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**New Jersey FFA Association**  
**“Connect. Engage. Transform.”**

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

**FROM:** Jonathan Finney, State FFA President  
Hannah Owen-Ross, State FFA Specialist  
Erin Noble, State FFA Advisor

**DATE:** April 21, 2023

**RE:** State FFA Executive Board Meeting  
**Monday, May 1st, 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) 290-3212, 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 2022-2023.

**AGENDA FOR THE MAY STATE MEETING**

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the April State Meeting**
- III. Treasurer’s Report**
- IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**
- V. Committee Assignments**
  - A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities, State Applications, and State Convention Evaluation - Emily Sadlon
  - B. Membership, Chapter Relations, State Leadership Activities - Loriann De Sousa Rego
  - C. Career and Leadership Development Evaluation and Review - Chase Sherburne
  - D. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review - Jonathan Finney
- VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report – Jonathan Finney**
- VII. Executive Committee Report- Emily Sadlon**

- VIII. Foundation Report - Jonathan Finney**
- IX. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Report - Jonathan Finney**
- X. Food, Agriculture, & Natural Resources Education Advisory Council Report - Chase Sherburne**
- XI. New Jersey Agricultural Society Report - Jonathan Finney**
- XII. Equine Advisory Board - Loriann De Sousa Rego**
- XIII. New Jersey Association of Agriculture Educators – Mr. Dale Cruzan**
- XIV. Unfinished Business**
  - A. State Applications Judging (April 8-12, 2022) – Loriann De Sousa Rego
  - B. Retiring Address Workshop (April 12, 2022) – Chase Sherburne
  - C. Spring CDEs (April 20, 2022) – Chase Sherburne
  - D. Eastern PA FFA Day CDEs (April 25, 2022) – Jonathan Finney
  - E. Agriscience Fair (April 26, 2022) – Chase Sherburne
  - F. Dairy Evaluation CDE (April 29, 2022) – Jonathan Finney
  - G. State Convention Planning
    - a. Timeline – Loriann De Sousa Rego
    - b. Video Shoot – Jonathan Finney
    - c. Statewide Community Service Project – Chase Sherburne
    - d. State Officer Candidates – Emily Sadlon
    - e. Delegate Issues for State Convention – Loriann De Sousa Rego
  - H. Chapter Visits - Loriann De Sousa Rego
  - I. Chapter Banquets - Chase Sherburne
  - J. Team Goal Action Plan - Jonathan Finney
- XV. New Business**
  - A. HO Sampson Chapter Recognition – Chase Sherburne
  - B. Honorary American Degree Nominations – Jonathan Finney
  - C. Summer CDEs
    - a. Safe Tractor Operations Event – Loriann De Sousa Rego
    - b. Dairy Handlers Activity – Chase Sherburne
  - D. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion – Loriann De Sousa Rego
  - E. Member of the Month – Emily Sadlon
  - F. State Officer Mileage– Chase Sherburne
- XVI. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting- June 5th, 2023,  
New Jersey Department of Agriculture  
4:00 pm.*

**New Jersey FFA Association  
Minutes from the April 3, 2023 Meeting**

**I. Opening Ceremonies**

**Jonathan Finney** called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM. The voting members in attendance were Jonathan Finney, Chase Sherburne, and Emily Sadlon. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Noble, Mx. Owen-Ross, and Ms. McCluskey.

**II. Minutes from the March State Meeting**

**Chase Sherburne** moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as distributed.

**Seconded by Emily Sadlon. Motion passes.**

**III. Treasurer's Report**

The opening balance on March 1st, 2023 was \$98,710.23 and the closing balance on March 31st, 2023 was \$93,122.19

**Emily Sadlon moved** to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.

**Motion passes pending audit.**

**IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**

Lori De Sousa Rego was not present at the meeting due to a school obligation.

**Emily Sadlon** moved to excuse Lori De Sousa Rego's absence.

**Seconded by Chase Sherburne. Motion passes.**

Mr. Dale Cruzan was also absent from the meeting.

**V. Committee Assignments**

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

No report

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

No report

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

No report

**D. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review**

-No report

**VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report**

Jonathan Finney reviewed the definition and usage of referring something to a committee.

**VII. Executive Committee Report**

Emily Sadlon led a short discussion for the officers to discuss feelings about the upcoming State Convention and other events.

**VIII. Foundation Report**

The next Foundation meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**IX. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Report - Jonathan Finney**

The Next Alumni & Supporters Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, following the State Officer Retiring Address Workshop.

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

The next Advisory Council meeting will take place at Monmouth University on Wednesday, May 25 during the 94<sup>th</sup> New Jersey FFA State Convention.

