

2016 FFA Planning Committee Meeting

November 8, 2016

Attending

Milton Natusch

Elena Hovagimian

Donna Woolam

Dr Ken Parker

Dr Dave Hopson

Norm Hammond

Jim Pomeroy

Janet Hammond

Loren Andrews – laa56@cox.net

Andrew Zamora

Danny Quinn – dannyquinn2014@gmail.com

Excused: B. Harrison Griffin

Meeting called to order – 9:34 am

Secretary's Report – Norm Accept Second Accept Motion Accept

Treasurer's Report – Dr Parker – See attached – 2013 and 2014 checks rolled back into the checking account. Jim P Motion Norm Second Motion Accepted

Communications if any

Several thank you notes were given out and passed along to Jim Putnam and Gene Cassidy. Milt made a concerted effort to get them done.

Reports -

Donna Woolam – The Big E – Having breakfast is a great experience. Farm to Family table exhibit, FFA students worked at manning the booth.

National FFA Report - Karen Hutchison – New CEO of FFA was here. That was great. There has been reorganization with our person. Kevin Keith will back and he will be working with the 6 New England States and Karen will be doing the other states.

Big E Coordinators report - Milton Natusch - There will be lots of changes to CDEs Milton and I will be working with Superintendents to get it done. Milton mentioned that Dairy Handlers will not be able to

be hosted on a state level in Connecticut. Donna Woolam offered to give space at ESE and work with Connecticut to make sure that this happened for future selection process to ensure that kids can go to National. State coordinators keep changing the challenge is finding the correct people. See attached report for further information.

Asst Coordinators Report – Danny – Newly elected National FFA president was here. National Officer had a great time. Everything went smoothly.

CDE Superintendents Report

Stars program report – Harrison Griffin (Given by Milt Natusch) - Having a problem getting a judges. Switching it up is important. The applications are not always in on time. Need to have wording added that if you have a Candidate you as the advisor is invited to attend the Luncheon. The luncheon is not meeting the quota for assigned lunches. Milton working with Indiana to get involvement. Coordinator is a former Connecticut member.

Safe Tractor – Andrew and Jim – Had a great year. Everything went smooth. Judge, participants and all went well. Interns were great

Doug Hammond – Has replacement suggestion for Job Interview.

Creed Speaking – Hotel works great. Everyone was prompt. The interns were great.

Floral design and landscape –Norm Hammond – Landscape had to work at getting a 5' teams. Next two years are ready. Need to pick again for 2018. Floral – the registration paper. Advisors need to fill out the Floral Arrangement registration, makes it easier to contact. Several arrangements show up at the last minutes. Need more maroon ribbons and FFA exhibitor cards. Loren Andrews will be the Assistant for both CDEs and will take over in 2018.

Awards Banquet – Norm Hammond – Interns are great. Doug got all the scores in before the banquet which is much appreciated. The State officers participating in the banquet can't do the parade. They had results for the Sweepstakes. Derek Hill will be taking over next year and Doug will be glad to assist but he his encouraged to select an assistant.

Old Business

Recognition procedures – Retired – Renee and Ron Fredericks and Job Interview CDE. Three recognition awards. FFA Planning Committee to pay for gift cards.

Selection of Theme for 2019 (Landscape and Floral Design)

2019 – Woodland Garden Landscape Floral Design – Sports Tailgate Arrangement

2018 - Floral - futuristic design Landscape - garden of the future.

2017 - Fall Harvest Time with a modern interpretation for Floral Display. deer resistant

Adding Ag Sales- pilot. Very complicated CDE and no superintendent stepped forward. Does require a lot of moving parts. Until someone comes forward wanting to run it, this CDE is tabled.

New Business

Stipend allotment for FFA State Staff to attend Big E FFA Days. - Milton addressed this, that State Staff is not covered in terms of travelling. Limited budget and have to choose what event to spend funding on. There would need to be a vetting process via Janet Hammond. Donna Woolam proposed a mini-grant option. Discussion ensued about limiting it to just the New England States. Exploration needs to be made, to specify the requirements. Dr Parker – makes a motion for an application process to apply for a grant based on the IAFE scholarship. Up to \$250 to attend the Big E for the first time. Receipts must be submitted. Information would be based on need. This would be a one-time opportunity and this would need to be a first time attendee. This would be up to \$250 and must explain their responsibility to their state office and promoting their FFA role. Seconded by Milt. Motion Approved.

