD Balance	Over/Under Budget
	1	Affiliation	\$ 49,000.00						\$ 28,155.00	\$ -	\$ 29,797.00	\$ (19,203.00)
	2	CDE's	\$ 4,725.00				\$ 108.00	\$ 109.00	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ 767.00	\$ (3,958.00)
	3	General Supplies	\$ -				\$ 717.00	\$ 717.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 717.00	\$ (3,958.00)
	4	State Officers	\$ 1,015.00				\$ -	\$ 118.00	\$ 90.00	\$ -	\$ 208.00	\$ (807.00)
	5	LEAD	\$ 17,540.00				\$ 742.05	\$ 22,914.63	\$ 5,030.25	\$ -	\$ 28,686.93	\$ 11,146.93
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 65,000.00				\$ 1,988.50	\$ 95.00	\$ 95.00	\$ -	\$ 9,876.05	\$ (55,123.95)
	7	National Convention	\$ 4,495.00				\$ 1,300.00	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,420.00	\$ (3,075.00)
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 5,500.00				\$ 635.00	\$ 471.24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,780.24	\$ (2,719.76)
	9	National Leadership Conf.	\$ -				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 5,000.00				\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ (4,975.00)
		Budgeted Income	\$ 152,275.00								\$ -	\$ (152,275.00)
		Total Deposits	\$ -				\$ 3,498.55	\$ 23,858.63	\$ 34,321.49	\$ -	\$ 74,277.22	\$ (77,997.78)

Expenses:

Date	Project #	Expense Description	Annual Budget	November	October	September	August	July	YTD Balance	Over/Under Budget
	1	Affiliation	\$ 14,895.00	\$ 13,310.00	\$ 10,250.00	\$ 908.00	\$ -		\$ 24,468.00	\$ (9,573.00)
	2	CDE's	\$ 5,148.00	\$ 328.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 39.00			\$ 517.00	\$ 4,631.00
	3	General Supplies	\$ 5,230.00	\$ 1,303.18			\$ -	\$ 1,678.00	\$ 2,981.18	\$ 2,248.82
	4	State Officers	\$ 10,037.00	\$ 2,801.74			\$ 1,625.00	\$ 705.00	\$ 5,131.74	\$ 4,905.26
	5	LEAD	\$ 21,821.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 15,126.26	\$ 275.00		\$ 15,901.26	\$ 5,919.74
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 69,171.00	\$ 527.75	\$ 340.00		\$ -	\$ 63,020.57	\$ 63,888.32	\$ 5,282.68
	7	National Convention	\$ 9,656.00	\$ 914.94	\$ 60.00	\$ 1,778.50	\$ 665.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,918.44	\$ 3,737.56
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 7,459.00	\$ 153.41	\$ 1,795.00				\$ 1,948.41	\$ 5,510.59
	9	National Leadership Conf.	\$ 2,027.00		\$ 695.00		\$ -	\$ 2,498.72	\$ 3,193.72	\$ (1,166.72)
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 6,831.00	\$ 1,735.50	\$ 500.00				\$ 2,235.50	\$ 4,595.50
		Budgeted Expenses	\$ 152,275.00						\$ -	\$ 152,275.00
		Total Expenses	\$ 20,746.52	\$ 1,388.00	\$ 28,206.26	\$ 3,111.50	\$ 2,329.00	\$ 70,402.29	\$ 126,183.57	\$ (126,183.57)

Ending Balance: December 31, 2014

\$ 15,850.44

New Jersey FFA Expenditures for FY 2015					
<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Order #'s</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>MTD Total</i>	<i>YTD Total</i>
	December				
	Affiliation Fees (P1)				
12/04/14	National FFA	MEM-160933	\$ 13,310.00		
				\$ 13,310.00	
	General Supplies (P3)				
12/04/14	Vista Print - SO Holiday Cards		\$ 115.00		
12/04/14	Vista Print - SO Calendars		\$ 594.09		
12/04/14	Vista Print - SO Calendars		\$ 594.09		
				\$ 1,303.18	
	State Officers (P4)				
12/04/14	AAA Membership		\$ 354.00		
12/10/14	Mileage Reimbursement - K. Dowd		\$ 330.06		
12/10/14	Mileage Reimbursement - K. Gangel		\$ 171.94		
12/10/14	Mileage Reimbursement - J. Pinhas		\$ 496.31		
12/10/14	Mileage Reimbursement - B Wainwright		\$ 147.56		
12/10/14	Mileage Reimbursement - H. Cahill		\$ 478.64		
12/10/14	Mileage Reimbursement - Sean Hamner		\$ 37.32		
12/10/14	Mileage Reimbursement - K. Fischer		\$ 692.29		
12/10/14	Mileage Reimbursement - D. Watts		\$ 93.62		
				\$ 2,801.74	
	State Convention (P6)				
12/04/14	Quill - Supplies	7194562	\$ 527.75		
				\$ 527.75	
	National Convention (P7)				
12/10/14	National FFA Convention - Lodging		\$ 914.94		
				\$ 914.94	
	Hort Expo (P8)				
12/15/14	Staats MFG Co. - Ribbons		\$ 153.41		
				\$ 153.41	
	State Legislative Leadership Activity (P10)				
12/15/14	Twin Oaks - SO 212 Conference Lunch		\$ 1,735.50		
				\$ 1,735.50	
	December Total			\$ 20,746.52	\$ 121,836.44

Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date:	December 3, 2014				
Committee:	Constitution, By-Laws and POA				
Committee Members Present:	Kristianne Dowd, Kyle Clement, Dr. McLean				
Absent:	Stuart Faunce, Kelly Gangel				
Purpose of Meeting:	To review the POA and make recommendations				
Recommended Action(s):	Change I. Membership Activities E. Dues to E. Affiliation, Action Plan 1. Establish plans at a reasonable price. Change I. Membership Activities F. Leadership Workshops 2. Participate in the Made for Excellence, Advanced Leadership Development and State Officer Candidates' School in the spring to 2. Participate in 212, Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day and State Officer Candidates' School in the spring. Update II. Leadership Training to include 360 training. Look into a reasonable goal for Proficiency applications in II. State Activities E. National Convention. Remove II. State Activities H. VSO Council and replace with New Jersey Ag Society. Update III. Community Activities A. Promote Good Public Relations Action Plan 2 to be based around social media use. Include NJFB Convention in III. Community Activities B. Organizational Relationships.				
Comments:	Look into what conferences are covered in II. State Activities A. Leadership Training 6. Participate in one (1) winter workshop.				
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Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: December 1, 2014

Committee: Membership & Chapter Relations

Committee Members Present: Hope Cahill, Kristianne Dowd, Keely Ditzo, Kyle Fisher, and Delaney Gray.

Absent: Catherine Cincotta

Purpose of Meeting: An In person meeting. Discuss the Photo A Day Challenge.

Recommended Action(s): February Photo-A Day Challenge! FFA week is included. Hash Tag Chat Now #NJFFAchatnow For an online chat sessions. We can use our Twitter account for that. Hold a live chat with the National FFA Officer during FFA week is an idea.

Comments: Next meeting date not yet decided.

Hope Cahill
Chairperson

Kristianne Dowd
Secretary