**XI. New Jersey Agricultural Society Report -**

Jonathan Finney attended the Ag Society Gala, where he assisted with set-up and clean-up and socialized with members of the Ag Society.

**XII. Equine Advisory Board**

At their most recent meeting, the board discussed many upcoming workshops and other opportunities.

**XIII. New Jersey Association of Agriculture Educators – Mr. Dale Cruzan**

The next NJAAE meeting will be held during State Convention at Monmouth University.

**XIV. Unfinished Business**

**A. Horticulture Exposition and Floral Design CDE (March 10-11, 2023)**

Members from around the state competed in the Floral Design CDE, showed off their talents in the horticultural exposition, and participated in industry-focused workshops. The Phillipsburg FFA Chapter placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Floral Design and will be creating stage decorations for State Convention. Past New Jersey State FFA Officers Jamie Specca and Dave Watts facilitated workshops for members, and also served as judges for the Horticultural Exposition.

**B. National Ag Day (March 21, 2023)**

Webinars were possibly held, officers weren't emailed the link to attend.

**C. Winter CDE (March 22, 2023)**

The Farm & Agribusiness Management CDE was held virtually on March 22. The Newton FFA Chapter placed 1<sup>st</sup>.

**D. Statewide Community Service Project**

New Jersey FFA will be partnering with City Green to collect materials for & create gardening kits for school gardens across New Jersey. Officers

should be advertising the event on social media and encouraging chapters/members to participate.

**E. New Jersey Agricultural Society Gala (March 25)**

Jonathan attended as a State Officer and Ag Society representative. Past New Jersey State FFA Presidents Abbey Goodenough and Jamie Specca were also in attendance.

**F. Horse Evaluation (April 2, 2023)**

The Horse Evaluation CDE was held on Saturday, April 2 at the Sussex County Fairgrounds. This event was held in conjunction with New Jersey 4-H's Horse Judging Contest. The 1<sup>st</sup> Place team was the Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter.

**G. State Applications Judging (April 8-12, 2023)**

All of these applications were due April 1st, once all applications are in they will be judged virtually.

**H. Retiring Address Workshop (April 12, 2023)**

State Officers will be presenting their retiring addresses to alumni members and receiving feedback, starting at 5:00 pm.

**I. Spring CDEs (April 20, 2023)**

Spring CDEs will be held in person on Thursday, April 20 at Rutgers University. Events taking place are Ag Sales, Ag Technology & Mechanical Systems, Environmental & Natural Resources, Floriculture, Nursery/Landscape, and Veterinary Science.

**J. Eastern PA FFA Day CDEs (April 25, 2023)**

New Jersey FFA members will participate in Pennsylvania FFA's Eastern PA FFA Day CDEs on Tuesday, April 25 in Lebanon, PA. NJ FFA members will be competing in Agronomy, Food Science, Livestock Evaluation, and Poultry Evaluation.

**K. Agriscience Fair (April 26, 2022)**

The New Jersey FFA Agriscience Fair will be held on Wednesday, April 26 at the Rutgers EcoComplex. Members will present their research projects to judges and winners will be announced at state convention.

**L. Dairy Evaluation (April 29, 2022)**

New Jersey FFA members will compete in the Dairy Evaluation CDE hosted by New Jersey 4-H on Sunday, April 29.

**M. Chapter Visits**

The State Officers have completed nearly all of their assigned Chapter Visits for the year. They will attempt to schedule the remaining visits before State Convention.

N. **Team Goal Action Plan** - Jonathan Finney

XV. **New Business**

A. **State Convention Planning**

a. **Timeline**

State Officers reviewed the State Convention timeline to see what tasks needed to be accomplished

b. **Video Shoot**

The State Officers will meet to film State Convention videos on Friday, April 7th.

c. **Statewide Community Service Project**

d. **Potential State Officers/ Nom Com**

The board reviewed the list of potential nominating committee members and state officer candidates, and discussed ways to support and encourage members who are pursuing these opportunities.

e. **Delegate Issues for State Convention**

The board discussed the proposed Constitutional amendment that would change the language in New Jersey's Constitution to better align with the recently amended National FFA Constitution in regard to middle school FFA membership.

B. **Agricultural Education Issues Discussion**

Emily Sadlon shared about how the beef industry is worried about hoof-and-mouth disease, farm PPE is divvying out biosecurity tools, and tips to make sure the beef industry is safe from the spread of this disease.

C. **Member of the Month**

**Emily Sadlon moved** to accept Daisy Mullin from the Woodstown FFA Chapter as the April Member of the Month.

**Seconded by Chase Sherburne. Motion passes.**

D. **State Officer Mileage**

Only Lori De Sousa Rego submitted mileage for the month of March.