Quiz Bowl LDE Pilot - New opportunity for Sophomore competition. It is dates and facts, history Very similar to Schools match wits. This would need to be held at the Sheraton. This is leaving the pilot phase at the National level this would be relevant to our State Chapters. Andrew Zamora made the motion. Second by Jim Pomeroy. Motion Approved.

Election of officers – Dr Parker is looking for a replacement and is willing to work with them during the transition. Officers retained. Unanimously passed.

Next meeting date - November 7, 2017 TBD

Meeting Adjourned 11:11am

Comments from the Director of Agriculture and Education
For FFA Planning Committee, November 2016

On behalf of the Exposition and the staff of the department I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to all the folks involved with the 2016 FFA Activities. Your dedication of time and other resources is greatly valued by ESE.

As in every year the Exposition was very pleased to be able to host the young people chosen as interns. This year we had several state presidents join us as interns. As it is often hectic in the Ag Office upon their arrival, Milton and I met them for breakfast off site on Thursday morning to give a history of ESE and make sure that they had assignments for the day that were close to their fields of interest. This worked very well and I look forward to hosting them again in the future. As in previous years they represented FFA at the pre-opening ESE Media party. The National officer this year attended Springfield Rotary and The Green Pastures dinner on Friday.

This year, we have been made aware that there may be lots of changes in CDES from National FFA. On December 1st, we will remove from the website the 2016 CDE information. Changes from the Supt. should be made in Dec., so that by Jan 1, 2017, we may begin posting the 2016 CDE information. Elena will notify you 1 week before we remove your CDE so that you will have time to get updates done. Changes that come out of National can be made on the web as we are notified by the Supt. I cannot emphasize the need to get this information to us in a timely manner. It is our hope that Superintendents will respect this time frame and Elena's other commitment needs and get this information to her in the timeline stated. This was accomplished with great success last winter and we would like to continue it. I can not stress the importance of this. Several schools this year called in frustration as updates were late in coming to the office.

The electronic van and bus passes are working well, but it is difficult to be efficient with people that are tardy with request. Our staff works diligently to get these out. PLEASE work at getting these in on time.

The Exposition was attended by over 1.4 million people this year. We are confident that The Big E is in a good position moving forward. It is our intention to continue to support the current FFA events at the 2017 edition of The Big E.

Respectively submitted:
Donna G. Woolam
Director of Agriculture and Education

BIG E FFA PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
NOVEMBER 8, 2016
BROOKS BUILDING
9:30 a.m.

Call to Order – David Hopson

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report – Kenneth Parker

Communications (if any)

Reports

- Donna Woolam, BIG E
- National FFA Report
- BIG E FFA Coordinators Report
- Stars Program Report – B. Harrison Griffin
- Floral Design and Landscape Competition – Norm Hammond
- Banquet Report at the Sheraton – Norm Hammond

Other CDE Reports -

Old Business

- ✓ • Recognition of Renee and Ron Fredericks – retiring Environmental and Natural Resources CDE Superintendents
- ✓ • Recognition of Job Interview CDE Superintendent
- ✓ Ag Sales CDE pilot did not occur – no Superintendent available

