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New Jersey FFA

TO: State Executive Board Members, NJ FFA Chapter Advisors, Officers and Members

FROM: Ernest Arians, State FFA President
Erin E. Noble, State FFA Specialist
Mrs. Nancy J. Trivette, State FFA Advisor

DATE: May 30, 2012

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, June 4, 2012 – 4:00 pm
1st Floor NJDA Boardroom, Trenton, NJ

All State Executive Board members must attend this meeting. If these individuals cannot attend, they should call Mrs. Noble at (609) 984-4380, and give the reason to receive an excused absence. Mr. Lisa Ann Mosehera-Chernigovets will fill the Teacher Representative on the Executive Board, and will have voting power at each meeting in 2011-2012.

AGENDA FOR THE JUNE STATE MEETING

- I. Opening Ceremonies
- II. Minutes from the May State Meeting
- III. Treasurer's Report
- IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance
- V. Committee Assignments
 - A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities
 - B. Membership & Chapter Relations
 - C. State Leadership Activities
 - D. State Applications
 - E. Career Development Evaluation and Review
 - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review
 - G. State Convention Evaluation

The FFA Mission

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

- VI. Executive Committee Report** – James Ferguson
- VII. Foundation Report**
- VIII. Alumni Report**
- IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report**
- X. Unfinished Business**
 - A. State Convention Review – Alec McAlarnen
 - B. Honorary American Degree Nominations – James Ferguson
 - C. Summer CDEs – Anne Poinsett
 - a. Dairy Handlers
 - b. Horse Judging
- XI. New Business**
 - A. State Officer Leadership Training – Joseph Goodenough
 - B. Alumni Golf Tournament – Gaspar Hernandez
 - C. BLAST Off – Lauren Fillebrown
 - D. Code of Ethics – Kyle Clement
 - E. Select State FFA Representatives to Organizations – Ernest Arians
 - a. State FFA Alumni
 - b. State FFA Foundation
 - c. Agricultural Education Advisory Council
 - F. Establish Policies – Gaspar Hernandez
 - a. Travel Policy
 - b. SO Attendance Policy
 - c. Executive Committee Attendance Policy
 - G. State Presidents' Conference – Anne Poinsett
 - H. National Leadership Conference for State Officers – Delaney Gray
 - I. Chapter Banquets – James Ferguson
 - J. Member of the Month – James Ferguson
 - K. State Officer Mileage
- XII. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting – July 2, 2012
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Boardroom
9:00 a.m.*

NJ FFA Association
Minutes of the May 7, 2012 State Meeting

I. Opening Ceremonies

Alec McAlarnen called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm. Voting members in attendance were Jimmie Ferguson, Stephanie Tarlowe, Anna Lubas, Ernest Arians, Samuel Rubinstein, Gillian Armstrong, Eric Nelson, and Mrs. Moschera-Chernigovets, teacher representative. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Trivette, Mrs. Noble, and Ms. Butch. Rachel Smith, Ashley Galati, and Amanda Linke were also in attendance as guests.

II. Minutes from the April State Meeting

Motion by Stephanie Tarlowe to accept the April minutes as read.

Second by Anna Lubas. Motion passes.

III. Treasurer's Report

Motion by Anna Lubas to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit.

Motion passes pending audit.

We hope to be able to present all award winners with their checks onstage.

Motion by Eric Nelson for the association to donate \$2000 to the NJ FFA Foundation as a special project for state convention awards.

Second by Anna Lubas. Motion passes.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

Three members, all sophomores at Middlesex-East Brunswick, shared their excitement for their upcoming banquet, ag field day, and Blue Jackets Bright Futures ceremony at convention.

Motion by Eric Nelson to give Julianne Robinson an unexcused absence.

Second by Ernest Arians. Motion passes.

Motion by Stephanie Tarlowe to be excused late to the Work Session for an AP Test.

Second by Samuel Rubinstein. Motion passes.

Jimmie assumed the duties of the chair.

V. Committee Assignments

See attached committee reports for full details.

A. Constitution, Bylaws, and Program of Activities

The agenda is finalized for the convention meeting.

B. Membership and Chapter Relations

The agenda is finalized for the convention meeting.

C. State Leadership Activities

At convention, we will propose to offer 360 training to all members rather than just officers.

