

FFA Adult Board Meeting Minutes: 9/20/21

1. Roll Call – Patton (Action)
2. Consent Agenda Items – Mattes a. Approval of June '21 FFA Adult Board Minutes (Action)
Motion: Vasques, Second Brown. Passed Voice Vote
3. Introduction of New Members - Mattes (Report) a. San Joaquin b. North Coast c. Southern
4. Election of New Officers (Action) a. Vice President: Dr. Steve Rocca
b. Secretary: Dr. Sam Rodriguez

5. Recognition of Retiring Adult Board Members - Mattes (Report) a. Debbie Benson b. Sandy Dale c. Kevin Woodard

The plan was laid out for specific members to take plaques to their region in order to present them to retiring adult board members.

6. GLC Online Pricing for Schools With Travel Restrictions (Action)

Jill: Shared that travel restrictions and sub shortages are affecting schools and participation in person events during the school day.

There were 3-4 requests for GLC refunds due to travel bans

Motion to accept State Staff Recommendation for virtual GLC option. Provide online GLC instead of refunding to those chapters who can not attend because of COVID restrictions and will require administration verification. State staff will provide the requirements for the administrative statement. Virtual at the same cost.

Moved by Tom Vasquez

Second by Tim Brown

Williams asked about additional cost for mailing shirts, Patton suggested it would be offset by lunch costs not incurred.

Vote: Unanimous voice vote in favor. Passed

Access is relatively easy to make possible to the chapters requesting it.

State Staff feels it should be on a as needed basis and encourages board members to have advisors reach out to state staff.

7. State Staff Request a. Funding Priorities for Foundation (Report) b. Scanners for Judging Card (Action) State Advisor Report-Jill

Scanner Purchase- Approval for new scanners for CDE Events and Judging Card. (state finals) \$9,110 for two scanners, one for FSU and one for CP. Free up money for the northern and southern parts of the states. \$4,500 each.

Rocca-confident one machine can handle a big field day. Safer to have separate ones at the events.

Rosemary- What discussion has been had on keeping the integrity of the one-page system? Not in support if students will be able to change placings in between classes. Worried about contest integrity.

Patton: The horse is out of the barn already and the decision has already been made to go with the Judging Card. Decision made by state staff. The Adult board did approve this contract last year. Discussed the pros and cons.

Williams: why have FFA cover the cost of these machines when it is was a state staff's decision to go this route

Vasquez: Should we have other field day sites purchase equipment? MJC already purchased one?

Jill: Davis may have purchased. Can be done virtually through a computer and scan separately. Mainly concerned for state finals events.

Noga:1; Have we looked into sharing costs with college? Is there K12SW or CTEIG funding we could access? Feels that CR field day could access K12SW funds to purchase one.

Vasquez: Thoughts on increasing costs for contest registration in order to cover these costs?

Rocca: There is no other good alternative since Mike Spiess has retired. Moving makes sense just as nationals. There are perks but costs as well. Judging Card charges for registration and scantrons to use the machines. Two per site would be best for backup.

Contest scantrons need to be figured out, for some contests that don't use them or pay judging card to develop the forms for those contests.

Do have E-Cards. Can fill out with a device. Though this is option is scary and unknown.

Hoping that by cotton judging it could be implemented or by the citrus contests. Other non-state finals are not obligated to use this yet.

Motion:

Bretz moved to purchase two scanners for the two-state finals sites.

Second: Vasquez

Brown: Suggests that judging card create the cards for us, at their costs in order to use their service?

Williams: Asked where the funding is coming from? Reserves? Which category. Motion maker amended to have it come from reserves.

Voice Vote passed unanimously

Information: Parker has four proposals for foundation funding requests to keep us in the loop.

Jill will email the list to us

1. SAE projects- Fund state degree star winners. \$1500 state, \$500 for regionals \$18000 total. \$300 for state winner proficiency winners and agriscience. \$48,000
2. Fund proficiency in agriscience fair at lower levels for state/region winners. \$49,200
3. Consider an SAE coordinator position \$15,000 total. !0Kk for stipend 5K to travel and provide PD for teachers in SAE projects
4. Vehicles for state officers travel large enough to carry all of them. State officers have travel issues. \$60,000 purchase, lease, donation etc. Bretz asked about the insurance cost and coverage for this vehicle.

Patton: Foundation made some aggressive moves in payment of FFA center mortgage

8. Budgets:

20-21 budget. As per Dr. Rocca's suggestion, there was a break on PPP loans and Buchon percentage. Wanted to highlight why the state association budget was in the Black.

21-22: ROLC came in under budget, kudos to Dane for keeping costs in check.

9. Update on Lawsuit with Live Light – Patton (Report)

\$3.8 million was the number given by livelight

Lawyers looking into the statute of limitation of contracts

COVID has a delay formula that is being used and applied to see if fall outside of the limitations

Attorney has reached out to go to litigation.

Costs \$10-15 thousand dollars. Budgeted a legal services

10. Workers Comp State Fund Audit – Patton (Report)

Audited by our company. AB 5, independent contractors. Facilitators and state officers reclassified in terms of salespeople. Slight increase in expenditures in additional workmen's comp. Grand scheme probably for the better. Provide coverage for state officers and facilitators. Noga: discussed that classification of state officers as employees will allow them to drive vehicles as an employee under 25.

11. PPP Loan Forgiveness Update – Patton (Report)

Forgiven

12. Update on CalAgPlate Program with CDFA (Report)

Receive \$15000 less than last year. Numbers are down. Foundation is having conversations with marketing. License is a big contributor \$200,000. Looking at a marketing company to increase the sales of the plates. Patton will request to giveaway more plates in order to boost numbers. Teachers will look at marketing company search and other ways to market plates.

Noga; asked about discussing the plate program with local dealers. Patton shared that Mike Mederos is looking into it with a local dealer to make the \$40 an incentive to the salespeople to convince people to purchase in the Tulare area.

Mattes: Should we just leave it to a professional organization to work on it and not teachers?

13. Next scheduled Meeting – Mattes (Action)

Next Meeting Date: Meet in November to give Mr. Mooney and Mosiac time to look at hotel numbers and how the budget is looking for the state convention.

Vasquez: Recommended that virtual options be looked into as well because of COVID restrictions.

Patton: Sacramento requiring a vaccination card or negative test 72 hrs prior currently.

Will Meet: Thursday, October 21st. 3:30 pm via zoom, Matt will record for those who can not attend.

14. Adjournment – Mattes (Action)