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New Jersey FFA Association

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

FROM: Niccolo Conte, State FFA President
Jenny J. Allen, State FFA Specialist
Erin Noble, State FFA Advisor

DATE: May 29, 2024

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, June 3, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.

All State Executive Board Members must attend this meeting. If these individuals cannot attend, they should call Ms. Allen at (609) 475-2373 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 2024-2025.

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 – Niccolo Conte**
- VII. Executive Committee Report – Julia Moreno**

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 - Mr. Cruzan

XIV. Unfinished Business

- A. State Convention Review – Niccolo Conte
- B. Honorary American Degree Nominations – Tyler Murnaghan
- C. Chapter Banquets – Julia Moreno
- D. Summer CDEs – Abrianna Portillo
 - a. Safe Tractor Operations Event (July 16, 2024)
 - b. Dairy Handlers Activity (August 20, 2024)

XV. New Business

- A. State Officer Leadership Training (June 8-9, 2024) – William Rutherford
- B. Alumni Golf Tournament (June 25, 2024) – Allison Josielewski
- C. Base Camp (June 26 – June 28, 2024) – Nina Weiland
- D. Code of Ethics – Niccolo Conte
- E. Select State Representatives to Organizations – Allison Josielewski
 - 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 – Tyler Murnaghan
 - a. Travel Policies
 - b. SO Attendance Policy
 - c. Executive Committee Attendance Policy
 - d. Social Media Policy
- G. State Officer Summit (July 22-26, 2024) – Nina Weiland
- H. Check Point #1 (July 30- Aug 1, 2024) – William Rutherford
- I. I AM Training (August 2, 2024) – Lilly Clements
- J. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion – Niccolo Conte
- K. Member of the Month – Julia Moreno
- L. State Officer Mileage – Abrianna Portillo

XVI. Closing Ceremonies

*Next State Meeting
July 1, 2024
New Jersey Department of Ag Building
9:00 am*

**New Jersey FFA Association
Minutes from the May 6, 2024 Meeting**

I. Opening Ceremonies

Chase Sherburne called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm. The voting members in attendance were Chase Sherburne, Maisie Shimko, Julia Moreno, Jonathan Finney and Mr. Cruzan. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Noble and Ms. Allen.

II. Minutes from March 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 passes.

III. Treasurer's Report

The opening balance for the month was \$81,785.59 and the closing balance was \$77,750.67.

Motion by Jonathan Finney to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.

Motion passed pending audit.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

There were no guests present.

Maisie Shimko assumed the duties of the chair.

V. Committee Reports

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

No report.

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

No report.

C. Career and Leadership Development Evaluation & Review

No report.

D. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation & Review

No report.

Chase Sherburne re-assumed the duties of the chair.

VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report

Chase discussed "adjournment." This is a motion that is used to end a meeting. It is not amendable and requires a majority vote. You would say, "I move to adjourn."

VII. Executive Committee Report

Jonathan Finney reviewed with the officers what their word of the month has been since June. He then proceeded to ask them what their word of the month is as well as one word they would use to sum up their year of serve.

VIII. Foundation Report

They met on April 9th via a zoom call. They discussed their financials as well as scholarship letters for state convention. They mentioned they had letters go out to donors. They reelected Jeremy Posluszny, Frank Yesalavich and Glenn Beebe to their respective office positions. The next meeting is on July 9th at the New Jersey Department of Agriculture building at 6:00 pm.

IX. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Report

They met on April 10th via a zoom call. They discussed their financials. The annual Golf Tournament is on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at Mercer Oaks Golf Course. They are looking for door prizes. Mrs. Neyhart will be at the Alumni Nation booth during State Convention. They will be hosting the Wednesday night of state convention social. They are looking for individuals to join the Alumni and Supporters board.

X. Food, Agriculture, & Natural Resources Education Advisory Council Report – Maisie Shimko

No report. The next meeting is on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at Monmouth University during the 95th State FFA Convention.

XI. New Jersey Agriculture Society Report

No report. The next meeting is May 8, 2024.

XII. Equine Advisory Board

This committee mentioned the driving derby series has sponsorship. There are many shows happening at the Dream Park, ARH is looking to expand and add programs in North Jersey. The Dream Park is starting horse schooling trials, the governor budget is out, and they are looking into Rutgers funding increases. They are looking to give scholarships for youth that help out in their communities.

XIII. New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators

They will be having a summer conference for teacher in July 2024. NJAAE members have applied for various awards that are available and judging has started for those awards. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at Monmouth University during the 95th State FFA Convention. At this meeting they will be electing new officers.

XIV. Unfinished Business

A. State Applications Judging

All application were judged virtually. There were 257 applications.

B. Horse Evaluation CDE

The Horse Evaluation CDE will be held on Sunday, April 7, 2024 at Gloucester DREAM Park. Warren Hills FFA Chapter is the first place team.

C. Retiring Address Workshop

This event took place on April 10, 2024 at the Rutgers Eco Complex at 5:00 pm. State Officers were evaluated on their retiring address and were paired up with an Alumni member to receive feedback on their retiring address.

D. PA Day CDEs

PA Day CDEs were held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at the Lebanon Expo Center in Lebanon, PA. Chase Sherburne and Julia Moreno were present at the event. There were several competitions including: Food Science and Technology - 1st place team is Bergen County Academies, Livestock Evaluation - 1st place team is Hunterdon County Polytech and Poultry Evaluation - 1st placed team is Woodstown. Congratulations to all winners!