There will still be subsets for officer training and new members. Regardless of what we offer, LEAD will held at a hotel due to increased participation. 212 will be offered as a one-day conference in December.

D. State Applications

The agenda is finalized for the convention meeting.

E. Career Development Evaluation and Review

The agenda is finalized for the convention meeting.

F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review

The agenda is finalized for the convention meeting.

G. State Convention Evaluation

The agenda is finalized for the convention meeting.

Alec reassumed the duties of the chair.

VI. Executive Committee Report

Since this is our last meeting, Eric has provided us with our final keys. Each officer has a quote that matches him or her perfectly.

VII. Foundation Report

The last meeting was April 17. Finances were discussed again and Mr. Roszel was welcomed as a board member. A nominating committee was formed to select next year's officers.

VIII. Alumni Report

The last meeting was April 11 following the Retiring Address Workshop. The Golf Tournament will be held June 19 at Mercer Oaks, and the search for sponsors begins now. On behalf of Mrs. Trivette, Alec challenged us to bring in a par sponsor, foursome, or door prizes. This year, we will have online registration to make payment easier.

IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report

The next meeting is May 22 at State Convention.

X. Unfinished Business

A. Nominating Committee

The committee has been selected, and members will have a webinar next Tuesday. Formal letters will be sent to all applicants tomorrow morning.

B. State Applications Judging (April 12, 2012)

Alec, Stephanie, and Eric worked with teachers and others in agriculture to judge scholarship and convention award applications. We thank everyone for helping to make the day a success.

C. State Convention Planning

a. Timeline

All materials should be submitted at this time.

b. Statewide Community Service Project

Now is the time for a big social media push for the food drive! State officers should submit money for the wristbands they sold at the work session next week.

c. State Officer Candidates

Applications were due May 1, and we have more candidates than in the past 15 or more years: fourteen!

D. Retiring Addresses

State officers need to submit their speeches by the end of this week or they will not be presented; they must be memorized by Sunday night before convention.

E. Delegate Issues for State Convention

This year delegates will have to accept the affiliation contract, rather than accepting dues.

Motion by Eric Nelson to recommend the delegates to vote in favor of the proposed national constitutional amendment.

Second by Samuel Rubinstein. Motion passes.

F. Spring CDE Results (April 19, 2012)

Winning teams are as follows:

- Veterinary Science: Biotechnology
- Ag Mechanics: Cumberland
- Floriculture: Northern Burlington
- Ag Sales: Union County
- Nursery Landscape: Monmouth
- Environmental: Freehold

G. Livestock and Dairy Judging CDEs (April 21, 2012)

Woodstown won Livestock Judging and South Hunterdon won Dairy Judging.

H. Agriscience Fair (April 25, 2012)

The Biotechnology Chapter won all divisions. Those members will move on to the pre-qualifier for Nationals.

I. CTE Conference (May 3, 2012)

Alec and Jimmie met with other CTSOs from across the state, watched presentations by agriculture teachers, and had a good day supporting CTE in New Jersey.

J. Poultry Judging (May 8, 2012)

Two teams have registered for this event at the Manheim Fairgrounds in Pennsylvania. No state officers need to attend, as this is run by Pennsylvania's Eastern Region. Winners will be recognized at State Convention.

K. Chapter Visits

Visits have all been completed.

L. Association/Team Goal Updates

We will be having a team day after the meeting at the Noble house.

XI. New Business

A. H.O. Sampson Chapter Recognition

Rankings were determined based on participation in CDEs, leadership conferences, and other events throughout the year and will be announced at State Convention.

B. Honorary American Degree Nominations

As an association, we have the opportunity to accept one application from a teacher and nominate three other individuals to receive this honor. There are no teacher applications yet, and recommendations will be presented at next month's meeting for nominations. We look to bring an administrator, department official, and industry representative to diversify the recipients.

C. Summer CDEs

Dairy Handlers will be held Tuesday, July 24 and Horse Judging will be held Wednesday, July 25 at the Delaware State Fair.

D. Chapter Banquet Requests

Officers volunteered to attend and present speeches at the requested banquets.

E. Agriculture/Education Issues Discussion

The Obama Administration withdrew the part of a child labor law that would hinder youth participation in farming activities.

F. Member of the Month

Motion by Eric Nelson to make Nina Earle of the Warren Hills Chapter the May Member of the Month.

