I. Call to Order (9:08am) and Roll Call – Introductions

Dennis Wallace; Abbie DeMeerleer, Marty Fortin; Ron Crawford, Liz Graaff; John Gross; JD Baser; Jesse Taylor; Andy Barth, Seth Smith; Mollee Gray, Matt Rounsley; Sydney Klaveano; Taylor Enns; Kelci Scharff

II. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Amend with addition of Mr. Bernie Nash for an SAE opportunity presentation in Other Business. Ron, Mollee 2nd – vv, unanimous in favor.

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Approve as presented. Seth, Mollee 2nd – vv, unanimous in favor.

IV. Reports

a. WAAE Report: Liz and John – Preparation for CDEs/LDEs. Summer Conference June 24-28, 2018 in Vancouver, clock hours for STEM and standard, looking for Quarter-Century folks (including BoD members), Monday District meetings, Tuesday morning is committee meetings and night is auction, Wednesday is tour day/recommendation for Board of Directors meeting day, Wednesday is also banquet, Thursday remaining committee meetings and general session done by 5pm. Annette will secure room for BoD if we can confirm with her as soon as possible. AD recommendation regarding FFA Committee would be to consider adjusting FFA Committee schedule so can have recommendations for the BoD (otherwise the final committee meeting is after the BoD meeting and recommendations will have to wait until the October BoD meeting).

b. FFA State Officer Report: Mollee and Sydney – Now that resolution #3 passed in the previous minutes, the three voting members for Association=Seth, Matt, Taylor; Foundation=Mollee, Sydney, Kelci. National FFA Convention – made a motion on the floor regarding the national charter change, didn’t pass. Fall chapter visits (will calculate approximate # of students impacted); Winter Retreat planning and team connection; ILSSO (Mollee, Taylor, Sydney, Kelci); Legislative visits (12 so far, 7+ yet to have); Farm Bureau Legislative Day was a success (thank you Andy!!); 212/360 leadership conferences this weekend; FFA Week big plans; B&I tours (2 weeks) in Walla Walla and D1 area; State Convention.

c. WSU Report: JD – State Agronomy on March 21 hosted by WSU-CAHNRS/AgEd Club and will pilot the judgingcard.com system; AgEd search not complete yet – interviewed 4 (started with 14 applicants) candidates from ID-FL-OR-VA, committee met yesterday regarding recommendations but offer not made yet; recruitment – STAR meetings, NAAE western region, AgExpo, State Convention – JD has 39 advisees and Colette is helping also; Summer Inservice Shortblock Saturday before WAAE conference; thank Candis and Abbie for helping with coursework in fall; AgEd430 (CASE AnSci) being taught by Nathan & Jessica Moore this spring and have 19 students who will be CASE certified at end of semester – plan is to continue to offer CASE courses at WSU just not sure who will offer them; WSU AgEd is now an Alumni Affiliate, coordinated by Maya Wahl and CAHNRS Senate is also promoting to college.
d. **FFA Report:** Abbie – Membership summary (9300+ as of 2/2/18); 212/360 this weekend; NOC selection; CDE coordinators still needed in specific events; Star Rubrics will be piloted by the Board in March/April; Convention updates – wary about room requests because is a new WSU person who doesn’t really know FFA; request discussion regarding thresholds for some events at convention; request discussion regarding National Convention registration fee; calendars for Jan-May 2018, June 2018-May 2019, June 2019-May 2020, June 2020-Jan 2021.

e. **OSPI Report:** Denny – Very interesting 2-3 months because of course approval switch to program approval; yellow-line report for claiming students that are in approved courses; Governor passed Capital budget which will benefit CTE/AgEd/FFA because of STEM support, CTE equipment grants (OSPI is putting together the app in iGrants right now) – “first come, first serve” was included in the grant language so trying to figure that out; AgSci school grants → $1.75 million to WAFFA Foundation to provide districts with CASE equipment grants...12% will be taken off the top for operations...grants will be processed by Foundation, not OSPI; HB2311 needs to be watched...CTSOs included as extracurricular...$5 student limit (if free/reduced). Ag Forestry Leadership bill to support Association didn’t move forward because they were on international trip during the submission period. Hope they will continue it next year. Will host a CASE at Goldendale (Ag PowerTech) July 8-19...mini-grants just went out...16 spots (have to hold 4 for out of state)...Foundation will manage. OSPI hired fulltime Skilled & Technical Sciences supervisor so that will help Denny’s time. Becky is working with Santos to get a new couple of people in OSPI related to Career & Connected learning.

f. **Federal Charter Report:** Abbie gave an update – NFFA is moving forward and will drop Feb.16.

V. **Financial Report**

a. **Finance Update:** Abbie – Q4 summary.


c. **2018 Budget** – Abbie – explained updates made since Q4 finalized. Still conservative but excluding Perkins support is main loss point *(if it comes through will help balance)*.

**MOTION:** Accept the 2018 budget as presented, with ability to make changes as necessary.

Matt, Ron 2nd. vv – unanimous in favor.

