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New Jersey FFA “Unlock the Possibilities”

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

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

DATE: April 27, 2012

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, May 7, 2012 – 4:15 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. Mrs. 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 MAY STATE MEETING

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the April State Meeting**
- III. Treasurer's Report**
- IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**
- V. Committee Assignments**
 - A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities – Alec McAlarnen
 - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Ernie Arians
 - C. State Leadership Activities – Jimmie Ferguson
 - D. State Applications – Stephanie Tarlowe
 - E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Sam Rubenstein
 - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Gillian Armstrong
 - G. State Convention Evaluation- Anna Lubas

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** – Eric Nelson
- VII. Foundation Report** – James Ferguson
- VIII. Alumni Report** – Sam Rubenstein
- IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report** – Alec McAlarnen
- X. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Nominating Committee – Eric Nelson
 - B. State Applications Judging (April 12, 2012) – Stephanie Tarlowe
 - C. State Convention Planning
 - a. Timeline – Sam Rubinstein
 - b. Community Service Project – Jimmie Ferguson
 - c. State Officer Candidates – Anna Lubas
 - D. Retiring Addresses – Eric Nelson
 - E. Delegate Issues for State Convention – Jimmie Ferguson
 - F. Spring CDE Results (April 19, 2012) – Sam Rubinstein
 - G. Livestock and Dairy Judging CDEs (April 21, 2012) – Gillian Armstrong
 - H. Agriscience Fair (April 25, 2012) – Ernie Arians
 - I. CTE Conference (May 3, 2012) – Jimmie Ferguson
 - J. Poultry Judging (May 8, 2012) – Stephanie Tarlowe
 - K. Chapter Visits – Ernie Arians
 - L. Association/Team Goal Updates – Jimmie Ferguson
- XI. New Business**
 - A. H.O Sampson Chapter Recognition – Anna Lubas
 - B. Honorary American Degree Nominations – Alec McAlarnen
 - C. Summer CDEs – Gillian Armstrong
 - D. Chapter Banquet Requests – Sam Rubinstein
 - E. Agricultural Issues Discussion – Alec McAlarnen
 - F. Member of the Month – Eric Nelson
 - G. State Officer Mileage
- XII. End of the Year Reflection**
- XIII. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting –Monday June 4, 2012
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Boardroom
4:00 p.m.*

NJ FFA Association
Minutes of the April 2, 2012 State Meeting

I. Opening Ceremonies

Alec McAlarnen called the meeting to order at 4:16 pm. Voting members in attendance were Jimmie Ferguson, Stephanie Tarlowe, Anna Lubas, Ernest Arians, Samuel Rubinstein, Gillian Armstrong, Eric Nelson, Rachel Layton, and Mrs. Moschera-Chernigovets, teacher representative. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Trivette and Mrs. Noble. Victoria Mastrella from the East Brunswick FFA Chapter was also in attendance as guests.

II. Minutes from the March State Meeting

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

Second by Ernest Arians. Motion passes.

III. Treasurer's Report

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

Motion passes pending audit.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

Victoria Mastrella Middlesex East Brunswick's chapter secretary shared that she enjoys providing support to her community through the FFA.

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

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 next meeting is on Thursday.

B. Membership and Chapter Relations

Creation of a state officer blog is still under discussion.

C. State Leadership Activities

The committee will meet to discuss State Convention committee meeting topics.

D. State Applications

No report.

E. Career Development Evaluation and Review

No report.

F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review

A meeting will be held at Northern Burlington to plan for State Convention's committee meeting.

G. State Convention Evaluation

No report.

Alec reassumed the duties of the chair.

VI. Executive Committee Report

Eric's love of NASCAR led to this month's key: pit crews. In just 12 seconds, tires are changed, gas is filled, etc. In order for this to be done properly and efficiently, workers need exceptional teamwork. As state convention approaches, we all have specific duties that add up to an awesome convention.

VII. Foundation Report

The next meeting will be held on April 17.

VIII. Alumni Report

The alumni had a very busy month, with a successful Bunny Hop and networking dinner with National FFA Secretary Jason Troendle. Their next meeting is April 11 after the retiring address workshop, so state officers are encouraged to stay. There, Gillian will give a presentation about her ILSSO trip to China.

IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report

The next meeting will be held at State Convention.