E. Spring CDEs

Spring CDEs took place on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at Rutgers University. We offered 7 different competition including: Agronomy 1st place team is Newton, Agricultural Mechanics and Technology 1st place team is Northern Burlington, Agricultural Sales 1st place team is Union County, Environmental and Natural Resources 1st place team is Union County, Floriculture 1st place team is Warren Hills, Nursery Landscape 1st place team is Hunterdon County ESEA and Veterinary Science 1st place team is Allentown.

F. Agriscience Fair

The Agriscience Fair took place on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at the Rutgers Eco Complex. FFA members showed off their projects to judges. Chase Sherburne and Julia Moreno were present. Winners of each division are posted below. Congratulations to all winners!

Animal Systems

Division III: Fiona Beauchamp – Bergen County Academies

Division V: Muhammad El-Sherniny – Bergen County Academies

Division VI: Tatiana Bulluck & Abigail Matlosz – Hunterdon County Polytech

Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems

Division IV: Anjail Daftary & Dana Chung – Bergen County Academies

Division V: Michelle Rozenfeld – Bergen County Academies

Food Products & Processing Systems

Division I: Michelle Vidal-Mendez – Montague Township Middle

Division II: Katie Christmann & Hanna Eastridge – Montague Township Middle

Division V: Esat Acikgoz – Bergen County Academies

Division VI: Luana Pratisoli & Hannah Lee – Bergen County Academies

Plant Systems

Division I: Baylee Drake – Montague Township Middle

Division III: Andie Park – Bergen County Academies

Division V: Meredith Whitlock – Hunterdon County ESEA

Division VI: Justin Ahn & Pravitt Kochar – Bergen County Academies

Power, Structural, & Technical Systems

Division V: Nathan Srivatsa – Bergen County Academies

Social Systems

Division III: Ellie Drucker – Freehold

G. Dairy Cattle Evaluation

The Dairy Cattle Evaluation CDE took place on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at Dark Horse Farm in Bucks County, PA. The 1st place team is the Woodstown FFA chapter.

H. State Convention

1. Timeline

We are now two weeks from convention. The officers are preparing and memorizing their pieces.

2. Video Shoot

The State Officers have completed their video shoot.

3. Potential State Officers

State Officer Candidates turned in their applications on May 1, 2024. They have begun the next steps for the interview process. This year there are 7 applicants.

4. Nominating Committee

Currently there are 5 committee members chosen as the 2024 NJ State FFA Nominating Committee at State Convention. Members are: Emma Wuerthner from Hunterdon County ESEA, Maddin Emmons from Allentown, Naduni Arachchi from Freehold, Trisha Casady from Woodstown and Abigail DiGiamberdino from Cape May Tech.

5. Statewide Community Service

The project for this year is Confidence Closets, we are looking for chapters to collect items that are on the flyer posted on social media.

6. Delegate Issues

The delegate packet has been emailed out and posted on the state association webpage.

I. Team Goal Action Plan

The Board went over each goal and how well each goal was getting completed. They reached their goal of visiting all 37 chapters. They each have completed one additional visit to a chapter beyond their chapter visit requirement. They exceeded their goal of having 100 Blue Jacket applicants, with a total of 125 FFA members who filled out the application. They have 7 State Officer Candidates for 2024-2025.

XV. New Business

A. HO SAMPSON Chapter Recognition

Chapters receive a rating of bronze, silver and 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 2024-2025 officer team.

C. Chapter Banquets

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

D. Summer CDEs

The Safe Tractors Operation Event will be held on July 16, 2024 at the Burlington County Fairgrounds with a new registration time of 1:30 pm and event start of 2:00 pm. The Dairy Handlers Activity will not be held at Burlington County Fairgrounds. The date and location is TBA.

E. Agricultural Education/Agricultural Issues Discussion

Maisie discussed the EPA is strengthening the Superfund act. Many farmers will not be able to use their land for farm use. The USDA will be doing random farm inspections due to the strengthening of this act.

F. Member of the Month

Motion by Jonathan Finney to select Abrianna Portillo of the Phillipsburg FFA Chapter as May's Member of the Month.

Seconded by Maisie Shimko. Motion passes.

G. State Officer Mileage

Maisie and Julia all recorded mileage for the month of April.

Motion by Maisie Shimko to donate \$2,000.00 from the New Jersey FFA Association account to the New Jersey State FFA Foundation account to sponsor awards for the 95th New Jersey State FFA Convention.

Seconded by Jonathan Finney. Motion passed pending.

XVI. Closing Ceremonies

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 pm.

The next meeting will be held on June 3, 2024 at 4:00 pm in the 1st Floor Conference room, New Jersey Department of Agriculture Building.

4:16 PM

May 1, 2024

Cash Basis

NJ FFA Association
Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger
 As of April 30, 2024

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Split	Original Amount	Paid Amount	Balance
FFA							77,750.67 1
Deposit	04/02/2024		Deposit	-SPLIT-	1,252.29	1,252.29	79,002.96
Deposit	04/24/2024		Deposit	-SPLIT-	228.00	228.00	79,230.96
Check	04/25/2024	NJ Agricultural Society	annual membership	P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	-75.00	-75.00	79,155.96
Check	04/25/2024	New Jersey 4H Horse ...	Horse Rval CDE registrations	P2 (CDEs - Expense)	-245.00	-245.00	78,910.96
Deposit	04/26/2024		Deposit	-SPLIT-	813.75	813.75	79,724.71
Deposit	04/30/2024		Deposit	-SPLIT-	1,515.10	1,515.10	81,239.81
Total FFA						3,489.14	81,239.81
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4:16 PM

May 1, 2024

Cash Basis

NJ FFA Association
Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger
As of April 30, 2024

1. Opening Balance on April 1, 2024 was \$77,750.67

2. Closing Balance on April 30, 2024 was \$81,239.81