Washington FFA Association Board of Directors Meeting - MINUTES
Farm Bureau – Harvest Room
975 Carpenter Rd. NE. Lacey WA 98516
April 17, 2018

I. Call to Order (12:00pm) and Roll Call – Introductions Dennis Wallace; Marty Fortin; Ricardo Ibarra; Ron Crawford, John Gross; JD Baser; Craig Shindler; Jesse Taylor; Duane Hamp; Gene Forrester; Andy Barth, Anne Meyer; Ricardo Ibarra, Seth Smith (voting), Mollee Gray, Taylor Enns (voting), Sydney Klaveano, Kelci Scharff, Matt Rounsley (voting); Justin Leighton
Via phone: Abbie DeMeerleer, Liz Graaff;
Guest: Tamara Whitcomb, Mt. Baker FFA/FFA Committee Chair (WAAE)

II. Approval of Agenda – updated time to 12-4pm.
MOTION: Approve with time correction 1-4pm; Reports – add FFA Alumni report. Seth, Andy. 2nd – vv, unanimous in favor.

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Distributed with Meeting announcement)
MOTION: Approve as presented. Marty, Seth. 2nd – vv, unanimous in favor.

IV. Reports
   a. WAAE Report: Liz and John – Summer Conference @ Heathman Lodge in Vancouver; FFA Committee adjusted schedule so can have recommendations to FFA Board; Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 27th.
   b. FFA State Officer Report: Matt & Seth – FFA Week promotion of service project; legislative visits; 3 officers went with Tenino to CA “Field Day”; 2 weeks of B&I tours (D1 area & Walla Walla area); impromptu visit with National Officer Gracie Furnish.
   c. WSU Report: JD – New professor Anna Warner on campus this week and then should be at WAAE summer conference; getting ready for state convention CDEs & AgEd Club. ?Press release
   d. FFA Alumni: Denny/Ricardo – Mark Poeschl is making lots of changes and Alumni moved under the FFA umbrella. When Alumni relaunched 5-6 years ago it was essentially a “department” of National FFA and NFFA has used the Alumni Council as an advisory board but has stalled on issues related to younger alumni members. This change is really bringing them back as a “department/program” of NFFA. Josh Rusk will be at state convention and doing workshops. All “day-to-day” will remain the same with Josh reporting to Foundation Director. Washington Alumni was recognized for growth in 16-17. Looking forward to continued growth.
      • CDE threshold updates following WAAE Spring Exec: VetSci cut/updated schedule will be used in 2018 to see the impact; MQP - only 36 teams in 2017 so see how 2018 goes...see if can get a sponsor otherwise consider a "pay to play" $20/team fee for 2019; Food Sci will adopt the same "cut" as VetSci (all individuals take the test, problem-solving & customer inquiry...then cut to the top 25 teams and Top 20 students for the additional practicums and team activity) and see if this helps the event and review at summer conference.
MOTION: Approve two amendments as presented. Andy, John 2nd – vv, unanimous in favor.
   
Review how the recommendations go at WAAE summer conference.
Still have teams that show up that aren’t prepared, but also give a student who shows talent the opportunity to excel. WAAE also tried to consider district representation when coming up with these ideas to address size/cost/efficiency in these changes. JD: hopefully cost savings in copies.
   • Delegate Issues to Approve for Consideration:
District Officer Requirement for State Office (submitted by Cedarcrest)
State Degree Hour Requirement (submitted by Cedarcrest) AND review/comment on the NY National Constitutional Change Proposal (no action)
State Officer Scholarship (submitted by 17-18 State Officer Team)

Possible Dues Increase -- not submitted by a chapter, but have received notification from NFFA
NFFA Inclusion Statement -- not submitted by a chapter, but have received notification from NFFA and might consider WAFFA modification/adoption
NFFA Constitutional updates -- not submitted by a chapter, but have received notification from NFFA and might consider WAFFA modification/adoption

Discussion about the National FFA changes that are being considered – Dues and the changes that are coming (increase/push to affiliate/middle school) need lots of discussion – Marty talked with state auditor person and chapter can fundraise or use CTE funds but can’t charge kids; discussion about state degree hours.

f. OSPI Report: Denny – Budget 1.75M for CASE equipment; $1M for CTE equipment; putting together fiscal-19 budget requests; Supt. Reykdahl creates a good working environment – out of the box thinking that can help reshape education; advocate of equivalency credits and apprenticeship; got the same that we’ve always gotten for student leadership.
Legislation: Handout. Package to get additional CTE funds for getting an assistant CTE director. Looking to add a Career-Connected Learning position. Looking to get 4 admin. assistants back into CTE. Have meet with GR team on the bills that were passed this session.
CASE – Goldendale – Ag Power and Technology: Mini Grant available for $2100. Reg is $2800.00: July 8 Orientation 4:30 July 19th; 13 WA schools-2 out of state currently registered. All that wanted to go (from WA) are able to go on scholarship (between OSPI & NFFA).

g. Federal Charter Report: Denny/Abbie – Still concerning changes especially related to the Board make-up but no real feedback from the states. Farm Bill was introduced in the House of Representatives last week with a provision for a new “agricultural youth organization coordinator position” at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Riley Pagett, NFFA director of advocacy and government relations, has been working on this. Riley is also keeping the National FFA Charter moving through Congress. The legislative text was completed last week in the House and may even be introduced in the House this week (already introduced in the Senate). Once this occurs, both the Senate and the House bills will be referred to their respective judiciary committees. I was selected to be one of three NFFA Delegate Coordinators (three-year role) so will be integrally involved in any constitutional changes the organization will need/try to make to create alignment with the new charter.