VI. **Unfinished Business**

a. **CDE Thresholds**– Abbie. Food Science/Vet Sci/MQP/First-Year Member → no pre-qualifiers so running into space and some cost issues. Liz: WAAE has had discussions to try to limit but lots of conflicts. Lots of discussion about Pro: value of getting students to convention, Con: lack of supervision when not competing and not being prepared for event when arriving. Look at changes for 2019 convention.

**MOTION:** MQP go to district qualifiers to seed the 36 lottery slots for the 2019 state convention. Matt, Ron 2nd. Move to amend: insert “Food Science” after MQP. Liz, Matt 2nd. vv – unanimous in favor.

**AMENDED MOTION:** MQP and Food Science go to district qualifiers to seed the 36 lottery slots for the 2019 state convention. Move to table to March/June meeting. Liz. John 2nd. vv – unanimous in favor. TABLED.

**MOTION:** Table consideration of VetSci and First-Year Member until our next regularly scheduled meeting. Matt. Jesse 2nd. vv – unanimous in favor. *Tabled until April 2018 meeting.*
b. **National Convention CDE/LDE/Agriscience registration fee ($35)** — should it be responsibility of WAFFA or chapters?

**MOTION:** The state association will pass the National FFA competition $35 registration fee to chapters (CDE/LDE/Agriscience). Matt, Marty 2nd. vv — passes, but there was opposition.

c. **Strategic Plan Committee** — Denny sent out materials for feedback. Committee will work to have something to share at the June BoD meeting. If board members have thoughts or suggestions, please give to committee members.

d. **Advocacy Committee** = Marty, John, Kristin, Mollee, Denny, Abbie and Marissa (*Jesse replaces Marissa*). This was tabled at our last meeting (October). Committee will work to meet before April meeting for something with advocacy. Identify legislators that might be special members...maybe Ag Forestry Leadership special members?


f. **State Calendar** — Abbie. Shared 3 years of projected calendars, noted that the Google calendar should always be the current/accurate source for information.

**MOTION:** Approve the 2018-2019 calendar and tentatively approve the 2019-2020 and 2020-Jan 2021 calendars. Matt, Ron 2nd. vv – unanimous in favor.

**VII. New Business**

a. **Legislative Reports** — Capital Budget (CTE Equipment & FFA Foundation for CASE Equipment). Covered in Denny’s OSPI report.

b. **Executive Director Contract** — Negotiated and signed a contract (3-year) in January.

**MOTION:** Ratify and accept contract for Executive Director. Marty, Taylor 2nd. vv-unanimous.

c. **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 but is only 3 people, is that okay?

**IX. Other Business**

a. Meeting dates for rest of year – April 17 (Olympia); June 27 (Vancouver), October tentatively week of 15-18 (Ellensburg).

b. Bernie Nash SAE opportunity —> Former Mt. Baker member, American degree recipient. Has a partner who is also willing to make this opportunity available (Gerald – also an American degree recipient). 500 pullets + feed to a student member for a reduced cost and would keep in production for a year – would need ~20x50 sq.ft. area. (*Feed would be ~$400/ton which lasts ~ 1 month*) There is a portable house that can hold ~550 chickens (*maybe get a sponsor for this or maybe chapters could build*?). They would in turn pay the student for the eggs (*12 cases of eggs in a week would be average production – so may need a couple refrigerators*). Bernie/Gerald would come weekly to pickup eggs. Best to have 3-4 students in an area so can localize egg pickup and feed sack delivery. Seattle pasture-raised eggs are getting ~$6/dozen...help students market in these areas to sell the product. Roughly a student would commit time to feeding, helping with processing once a month, possible sales; Bernie would put a portion of the egg sales money into a scholarship for students going into food science/product area. Looking at approaching Safeway as a partner. Have FFA students featured in the displays. Each student would go to Ephrata once a month to
help with processing and packaging of the eggs to understand the full cycle. Would cost 
~$8050/year for birds & feed (would need to also consider cost of pens, nests, feeders, 
waterers, etc.) – he anticipates ~$10,000 profit per year (Bernie said net). Timeframe...when 
want to get started? Could Bernie come to Spring WAAE Exec in Yakima or summer 
conference in Vancouver? Would never be more than 50/50...half the birds at Ephrata 
location to spread risk. What happens to birds at the end of the year-value? Could possibly 
market for stock meat to make enough to possibly cover replacement bird cost. 
LG – would you consider having a chapter taking this one? Bernie – yes.

c. New board members 
**MOTION:** Add Andy Barth and Anne Ross as new members and Jesse Taylor as the new 
Foundation Executive Director. Taylor, Matt 2nd. vv – unanimous in favor.

d. Special Committee for State Degrees, Stars, Proficiencies and Honorary Degree 
review/approval. Ron, Andy, Marty, Jesse. Needs to be done by 20th of March. Scheduled 
for March 12 at 10am at Farm Bureau building in Lacey. Power to act on approval. vv – 
unanimous support of the special committee and power to act.

**X. Adjournment --** 1:15pm adjourned.