XVI. **Closing Ceremonies**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

The next meeting will be held on May 1, 2023 at 4:00 P.M.

## NJ FFA Association FFA Monthly Budget Summary March 2023

	Mar 23	Jul '22 - Mar 23	\$ Under / Over Budget	Annual Budget
<b>Income</b>				
P1 Dues/Memberships (Income)	2,250.00	54,170.00	1,995.00	52,175.00
P2 CDEs (Income)	633.00	1,985.00	-50.00	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)	910.00	28,515.29	-8,437.71	36,953.00
P6 State Convention (Income)	-17.00	4,951.00	-56,069.00	61,020.00
P7 National Convention (Income)	0.00	1,500.00	-1,460.00	2,960.00
P8 Horticulture Expo (income)	1,012.00	1,012.00	-2,388.00	3,400.00
P9 SO Continnum (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P10 ALLD (Income)	4,023.52	7,090.24	3,189.24	3,901.00
P11 Mission Conf (Income)	-35.00	3,382.00	-368.00	3,750.00
P12 SOCS (Income)	0.00	0.00	-11.00	11.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>8,776.52</b>	<b>102,805.53</b>	<b>-63,399.47</b>	<b>166,205.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
P1 (Dues/Memberships-Expense)	0.00	16,428.30	4,178.30	12,250.00
P2 (CDEs - Expense)	400.00	2,574.10	-9,298.90	11,873.00
P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	480.50	7,114.16	4,689.16	2,425.00
P4 (State Officers - Expense)	65.00	6,273.09	216.09	6,057.00
P5 (LEAD - Expense)	0.00	36,581.39	-180.61	36,762.00
P6 (State Convention - Expense)	0.00	61,702.26	-1,672.74	63,375.00
P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	0.00	5,719.39	-1,800.61	7,520.00
P8 (Hort Expo - Expense)	3,444.75	3,590.68	-5,169.32	8,760.00
P9 (SO Continnum - Expense)	0.00	2,000.00	-2,384.00	4,384.00
P10 (ALLD-Expense)	3,935.63	6,320.63	-464.37	6,785.00
P11 (Mission Conf-Expense)	6,550.00	9,108.80	3,514.80	5,594.00
P 12 (SOCS-Expense)	-36.00	-82.00	-502.00	420.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>14,839.88</b>	<b>157,330.80</b>	<b>-8,874.20</b>	<b>166,205.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-6,063.36</b>	<b>-54,525.27</b>	<b>-56,778.27</b>	<b>0.00</b>



**NJ FFA Association**  
**Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger**  
**As of March 31, 2023**

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Split	Original Amount	Paid Amount	Balance
<b>FFA</b>							98,710.23 <b>1</b>
Check	03/07/2023	National FFA Organizat...	National FFA Conference supplies & facilitat...	P11 (Mission Conf-Expense)	-6,550.00	-6,550.00	92,160.23
Check	03/07/2023	The College of New Jer...	final ALLD invoice	P10 (ALLD-Expense)	-3,935.63	-3,935.63	88,224.60
Check	03/09/2023	Preferred Party Place	Hort Expo tables & linens	P8 (Hort Expo - Expense)	-2,776.25	-2,776.25	85,448.35
Check	03/09/2023	Preferred Party Place	Floral Design tables	P8 (Hort Expo - Expense)	-668.50	-668.50	84,779.85
Deposit	03/09/2023		Deposit	-SPLIT-	1,614.88	1,614.88	86,394.73
Deposit	03/09/2023		Deposit	-SPLIT-	3,622.32	3,622.32	90,017.05
Check	03/09/2023	Vegetable Growers Ass...	Chase Sherburne banquet registration	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-65.00	-65.00	89,952.05
Deposit	03/14/2023		Deposit	-SPLIT-	1,816.56	1,816.56	91,768.61
Check	03/21/2023	NJ Agricultural Society	annual membership	P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	-75.00	-75.00	91,693.61
Check	03/24/2023	American Income Life I...	supplemental participant insurance	P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	-405.50	-405.50	91,288.11
Deposit	03/27/2023		Deposit	-SPLIT-	1,666.00	1,666.00	92,954.11
Deposit	03/27/2023		Deposit	-SPLIT-	568.08	568.08	93,522.19
Check	03/27/2023	New Jersey 4H Horse ...	Horse Evaluation registrations	P2 (CDEs - Expense)	-400.00	-400.00	93,122.19
Total FFA						-5,588.04	93,122.19
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>-5,588.04</b>	<b>93,122.19 <b>2</b></b>

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March 31, 2023

Cash Basis

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