New Business

- Stipend allotment for FFA State Staff to attend BIG E FFA Days

Quiz Bowl LDE pilot

Election of Officers for 2016-17

BIG E FFA Coordinators Report
November 8, 2016

- The FFA member participation this year was similar to last year (about 1800). I talked with several states and many states had staff changes which impacted participation. The states having changes are Virginia, Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland and New York.
- Interns: Nine interns worked at the BIG E this year, they came from Connecticut, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, New Hampshire, Maine, Virginia and for the first time New York. The interns did an outstanding job in executing their duties as needed. Danny Quinn from Connecticut was instrumental in getting the interns from the airport to BIG E and hotel as well as the National FFA Officer, Abraham Meyer from Iowa. Due to time constraints from National FFA and the National FFA Convention much earlier than in the past, we were fortunate to have a National FFA Officer attend for Saturdays activities.
- Online registrations: We continue to use Judgingcard.com for registration.
- The landscape exhibits continue to be a highlight of the Farm-A-Rama building.
- The floral design competition went very well this year. We will have a new Superintendent next year.
- There was maximum attendance at the Sheraton this year (725) which was great.
- Positive comments were received from the CDE Superintendents at the conclusion of their events.
- Doug Cottrill was hired again to run the computerized scoring process and he did an outstanding job this year in having the results ready in a timely manner.
- State FFA Officer Assignments: A much better job was done this year in scheduling officers at CDE events.
- Prepared Public Speaking will need a replacement for Kim Lefleur next year because of a previous engagement.
- We had the following states participating in the BIG E FFA events: Maine, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, Kentucky, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Michigan, West Virginia and Ohio.
- FFA Workday the Saturday before has only had one chapter participate and additional chapters are encouraged to assist. The chapter was Northwestern Regional FFA, Winsted CT.
- The Superintendents dinner was well represented by CDE staff and guests.
- Elena and Donna are to be commended, as well as others who provided assistance to the FFA at the BIG E. Their patience, dedication and hard work helped make FFA days a success.

BIG "E" FFA PLANNING COMMITTEE

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

NOVEMBER 8, 2016

ACCOUNT BALANCE

BALANCE November 10, 2015 35,905.82

GENERAL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS	Participation dues (8 States)	1,200.00	
	Cancelled Checks	547.05	
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>1,747.05</u>	37,652.87
EXPENSES	2016 CDE EXPENSES	64.94	
	CT FFA ASSOC	888.74	
	STORROWTON TAVEREN	825.21	
	COST OF CHECKS	27.99	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>1,806.88</u>	35,845.99

FARMCREDIT ACCOUNT

		BALANCE	
BALANCE	November 10,2015	11,777.96	
RECEIPTS	FARM CREDIT SYSTEM	10,000.00	
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>10,000.00</u>	21,777.96
EXPENSES	STAR TRAVEL	5,500.00	
	STAR WINNERS	2,000.00	
	B. HARRISON GRIFFIN	13.54	
	DISCOUNT TROPHY	17.50	
	STARS LUNCHEON	2,749.50	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>10,280.54</u>	<u>11,498.42</u>
			<u>35,565.45</u>
BANK STATEMENT	OCTOBER 31 2016		36,705.60
CHECKS OUTSTANDING	NOVEMBER 8,2016	1,140.15	
CHECKBOOK BALANCE	NOVEMBER 8, 2016		<u>35,565.45</u>

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth A. Parzen, Treasurer

<u>Ag Tech and Mech Systems</u>	Team	7
<u>Agriscience Fair</u>	Submission	21
<u>Agronomy</u>	Team	6
<u>Creed Speaking</u>	Contestant	11
<u>Dairy Cattle Handlers</u>	Contestant	22
<u>Dairy Cattle Mgmt and Eval</u>	Team	9
<u>ENR</u>	Team	8
<u>Extemporaneous Public Speaking</u>	Contestant	10
<u>Farm Bus. Management</u>	Team	8
<u>Floral Arrangement</u>	Contestant	18
<u>Floriculture</u>	Team	8
<u>Food Science</u>	Team	7
<u>Forestry</u>	Team	9
<u>Horse Evaluation</u>	Team	10
<u>Job Interview</u>	Team	10
<u>Livestock Evaluation</u>	Contestant	9
<u>Marketing Plan</u>	Team	4
<u>Milk Quality and Products</u>	Team	11
<u>Nursery/Landscaping</u>	Team	5
<u>Parliamentary Procedure</u>	Team	6
<u>Poultry Evaluation</u>	Team	7
<u>Prepared Public Speaking</u>	Contestant	7
<u>Safe Tractor Operation</u>	Contestant	10
<u>Star Agribusiness</u>	Contestant	6
<u>Star Agriscience</u>	Contestant	3
<u>Star Farmer</u>	Contestant	6
<u>Star Placement</u>	Contestant	6
<u>Veterinary Science</u>	Team	7