X. Unfinished Business

A. National Ag Day (March 6-8, 2012)

Ernie and Sam traveled to Washington, D.C. and worked with students from multiple agricultural groups across the country, discussing topics such as business opportunities and social media. They met with representatives for both state senators and their congressman, Chris Smith.

B. Horticultural Exposition/ Floral Design CDE (March 16-18, 2012)

The Horticultural Exposition was an excellent and enjoyable event. Mercer County College will be evaluated as a site for the event for next year. We were able to interact with a lot of the public.

C. National Officer Visit (March 13-17, 2012)

Jason Troendle, National FFA Secretary, visited chapters, conducted workshops for National Teach Ag Day, attended the alumni dinner and Horticultural Expo, and toured Northern Burlington members' SAE projects.

D. State Convention Planning

a. Timeline

The next item on our schedule is the final draft of our Retiring Addresses, due May 1.

b. Video Shoot (March 24, 2012)

The state officers had fun getting ready for convention despite the drizzly weather.

c. Statewide Community Service Project

Everyone has been selling wristbands, and we will definitely raise \$2,000! We decided not to accept pre-orders to get more wristbands. In order to get more participation in the food drive for RAH, we discussed giving prizes to the top collectors. Members of the Courtesy Corps could be assigned to count the donations, and Ms. M-C volunteered the assistance of her members, who will arrive early. State officers should be making a big social media push to advertise this!

Motion by Samuel Rubinstein to have the food drive be a competition with gift cards to the National FFA Store for the top 3 collectors in the amount of \$100, \$75, and \$50.

Second by Anna Lubas. It was clarified that chapters will be informed of the exact amounts of the gift cards. **Motion passes.**

d. Potential State Officer Candidates and Nominating Committee Members

State officers should check with members on the list we continually update of potential candidates. State Officer applications are due May 1.

E. Retiring Addresses (April 11, 2012)

The workshop allows for immediate feedback on our RAs. The Executive Committee will always be able to help us, and we should make the speeches our own. We need to bring a copy of our music (on CD) and a copy of our address to the Department for a 5 pm start.

F. Delegate Issues for State Convention

National FFA has sent us one proposed amendment dealing with the process for ratification of amendments to the constitution and bylaws. The State Board will vote at the next meeting to determine our state's position before finalizing this at State Convention with a delegate vote.

G. Pfizer Animal Health Visit (March 9, 2012)

We met with state officers from New York and Pennsylvania to learn about the Pfizer Animal Health; they love FFA members as future employees! Alec visited again on March 19 with National Officers Jason Troendle and Seth Pratt as well as two National FFA Foundation representatives. Chapters are beginning to participate in Pfizer's fundraiser program.

H. Online Career Development Event Results

Results are online, and Newton placed first in the Meats, Forestry, Agronomy, and Farm Business Management Career Development Events. However, the level of mastery from some of these events is below 70%. The CDE Committee will discuss this issue in future meetings and with State Convention delegates, since last year's committee decided the experience of National Convention outweighs costs to the school and poor performance.

I. Spring Career Development Events (April 19, 2012)

Our registration numbers are up, with high participation in the new Veterinary event and new chapters in Ag Sales! We should on location at 8 am, and more details will come soon. Assignments are as follows, and Stephanie will be competing in the Veterinary CDE.

- Floriculture: Alec and Sam

- Veterinary Science: Ernie and Anna
- Ag Sales: Gillian
- Ag Mechanics: Rachel and Julianne
- Environmental: Eric
- Nursery/Landscape: Jimmie

Discussion was heard on some of these CDEs, as well as the continuation of the Tractor Driving event.

J. Livestock and Dairy Judging Career Development Events (April 21, 2012)

Registration is due today for these events. Anna and Ernie will assist with Livestock Judging at Del Val. Alec, Gillian, and Eric will help with Dairy Judging at Cedar Lane Farms, where Mrs. Noble will probably attend. Attire is unofficial official dress with boots. Since the dairy event is in conjunction with the state 4-H contest, members can be on both 4-H and FFA teams.

K. Poultry Judging Career Development Event (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.

L. Agriscience Fair (April 25, 2012)

Ernie, Sam, Gillian, and Mrs. Noble will attend this event at the EcoComplex. Five schools have registered. As a reminder, there is a National pre-qualifier this year, so written reports will be judged before the state contest. Winners can edit their reports before submitting them to National FFA in July; National participants will be announced in early August.

