

Minutes
 Oregon FFA Foundation
 Board of Directors Meeting
 February 5, 2018
 Wind River Conference Center
 Terrebonne, Oregon

Meeting called to order at 12:55 pm.

Attendance

Board Members	Advisory Board/Staff	Guests
Doug Hoffman–President	Kevin White	Mary Mitchelbyer
Kirk Maag – Vice–President	Lee Letsch	Wade Isley
John McCulley–Secretary	Christa Towery	Jensen Kemble
Brian Field –Treasurer	Brecklin Milton	Ryan Dunigan
Bob Barton	Matt Bunch	Brooke Broadbent
TJ Colson	Emma Rooker	Wade Rynearson
Mike Coon		
Jacque Deeds		
Brent Fetsch		
ShanRae Hawkins		
Ryan Kelly		
Neal Lucht		
Kathy Mayfield		
Sarah McArthur		
Elin Miller (via phone)		
Swede Salo		
Tom Spoo		

Doug welcomed everyone to the meeting. Those present introduced themselves.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Members reviewed minutes of previous meeting.

MOTION: Elin Miller moved that the minutes of August 31, 2017, meeting be approved as submitted. Bob Barton seconded the motion and it passed.

Election of Board Member

MOTION: Neal Lucht moved that TJ Colson be elected to the Board. ShanRae Hawkins seconded the motion and it passed.

Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee approved an interim budget for the year beginning January 1, 2018. The Committee also approved a bonus for the Executive Director. In addition, the Committee held a “family” meeting of those involved in FFA.

Treasurer Report

Brian presented the treasurer’s report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017. The report showed total assets of \$364,501.69. There are signs of declining assets due to expenditures to support the FFA association. At the same time, the Foundation is well managed with good returns on invested assets. Brian asked the board to consider attempting to reduce the number of small, restricted funds.

MOTION: John McCulley moved that the Burlison, Galbraith, Spakman and TenPas restricted funds be moved to the Teach Ag Scholarship fund. Neal Lucht seconded the motion and it passed.

On the budget side, Brian noted that total income was very close to the budgeted amount. On the expense side, the Foundation expended significant amounts to support the State Association. One item affecting the overall budget was a \$50,000 pledge that did not materialize. Overall the Foundation experienced negative net income of \$72,076.75.

MOTION: Neal Lucht moved that the Board accept the financial reports. Jacque Deeds seconded the motion and it passed.

Department of Education Report

Reynold submitted a written report that is made a part of these minutes.

Oregon State University Report

None submitted.

FFA Alumni Report

A written report is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Ambassadors Report

The ambassadors reported on their activities since they assumed their duties. Those included the Farm Bureau's Young Farmers and Ranchers Conference and business and industry tours in the Portland area. More business and industry tours will occur during the spring.

State Officer Report

Jensen described activities of the state officers. The officers visited about 115 classrooms during the fall. Oregon had six delegates this year at the National Convention and the officers served as the delegates. Emma thanked the Board for supporting the ILSSO trip and talked about the trip to South Africa. The convention theme will be "Make Your Mark".

Executive Director Report

Matt and Kevin are doing a lot of business and industry events and those will accelerate during the spring. They talked to both existing and potential supporters.

Kevin welcomed Krista Towery, applauding her ability to immediately be productive.

The supporter's dinner at the State Convention will be a ticketed event this year. This year's concert will feature some changes to address issues raised last year. Wilco will be the concert sponsor. Kevin is working to finalize sponsors for the state degree reception. He invited Board members to attend the luncheon. The career show continues to grow with some new vendors planning to participate. Krista will send to the Board a link on signing up for a booth at the career show. There will several opportunities for hands-on activities.

Kevin encouraged the Board to interact with members and teachers. The Foundation will have a booth in the career show and asked for members to spend time in the booth. The Board will be recognized on stage Saturday morning. The Board discussed soliciting gifts from adults who visit the booth. Kirk talked about an online fundraising campaign. Others suggested approaches to raising funds using online resources. The consensus of the Board was to have Board members provide matching funds for any new monies raised during the year.

2018 Budget

Brian presented the proposed 2018 budget. Leah described the funding request for the State Association. Members discussed the aggressive nature of the Foundation budget and strategies for achieving the results proposed.

MOTION: Kirk Maag moved that the Board adopt the 2018 budget of \$877,138.82. Neal Lucht seconded the motion and it passed.

Lakeview Alumni Financial Request

Two years ago the Lakeview Alumni disbanded and sent their remaining funds of \$2,915.76 to the Foundation. The Lakeview alumni has re-activated and requested return of the funds. Members talked about instituting a policy related to funds that come to the Foundation in situations like this.

MOTION: Mike Coon moved that the funds of \$2,915.76 be returned to the Lakeview FFA Alumni. Brent Fetsch seconded the motion.

MOTION: Jacque Deeds moved to amend the motion by having \$2,000 sent to the Lakeview Alumni in the form of a chapter grant if the alumni chapter is in good standing. Neal Lucht seconded the motion.

MOTION: Kirk Maag moved that the question be referred to committee appointed by the chair to report back at the next meeting. Ryan Kelly seconded the motion.

The Board rejected all of the above motions with Bob Barton declaring a conflict of interest and abstaining from each vote.

MOTION: Tom Spoo moved that \$2,915.76 be sent to State Alumni with the request that they address the issue. Mike Coon seconded the motion and it passed. Bob Barton declared a conflict of interest and abstained from the vote.

FFA Structure Update and Proposal

Doug excused meeting guests. The Board entered into a discussion of a proposal for an Oregon FFA Restructure and Alignment designed to make FFA-related organizations more effective in providing service to FFA members. Elin summarized the National FFA's move to a joint governance council. Neal commented that the model is more a shared administrative model than a shared governance model.

MOTION: Elin Miller moved that the Foundation continue to study the proposal and that the Foundation executive committee remain involved. Neal Lucht seconded the motion and it passed.

Official Dress

Mike Coon raised the issue related to official dress in order to allow female members to wear black slacks. Lee noted that next year, female state officers will be able to wear slacks and flats. Kathy noted that local chapters can provide guidance on dress.

MOTION: Mike moved that the Board encourage the Oregon FFA to accept dress slacks as official dress for female FFA members. Elin Miller seconded the motion and it passed.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held in May at a date and location to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Submitted by,

John H. McCulley
Secretary