Second by James Ferguson. Motion passes.

G. State Officer Mileage

May's mileage is due by 2 pm on June 4. No late mileage will be accepted. Current State Officers will submit mileage by June 15 detailing just banquets. Other June mileage for the Executive Committee will be due in July.

XII. Other Business

- Sam will be attending the 150th anniversary of the USDA in Washington, D.C. on May 15.

XIII. End of the Year Reflections

The officers, Ms. M-C, and state staff shared their thoughts on accomplishments and growth they had seen throughout the year.

XIV. Closing Ceremonies

XV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 pm.

New Jersey FFA Treasurer's Report
April 2012

BEGINNING BALANCE: April 1, 2012

\$39,330.58

Deposits:					
<i>Date</i>	<i>Project#</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Annual Budget</i>	<i>Monthly Income</i>	<i>YTD Balance</i>
	1	Dues	\$ 30,900.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 46,117.00
	2	Contests	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 156.00	\$ 2,019.90
	3	General Supplies			\$ 806.00
	4	State Officers	\$ 925.00		\$ 90.00
	5	LEAD	\$ 12,200.00		\$ 12,828.00
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 48,600.00	\$ 2,685.00	\$ 29,479.90
	7	National Convention	\$ 2,735.00		\$ 1,550.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,675.00	\$ 1,334.00	\$ 2,105.00
	9	National Leadership Conf.			
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 725.00
		Total Deposits	\$ 107,835.00	\$ 6,950.00	\$ 95,720.80
Expenses:					
<i>Date</i>	<i>Project #</i>	<i>Expense Description</i>	<i>Annual Budget</i>	<i>Monthly Expense</i>	<i>YTD Balance</i>
	1	Dues 1,828 x \$5	\$ 15,320.00		\$ 1,915.00
	2	Contests	\$ 1,378.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 2,090.00
	3	General Supplies	\$ 3,388.00	\$ 440.00	\$ 5,497.03
	4	State Officers	\$ 11,143.00	\$ 1,899.27	\$ 12,495.84
	5	LEAD	\$ 12,904.00		\$ 14,624.29
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 46,956.00		\$ 3,905.00
	7	National Convention	\$ 7,711.00		\$ 9,344.53
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,041.00	\$ 4,598.95	\$ 4,598.95
	9	National Leadership Conf.	\$ 1,854.00		\$ 5,502.00
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,140.00	\$ 832.50	\$ 1,853.52
		Total Expenses	\$ 107,835.00	\$ 7,845.72	\$ 61,826.16

Ending Balance: March 31, 2012

\$38,434.86

**FY12
FFA Deposits**

<i>Proj #</i>	<i>Payor</i>	<i>CK#</i>	<i>Amount Deposit</i>	<i>Yearly Total</i>
	April			
1	Regional High School District	13214	\$ 1,200.00	
	BCIT Westampton	84893	\$ 600.00	
	Somerset Co. Voc	62730	\$ 450.00	
				\$ 2,250.00
2	BCIT Westampton	3357	\$ 32.00	
	Cumberland Reg. School	6249	\$ 16.00	
	BCIT Westampton	2151	\$ 36.00	
	BCIT West Vet	3323	\$ 36.00	
	BCIT Westampton	2161	\$ 36.00	
				\$ 156.00
6	BCIT West Vet	3349	\$ 420.00	
	Buena	7670	\$ 2,240.00	
	Pee Jays Fresh Fruit	12817	\$ 25.00	
				\$ 2,685.00
8	Somerset Co Voc Tech	2031	\$ 94.00	
	BCIT Medford	2105	\$ 232.00	
	BCIT Westampton	3287	\$ 192.00	
	Newton High School	4841	\$ 152.00	
	Camden Co Tech Schools	3909	\$ 100.00	
	Freehold Reg High School	4131288	\$ 324.00	
	Delsea Reg. High	21815	\$ 240.00	
				\$ 1,334.00
10	Phillipsburg High school	1019	\$ 525.00	
				\$ 525.00
			\$ 6,950.00	\$ 95,720.80

