

**Meeting Minutes of
Iowa FFA Board of Directors and Iowa FFA Officers
June 2002
Ames, Iowa**

A meeting of the Iowa FFA Board of Directors and the Iowa FFA Officers was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Rob Rudolphi, Iowa FFA President, and David Hill, board chairperson, at the Gateway Center Hotel in Ames, Iowa. All members of the Board were present.

Board of Directors:

**David Hill
Brian Harper
John Kent
Brett Oetken
Steve Olsen
Dennis Selness
Bill Hammes
James Horn
Sarah Denburger
Greg Miller**

Board of Iowa FFA Officers:

**Rob Rudolphi
Erik Oberbroeckling
Toni Carlson
Kathy Wuebker
Matt Thome
Cassie Ehrman
Thomas Meierotto
Betsy Ratashak
Stefan Knudsen**

Ex-Officio Members

**Dale Gruis
Kim Anderson
Wayne Nattress**

Standard Agenda Items:

Secretary's Report-

Erik Oberbroeckling presented the secretary's report of the March 2002 Board Meeting.

- Moved to accept by Knudsen. Seconded by Oberbroeckling. Carried
- Moved to concur by Harper. Seconded by Selness. Carried

Treasurer's Report-

Kim Anderson presented the treasurer's report. Balance on hand as of June 22, 2002 is \$138, 939.70. The Profit and Loss Statement balance for FY02 is \$16, 861.72.

- Moved to accept by Meierotto. Seconded by Erhman. Carried
- Moved to concur by Hammes. Seconded by Olson. Carried

FFA Membership Report-

Kim Anderson presented to the board that as of May 15th, there were 229 chapters and 11,300 members in the Iowa FFA Association.

IAAE Report-

Brian Harper presented that the recent legislative proceedings will be discussed at the Ag teachers conference.

Alumni Report-

John Kent presented Alumni happenings to the board. The association will have their annual conference January 25, 2002.

Foundation Report-

Wayne Nattress gave this report to the board and highlighted the golf tournament and recent budget cuts. Nattress also spoke about 1st-3rd year teacher scholarships that are available.

FFA Report-

Erik Oberbroeckling presented to the board what the state officer team has been doing since their election in April and highlighted some of their future commitments.

Iowa State Fair Report-

Kim Anderson highlighted nomination and entry numbers to the board. Brian Krug will be serving as the FFA Usher Supervisor. The fair will be held August 8-18.

Post Secondary Report-

Dr. Greg Miller highlighted department faculty changes and some curriculum changes in the agricultural education programs. Dr. Miller also announced that there were 27 student teachers in the spring term and 3 for this upcoming fall term.

Non-Action Items:**1. Annual Report Progress and Feedback-**

- Compliments and complaints of the new process were discussed.
- Dale Gruis highlighted the benefit of the data when defending legislative funding.

2. National Soils Event Student Eligibility-

- Dale Gruis reported to the board about a concern the national soils event.
- The parties involved are requesting the board to review the procedures/rules pertaining to substituting members at national competition.
- This item will appear as an action item on the September agenda.

3. National Chapter Judging Recommendation-

- Dale Gruis shared a letter that was received from an advisor requesting that the National Chapter Judging Process needs to be reviewed so the process is more like it is at the National Level. The state process currently follows the national scoring procedures and rubric.
- Gruis will provide a copy of the letter to the board members.
- This item will appear as an action item on the September agenda.

4. Ag Sales Career Development Event Concern-

- Dale Gruis shared letters of complaint concerning the Team Ag Sales CDE. Gruis will provide a copy of the correspondence to the board members.
- Gruis will contact the Ag Sales committee to share the information.

5. Recruitment Program Progress Report-

- Jared Stewart and Brittany Greene presented recruitment programs to 6 of 10-targeted schools for the pilot of the program in 2002. The pilot was sponsored in part by Ritchie Industries through the Iowa FFA Foundation. Feedback to the Foundation and Ritchie Industries has been very positive.
- Ritchie Industries has committed to sponsor a full program of 30 targeted schools for 2002-2003.

6. Sub-District and District Award Management Software-

- New software has been developed and piloted by Irv Meier for use at district conventions.
- Irv will likely present to the board at the September meeting.