V. Financial Report
   a. Finance Update: Abbie –
       MOTION: Close USBank account when appropriate and transfer to Columbia Bank. Ron, Andy 2nd – vv, unanimous in favor.
       Denny requests that there is a combined financial report (show both USBank & Columbia Bank #s) for the June meeting. Do a 3-year of the profit-loss/budget for all reports going forward.

VI. Unfinished Business
   a. Vote to amend the CDE Rules/Guidelines with corrected "Patrick Model" explanation. -Abbie
       MOTION: Approve two amendments as presented. Matt, John 2nd – vv, unanimous in favor.
   b. Need a motion to close US Bank no later than June 30 and transfer assets to Columbia Bank. (the bookkeeper I am working with pro bono said she would help the Board reps who are going to do the account close/transfer to make sure our books don’t get messed up but we need this motion in order to take action).
      Done during the Finance report.
   c. Strategic Plan Committee: Recruit Members; sent out materials for feedback. Work on during
meeting at the Heathman for 1 hour run by Ron. What are we about and where do we need to go?
Needs to be the document that we follow and grow forward from.

Handout and discussion. See about working with AgForestry Leadership again. RC- how do we
become a “pet project” for a legislator to slide funding in? Hard to go after salary but how to
reduce barriers for students is more palatable...maybe

e. Scantron Committee Report: Abbie -

VII. New Business

a. Legislative Reports – Capital Budget (CTE Equipment & FFA Foundation for CASE Equipment)

b. WAFFA Constitutional Change approval to adopt the new NFFA membership year dates (Sept 1
changes to Aug 1 and Aug 31 changes to July 31). This is already adopted at the National level.

c. Board Consideration: Add an "Outstanding Administrator" award? Certificate or plaque? Budget
allocation? WAAE supports. DW – do recognize honorary state degrees; other organizations
recognize legislators – what about “outstanding citizen”? Should it be limited? Need process. Is
Honorary State Degree enough? RC-Have Foundation recognize an over-&-above supporter.

d. For Board Approval: Honorary State Degree Nominees:

Austin Miller (D5-advisor); Derek Forbes (D1); Donald Montgomery (D3); Jim Poldevart (D9); Kyle
Rydell (D5); Larry Ledgerwood (D6); Mike Machowek (D3-advisor); Nate Smith (D6); Stacey Lishcke
(D1-advisor); Co Dinn (CASE Bill, AFL class #38); Emily Bautista-Herdt (CASE Bill, AFL class #38);
Saleh Prohim (CASE Bill, AFL class #38); Ryan Holterhoff (CASE Bill, AFL class #38); Ben Buchholz
(CASE Bill); Dan Coyne (CASE Bill); Senator Jim Honeyford (CASE Bill)
MOTION: Approve list as submitted by districts and Board. Andy, Matt 2nd – vv, unanimous in favor.

e. Honorary American Degree Nominees:

Senator Jim Honeyford; Bob Brown; Randy Wiggins
MOTION: Approve to nominated the list presented. Matt, Andy 2nd – vv, unanimous in favor.

f. Governing Committee (to include the State Advisor, a member of the Board of Directors, and a member of
the Board of Washington FFA State Officers. The Governing Committee shall have the power to deal with
items of business of the state association. All official actions of the Governing Committee shall be reported to
the Washington FFA Board of Directors) DW-wanted to be sure the Board knows about this. Do we
want to fill these positions? State President and chair of Foundation? Update to reflect what we do
– virtual board meeting?

g. $35 Registration fee for National Convention participants – will be passed to the chapter this year.

IX. Other Business

a. Meeting dates for rest of year –

• June 27th (Wednesday) WAAE Conference- Vancouver) Vancouver; Association at 9am,
  Foundation at 1pm.
• October 16th (Tuesday) Ellensburg – Cattleman’s Building (Abbie will ask; 9a-4p).

b. Other -- JD suggestion that Board always invite the WAAE FFA committee chair to all board
meetings. DW- may need to also consider our board member definitions (term limits, etc.). RC-
Justin Leighton has interest in being on the Board. RI- would be good to have standing committees.
Maybe add agenda piece for FFA committee chair with WAAE. Ricardo & committee will work on
Constitution updates to reflect the Board information for consideration.

c. Gene underwent a heart-valve replacement surgery...hoping all went smoothly.

X. Adjournment – 3:17pm adjourned.