New Jersey FFA Expenditures for FY 2012				
Date	Description	Note*	Amount	Total
Dues/Memberships				
11/30/11	National FFA - Manuals & Student Handbooks		\$ 1,915.00	
				\$ 1,915.00
Contests				
07/07/11	NJ FFA Foundation-to increase awards for CDE's at Convention		\$ 1,300.00	
11/16/11	Big E registrations		\$ 50.00	
11/16/11	Delaware FFA -		\$ 75.00	
12/13/11	Clay Ewell - Scantron Cards		\$ 240.00	
01/13/12	Rutgers - Labor Ed Bldg		\$ 350.00	
05/01/12	4-H Dairy Advisory Group - Dairy Contest Judge		\$ 75.00	
General Supplies				
08/04/11	Selective Insurance Liability		\$ 639.00	\$ 2,090.00
12/05/11	National FFA - Jackets, scrabs, ties		\$ 763.50	
12/13/11	Vistaprint - calander order partial order		\$ 55.98	
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01/12/12	First Coast Promo - Mugs		\$ 876.72	
02/08/12	NJ FFA Foundation - Donation to ILSSO		\$ 750.00	
02/10/12	Nat. FFA - Mural thank you notes		\$ 100.00	
02/27/12	Heath Lumber- supplies to make trellis for Hort Expo		\$ 342.72	
02/27/12	Home Depot-supplies to make trellis for Hort Expo		\$ 102.08	
03/15/12	The Awntiscrat- FFA wristbands		\$ 440.00	
State Officers				
07/27/11	National FFA - SPC Regis for McAlamen & Ferguson		\$ 600.00	\$ 5,497.03
07/12/11	Jessica McCosker mileage May & June		\$ 252.46	
07/12/11	Alec McAlamen mileage May & June		\$ 297.41	
07/12/11	Eric Nelson mileage May & June		\$ 120.90	
07/14/11	FFA Alumni for Reimbursement of SO BLAST OFF LODGING		\$ 740.60	
07/12/11	Keely Weinberger mileage May & June		\$ 142.60	
07/06/11	NJ FFA Foundation - pledge to FFA Cares program		\$ 1,755.77	
09/15/11	A. McAlamen, July & August mileage		\$ 435.86	
09/15/11	A. Lubas, July & August mileage		\$ 85.25	
09/15/11	S. Tarlowe, July & August mileage		\$ 197.41	
09/15/11	E. Arians, July & August mileage		\$ 379.05	
09/15/11	S. Rubinstein, July & August mileage		\$ 130.17	
09/15/11	E. Nelson, July & August mileage		\$ 47.86	
09/15/11	J. McCosker, July & August mileage		\$ 99.20	
09/15/11	J. Ferguson, July & August mileage		\$ 257.92	
11/23/11	G. Armstrong July & August mileage reimbursement		\$ 66.91	
11/23/11	A. McAlamen Sept & Oct mileage		\$ 420.95	
11/23/11	J. Ferguson Sept & Oct mileage		\$ 305.66	
11/23/11	S. Tarlowe Sept & Oct mileage		\$ 252.90	
11/23/11	A. Lubas Sept & Oct mileage		\$ 67.58	
11/23/11	E. Arians, Sept & Oct mileage		\$ 274.72	
11/23/11	S. Rubinstein, Sept & Oct mileage		\$ 173.45	
11/23/11	G. Armstrong Sept & Oct mileage		\$ 145.08	
11/23/11	E. Nelson Sept & Oct mileage		\$ 63.36	
12/06/11	E. Arians - Baggage Fee to National FFA Conv		\$ 50.00	
12/06/11	A. McAlamen - Baggage Fee to National FFA Conv		\$ 50.00	
12/06/11	J. Ferguson - Baggage Fee to National FFA Conv		\$ 104.87	
12/06/11	G. Armstrong - Baggage Fee to National FFA Conv		\$ 25.00	
12/06/11	S. Tarlowe - Baggage Fee to National FFA Conv		\$ 56.00	
01/26/12	National FFA - SO Jackets, key chains, scarfs, ties		\$ 763.50	
02/08/12	Veg Grower Assoc-SO dinner at Farmers Week		\$ 300.00	
02/14/12	A. McAlamen - mileage Nov. & Dec		\$ 421.38	
02/14/12	J. Ferguson - mileage Nov. & Dec.		\$ 277.76	