7. Early Graduation Eligibility Statement-

- Dale Gruis presented the Early Graduation Eligibility statement. The formation of the statement was requested at the December 2001 meeting to be in accordance with State Department of Education policy. The statement will be published in the 2003+ Event Bulletin.

8. State Conference Committee Report-

- Michael Cooley of the Orient Macksburg FFA and Alan Spencer, chair of the Conference Committee, presented the findings of the committee. It was the recommendation of the committee to move the state leadership conference to Ames, Iowa and change it into a 2-day format.

Action Items:

1. State Leadership Conference Location and Format Proposals

- Motion to accept the committee recommendation: move the conference to Ames for 2003-2005 and present it in a 2 day format.
 - Concurred by Miller. Seconded by Olson. (Location: Carried; 2 Day Format: Carried)
 - Moved by Ratashak. Seconded by Wuebker. (Location: Carried; 2 Day Format: Carried)
 - Motion to divide the motion into two: Motion to move the conference to Ames for 2003-2005 and Motion to present the conference in a 2 day format.
 - Motion made by Selness. Seconded by Hammes. Carried

2. FY03 Budget Proposal-

- Kim Anderson presented the FY03 Budget. The anticipated carryover is \$1520. Motion to accept the budget as presented.
 - Moved to accept by Meierotto. Seconded by Carlson. Carried
 - Concurred by Selness. Seconded by Denburger. Carried

3. 2002-2003 FFA Calendar Approval-

- The calendar was reviewed and board-meeting dates were discussed for September and December. Motion to accept the calendar with additions.
 - Motion by Meierotto. Seconded by Wuebker. Carried
 - Concurred by Olson. Seconded by Oetken. Carried

4. Delinquent Chapter Reinstatement Power to Act-

- Motion to grant the State FFA Advisor the power to reinstate chapters once all of the required materials are submitted.
 - Moved by Wuebker. Seconded by Oberbroeckling. Carried
 - Concurred by Hammes. Seconded by Selness. Carried

5. State Officer Scholarship Requirement Proposal-

- Motion to accept the State Officer responsibility scholarship requirements. State Officers must fulfill a specific set of required duties to be eligible to receive their \$1000 scholarships at the end of their officer year.
 - Moved by Oberbroeckling. Seconded by Carlson. Carried
 - Concurred by Selness. Seconded by Hammes. Carried

6. Honorary Degree Procedure Proposal-

- Dale Gruis proposed replacing the current application for the Honorary State Degree with a district peer nomination of one teacher and one non-educator supporter per district per year. Motion to change to nomination format.
 - Moved by Ratashak. Seconded by Knudsen. Carried
 - Concurred by Olson. Seconded by Kent. Carried

7. American Degree Review Process Proposal

- Dale Gruis proposed a revised procedure for reviewing American Degree applications. Motion to accept the proposal. The revised procedure will be printed as part of the 2003+ Events Bulletin.
 - Moved by Knudsen. Seconded by Thome. Carried
 - Concurred by Kent. Seconded by Selness. Carried

8. Iowa Degree Review Process Proposal-

- Dale Gruis proposed a review process to form a district verification committee and make the review process more efficient, more timely, and better suited to handle candidate appeals. Motion to accept the proposal. The revised process will be published as part of the 2003+ Events Bulletin.
 - Moved by Wuebker. Seconded by Ratashak. Carried
 - Concurred by Horn. Seconded by Hammes. Carried

9. Ag Skills CDE Review-

- Kim Anderson presented a chapter's proposal to eliminate the rule that teams cannot register for Ag Skills CDEs within two weeks of the event. The chapter proposes that team may register following the two-week prior deadline, but must pay at \$100 entry fee. Motion was made to allow registration up to the day of the event with a \$50 entry fee for CDE teams during the final two weeks.
 - Moved by Knudsen. Seconded by Wuebker. Carried
 - Motion was made to postpone.
 - Moved by Erhman. Seconded by Carlson. Carried
 - Appoint item of business to committee of Ag skills CDE chairpersons and report back at November board meeting.

Adjournment at 6:15 p.m.

- Moved by Oberbroeckling. Seconded by Thome. Carried
- Concurred by Horn. Seconded by Selness. Carried