I. Call to Order and Roll Call – Introductions

9:05 am – Becky called the meeting to order.

*Present:* Becky Wallace, Abbie DeMeerleer, Marissa Dunn, Candis Carraway, JD Baser, Duane Hamp, Ricardo Ibarra, Craig Shindler, Gene Forrester, Marty Fortin, Kristen Hinton, Ron Crawford, Tye Taylor, Alyssa McGee, Julia Collins, Jake Bredstrand (*phone*)

II. Approval of Agenda

*Move to amend the Agenda by moving State Officer Committee business to before reports* = Tye. Alyssa = second. *VV in favor = unanimous.*

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

*Move to accept the previous meeting minutes as presented* = Ron. Kristin= second. *VV in favor = unanimous.*

State Officer Candidate Process Updates from Special Committee – Tye

Tye explained the committee recommendations, specifically the point adjustments and Stand & Deliver new component. Jake explained the time swap consideration from a 15-minute group to a roughly 3-minute Stand & Deliver. Use list of references rather than letters of reference as it relates to the application. Should we use Wednesday evening for exams? Jake’s perspective is that we can still get it all done Thursday-Friday. Should we put it out to the teachers a question about using Wednesday night? Linking delegate business representation to representation during the state officer election process. Idea for Delegate/Candidate interface after Top 10 following the Top 10 meeting/speech draw, then panel style in front of delegates before Top 10; delegates get a different perspective of the candidates.

*Motion to accept Constitutional changes, implied second. VV in favor = unanimous. (Adopted changes indicated in red below.)*

**Section A:** Successful State FFA Degree candidates who are juniors or seniors, or members who have been out of school one year or less who have previously received the State FFA Degree and who have submitted a state officer application by April 1 will be considered for office in the state association. The number of candidates selected to run for office will be determined by the number of applications received. Candidates will be selected from the top 30 applications if forty-six or more are received. Candidates will be selected from the top 25 applications if forty-five or less are received. Each chapter will be limited to a maximum of two candidates for state office.

**Section B:** Each officer candidate will undergo written examinations and interviews at the state convention. Written examinations are: knowledge of the FFA and knowledge of parliamentary law. Interviews are given by a Nominating Committee comprised of 7-9 individuals representing the following stakeholders: current FFA members, agricultural educators, FFA alumnus/past state officers, agricultural industry representatives.

**Section C: Scoring**

*Application: 100 points*
Knowledge Exam: 100 points
Parliamentary Knowledge Exam: 100 points
Stand & Deliver: 250 points
Personal Interview: 250 points
Comprehensive Interview (Agricultural issues, FFA, CTE/Agricultural Education, Situational): 400 points
Committee’s Choice (Call Back) – no points awarded
Total: 1,200 points

Section D: The top ten high-scoring candidates will be nominated as follows:
1. The top ten candidates will be named, in random order, to the delegate assembly at the evening session before the day of election.
2. Any officer candidate currently enrolled as a junior in high school will be allowed to participate in the state FFA officer election process, but will be officially dropped from the election process prior to announcement of top 10 candidates.
3. A special drawing for speaking order and placement on the ballot will be done at the close of the evening session.
4. The Secretary, upon request of the President, shall place before the convention the names of the nominees. Following this, the President will give each candidate an opportunity to speak, based on the order of the drawing at the evening session.
5. Additional nominations are not permitted from the floor of the assembly.

Section E: There will be one vote by each official delegate for the full slate of state officers, with the person placed on the ballot as president to receive six points; vice president, five points; secretary, four points; treasurer, three points; reporter, two points; and sentinel, one point.

When the ballots are counted and points totaled, the total possible points from the Top 10 speech, will be added to the original 1,200 points from the election process. The six candidates with the highest total points are elected. The person receiving the most points will be named president; second, vice president; third, secretary; fourth, treasurer; fifth, reporter; and sixth place, sentinel. In case of a tie, the Board of Washington State FFA officers and the State Advisor shall vote to break the tie.

IV. Reports (Written reports provided, time for questions or missing information only)

a. WAAE Report: Advisors would like clarification what activities that 7th/8th grade members can/cannot participate. This was covered in the June Board meeting and minutes were approved so is now policy (review June 20 Board minutes). Other consideration is June 2017 board meeting date because of changes with WAAE Summer Conference scheduling.

b. FFA State Officer Report: A. McGee/T. Taylor: Since last board meeting have attended fairs, completed Evergreen Tour and really valued having a past national officer on the tour to mentor and support the event, released annual theme “This Moment,” started chapter visits, National Convention attendance and delegate process engagement. Appreciation for being at Future Cougar Day (JD/Candis). Obstacles (CS)? Staying healthy and endurance.

c. WSU Report: JD Baser/C. Carraway

d. FFA Report: Abbie DeMeerleer –

AFFILIATE FEE SCHEDULE: Motion to refer to Finance committee for recommendation at the Jan. 2017 meeting = Kristin. Second = Alyssa. VV in favor – unanimous.
CONVENTION FEES: Motion to hold convention fees static for 2017 and refer to Finance Committee to review and recommendation at June Board meeting = Kristin. 2nd = Duane. VV in favor = unanimous.
MARCH OF DIMES: Motion to remove March of Dimes as state-level award = Duane. 2nd = Kristin.

CITIZENSHIP: Motion to maintain the Citizenship Award for 2017 but bring forward to delegates for review in 2018 = Kristin. 2nd = Tye. VV in favor = unanimous.

SCRAPBOOK: Motion to refer to FFA delegate body to review the Scrapbook event and consider moving to electronic version = Ron. 2nd = Tye. VV in favor = unanimous.

DAIRY: Asked WAAE for options regarding moving/adjusting this CDE. Motion to get feedback from WAAE and then review the situation = Kristin. 2nd = Tye. VV in favor = unanimous.

THRESHOLD: Refer to Standing CDE committee for recommendation at January Board meeting.

e. OSPI Report: Becky Wallace

V. Financial Report
   a. Finance Committee/Audit Update: Craig Shindler/Ricky Adams
   b. Budget Review - Refer to Finance committee for recommendation at January Board meeting.

VI. Old Business
   a. Indoor/Outdoor official dress (held from June meeting) Refer to Standing CDE committee for recommendation at January Board meeting.
   b. MOU update (held from June meeting) Refer to Standing CDE committee for recommendation at January Board meeting.

VII. New Business
   a. Review Strategic Plan Draft and make recommendations -- Establish 3 committees that align with the Strategic Priority areas to review, update:
      Engaging Our Students – Chair: Alyssa – Candis, Craig, 1 WAAE rep, Ricardo
      Supporting Our Advisors – Chair: Becky – JD, Tye, Gene, 1 WAAE rep, Marty
      Telling Our Story – Chair: Abbie – Duane, Kristin, Marissa, Ron
   Establish 2 additional committees to meet prior to board meeting in order to review issues and make recommendations:
      Standing CDE Committee – Ricky Adams, Dan White, JD, Candis, Alyssa, Kristin, Becky, Abbie, Marissa
      Advocacy Committee – Marty, John, Kristin, Tye, Becky, Abbie, Marissa
   Consider meeting more as a Board. Consider purchasing our own conference system but always have a physical meeting option.
   b. Banking decisions - Refer to Finance committee for recommendation at January Board meeting.

Motion to continue using the Taxman = Craig. 2nd = Kristin. VV in favor = unanimous.

VIII. Other Business
   a. Meeting dates – Hold January 25 and 26 to coincide with potential license plate/Legislative event. Won’t have confirmation until after the election.

12:15pm -- Meeting adjourned.