



Utah FFA Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

November 24, 2020

Zoom Call

Attendance

Area Representing	Name	Present	Absent
Area I	Shyanne Ovard	X	
Area II	Colton Ingram	X	
Area III	Kassidie Russell	X	
Area IV	Hope Blackburn	X	
Area V	Shoat Roath	X	
Area VI	Sheri Rothlisberger	X	
Area VII	Jon Burton	X	
Area VIII	Justin Thornley		X
Area IX	Ben Hunter	X	
Area X	Anna Hone	X	
State FFA President	Landon Arnell	X	
UAAE President	Jason Goble	X	
State FFA Advisor	Buddy Deimler	X	
State FFA Exec Sec	McKena Wallentine	X	
ASTE Rep	Tyson Sorensen	X	
CTE Director Rep	Mark Anderson	X	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by State FFA Advisor Buddy Deimler at 3:32pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2020 meeting was made by Sheri Rothlisberger, seconded by Landon Arnell. *Motion passed.*

3. Financial Reports

McKena Wallentine presented the 2020 Year to Date Financial Reports and Quarterly Meal Report for review and questions.

Motion to approve the 2020 Year to Date Financial Reports and Quarterly Meal Report was made by Jon Burton, seconded by Anna Hone. *Motion passed.*

4. **Seat New Area 7 Advisory Board Member**

Motion to seat Jonathan Burton for Area 7 was made by Ben Hunter, seconded by Jason Goble. ***Motion passed.***

5. **USBE Program of Quality Review**

Buddy Deimler presented the Program of Quality of Review and opened it up to questions and comments.

No discussion or questions. No motion needed.

6. **State FFA Activities:**

a) **State Convention**—With input from SUU and the Advisory Board a decision will be made in January on what convention will look like—virtual, in-person or hybrid. Some input that was given from the teachers were; Could we move LDEs to State Contests? Would Snow College be able to host us? If SUU cannot host us, we can look into Sevier Valley Center.

a. **Creed Speaking LDE**

McKena Wallentine asked for clarification on the current rules and if there was a need to change due to National FFA waiving the age restriction for National Convention in 2021. It was determined that no changes are needed because 10th graders are already allowed to compete and win, but haven't been able to represent us at National Convention due to the National FFA age requirement. McKena Wallentine will make an announcement to teachers about the exception that 10th graders can win and compete at Nationals for the 2021 year due to National FFA waiving their requirements.

b. **State Degree Minimum Qualification Proposal**

It has been proposed that we look at the State Degree minimum qualifications and put a provision in place for *Article VI, Section D, 8*—“*Have participated in at least 5 activities above the chapter level.*” This proposal is due to the current COVID-19 restrictions chapters are facing where their schools/districts are not allowing them to travel to area or state level activities and/or because some events have not been held because of the pandemic.

Motion to adjust the activities from 5 activities to 3 activities for the 2020-21 year was made by Shyanne Ovard. ***Motion failed due to failure of second.***

c. **LDEs COVID Proposal**

Background: We have seen how quickly Covid, Quarantines, and School Shutdowns can happen. As a result students may have prepared for, won, and plan on attending an area or state competition to find they are not able to attend in person.

Proposal:

1. Areas develop individual Area plans on how to deal with each LDE for positive covid testing, quarantines, and/or school shutdowns. This may be no adaptation for an area OR up to having a technology virtual option for students.

2. State FFA develop a plan to allow students who qualify for State LDEs to compete virtually IF they have an active case of Covid, are being quarantined, or if their school is not permitting travel. It will be the responsibility of each virtual competitor to have the technology and internet capable of performing the competition.

Some LDEs like COCM of Parli that have tests will need to have special consideration to check for viability under this proposal.

It was determined that Areas have always had the ability to run their Area Contests as they see fit. Buddy Deimler and McKena Wallentine will take a look at LDEs and develop a plan to address COVID, quarantines and shutdowns to still allow students to compete. No motion needed.

b) State CDEs

Some ideas for virtual contests that were discussed include: A signature of assurance from Advisor that all rules were followed to create more validity in virtual contests if needed. There was also discussion on implementing Area pre-qualifiers for CDEs or to somehow utilize other contests such as Snow College or Deseret Peak as prequalifiers. This will help limit the number of students competing at the State Contests, which is the biggest concern USU has with hosting us, especially during COVID.

McKena Wallentine let the board know that USU has asked that we move off of the April 20-21 dates because students will still be on campus and there are already room capacity restrictions, which will cause added barriers. Different date options are being explore. She also let the board know that a safety plan has to be submitted to the USU COVID-19 Safety Committee and get approval before the event can happen. She is asking for help and suggestions on how to address all of these items moving forward.

7. 2020-2021 Advisory Board Meeting Dates

- a) February 4th –Virtual, turning this over to UAAE for their Business Meeting
- b) May 6th --In Person
- c) August 5th --In Person

8. Dues Restructuring

Buddy explained that he is chairing a committee with National FFA to restructure how dues are paid and move to a fee structure to something similar to the Middle School Flat fee structure that will allow every student in a classroom to be an FFA member.

There was discussion regarding students having to buy in and that it shows that they really want to pay. The question was asked if this would be a burden on small schools. Buddy explained that this would not because it would be based off of numbers of students enrolled. It is more about the philosophy then the amount of money.

9. Adjourn

Shoat Roath moved to adjourn, Ben Hunter seconded. *Motion passed.* Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.