02/14/12	S. Tarlowe - mileage Nov. & Dec.		\$ 269.89	
02/14/12	A. Lubas - mileage Nov. & Dec.		\$ 96.10	
02/14/12	E. Arians - mileage Nov. & Dec.		\$ 279.62	
02/14/12	S. Rubinstein - mileage Nov. & Dec.		\$ 137.39	
02/14/12	G. Armstrong - mileage Nov. & Dec.		\$ 45.88	
02/14/12	E. Nelson mileage Nov. & Dec.		\$ 90.89	
02/27/12	Risoldi's Market- SOCS supplies		\$ 21.18	
02/27/12	Dunkin Donuts SOCS supplies		\$ 27.70	
02/27/12	Massimo's Cafe - SOCS supplies		\$ 266.34	
03/13/12	Trenton Marriott - J. Ferguson lodging (Nat. Off. Visist)		\$ 385.56	
03/26/12	American Income Life Insurance		\$ 983.71	
04/15/12	AAA membership		\$ 530.00	
				\$ 12,495.84
Leadership Experience and Development				
09/14/11	Partycrashers - DJ service at Camp Bernie		\$ 250.00	
11/29/11	YMCA Camp Bernie		\$ 12,887.00	
12/06/11	E. Nelson - SGC supplies		\$ 86.54	
01/12/12	First Coast Promo - T-shirts		\$ 1,265.75	
02/09/12	Nat. FFA -Plaques for COLT		\$ 135.00	
				\$ 14,624.29
State Convention				
07/18/11	Leila Granjael - Convention Award		\$ 75.00	
07/06/11	Buena Reg. School - Convention Award		\$ 50.00	
07/06/11	BCIT - convention Award		\$ 150.00	
07/06/11	Phillipsburg High School - Covention Award		\$ 50.00	
07/06/11	Penns Grove - Convention Award		\$ 150.00	
07/06/11	N. Burlington Co. Reg -Convention Award		\$ 150.00	
07/06/11	Middlesex - Convention Award		\$ 100.00	
07/06/11	Cape May - Convention Award		\$ 150.00	
07/06/11	Hackettstown - Convention Award		\$ 100.00	
07/06/11	Stepahnie Tarlowe - Convention Award		\$ 50.00	
07/15/11	National FFA - SO Business Casual Shirts		\$ 451.00	
08/04/11	Harrah Newman-convention award		\$ 50.00	
08/09/11	Rebecca Shannon-convention award		\$ 100.00	
08/08/11	Jamie Jellife-convention award		\$ 75.00	
08/08/11	Angelina Roslin - Convention Award		\$ 100.00	
10/17/11	Phillipsburg High School - over payment of registration Pd 2x's		\$ 1,854.00	
02/29/12	Partycrashers DJ's for Dance		\$ 250.00	
				\$ 3,905.00
National Convention				
07/06/11	National FFA - NJ Housing Lodging Deposit		\$ 1,700.00	
07/06/11	National FFA - CDE's		\$ 630.00	
10/13/11	Hyatt Regency-Indy - NJ Breakfast		\$ 1,748.46	
10/03/11	Pacers Basketball - rental of suite in Indy		\$ 2,500.00	
10/27/11	Levy suite food		\$ 340.84	
10/30/11	The Westin Hotel		\$ 2,265.23	
02/09/12	National FFA- Regis for Delegates & Nat Off. Cand		\$ 160.00	

Hort Expo			
03/08/12	Nat.FFA - plaques for Hort Expo		\$ 9,344.53
03/06/12	Staats Mfg.Co - Ribbons	\$1,212.00	
03/26/12	Preferred Party Rentals- Tables	\$121.41	
03/26/12	Preferred Party Rentals- Tables	\$2,104.00	
04/04/12	Zieger & Sons Inc. - Flowers for Florial Design	\$1,161.54	
Leadership Event			
01/17/12	National FFA - Supplies for Banquet Speech w/s & A.L.D		\$4,598.95
02/27/12	The College of NJ - Catering & room rental	\$ 254.00	
03/12/12	The College of NJ - Media	\$ 4,415.50	
03/26/12	National FFA - placemats with FFA Theme	\$ 390.00	
03/26/12	National FFA - placemats with FFA Theme	\$ 442.50	\$ 5,502.00
National Leadership Conference			
09/19/11	West Virginia FFA - Lodging & Regis for State Officers	\$ 1,853.52	
			\$ 1,853.52
	Grand Total	\$ 61,826.16	\$ 61,826.16