M. State Applications Judging (April 12, 2012)

Alec, Stephanie, and Eric have volunteered to help review applications for convention awards. This will start at 8:30 in the department, and we will wear our black polos. Ms. M-C has volunteered to be one of the teachers, and will see if she can recruit a few more to help.

N. Association/ Team Goal Updates

We did well promoting the Online CDEs, and should focus on meeting our public speaking event goal. Sam will submit a proposal for our next team day, possibly seeing a movie before the April Work Session, by Friday.

O. Chapter Visits

All state officer visits are complete, but we got to visit many with Jason.

XI. New Business

A. Nominating Committee Candidates

Alec and Eric will finalize the committee members after this meeting. We have a big pool of applications to select from!

B. National Officer Candidates

No one will be running this year.

C. New Jersey Ag Society Gala

Ms. Joan Elliot thanked us for sending three state officers and Ms. Butch to help with the event. They had a fantastic time and hope to return in future years. Everyone was glad to see the bridge between adult and student agricultural leaders, and got to meet with a 93-year-old alumni and the 1954 State FFA President. It would be great for the Alumni to do a similar black tie event to fundraise. Ms. Guttadora may be able to help us add to the Alumni's email list with gala attendants.

D. Agriculture/Education Issues Discussion

Woodstown is being given a year to build membership to fight a proposal to put all Salem County FFA members in the tech school. Past members and Rachel are coordinating a workshop to bring to sending districts for recruitment. Mrs. Trivette has discussed CASE with their administration, and Jason had positive meetings with the principal and superintendent. Their Alumni is meeting tomorrow to further discuss how to save the program and increase enrollment. Support from the Ag Community is really helping.

E. Member of the Month

Motion by Eric Nelson to make Alex Feltwater of the Newton Chapter the April Member of the Month.

Second by Samuel Rubinstein. Motion passes.

F. State Officer Mileage

April mileage is due May 7 by 2 pm.

Motion by Gillian Armstrong to accept her late mileage.

Second by Ernest Arians. Motion passes.

Motion by Anna Lubas to accept her late mileage.

Second by Eric Nelson. Motion passes.

XII. Other Business

- The May Work Session will be held May 14 at 4 pm. This meeting will last until about 8 pm, so dinner will be provided and the executive committee is invited to help.
- The CTE Conference will be held May 3 in New Brunswick, and we want three state officers in attendance.

XIII. Closing Ceremonies

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm.

New Jersey FFA Treasurer's Report
March 2012

BEGINNING BALANCE: March 1, 2012

\$44,577.26

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		\$ 43,867.00
	2	Contests	\$ 4,050.00		\$ 1,863.90
	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		\$ 26,794.90
	7	National Convention	\$ 2,735.00		\$ 1,550.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,675.00		\$ 771.00
	9	National Leadership Conf.			
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,750.00		\$ 200.00
		Total Deposits	\$ 107,835.00	\$ -	\$ 88,770.80
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		\$ 2,015.00
	3	General Supplies	\$ 3,388.00	\$ 440.00	\$ 5,497.03
	4	State Officers	\$ 11,143.00	\$ 1,369.27	\$ 11,965.84
	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	\$ 3,437.41	\$ 3,437.41
	9	National Leadership Conf.	\$ 1,854.00		\$ 1,853.52
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,140.00		\$ 5,502.00
		Total Expenses	\$ 107,835.00	\$ 5,246.68	\$ 60,059.62

Ending Balance: March 31, 2012

\$39,330.58

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	
General Supplies				
				\$ 2,015.00
08/04/11	Selective Insurance Liability		\$ 638.00	
12/05/11	National FFA - Jackets, scrafs, 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				
				\$ 5,497.03
07/27/11	National FFA - SPC Regis for McAlarnen & Ferguson		\$ 600.00	
07/12/11	Jessica McCosker mileage May & June		\$ 252.46	
07/12/11	Alec McAlarnen 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. McAlarnen, 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. McAlarnen 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		\$ 63.96	
12/06/11	E. Arians - Baggage Fee to National FFA Conv		\$ 50.00	
12/06/11	A. McAlarnen - 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. McAlarnen - 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 Café - 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	
				\$ 11,965.84
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 Granjaei - 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	
08/08/11	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		\$ 1,748.45	
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	

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