



Utah FFA Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2019

Dairy West, Draper

Attendance

Area Representing	Name	Present	Absent
Area I	Zane Christensen	X	
Area II	Ray Smalley <i>(in place of Cheyenne Reid)</i>	X	
Area III	Angie Pommerening	X	
Area IV	Danny Blackhurst	X	
Area V	Malcolm Rose		X
Area VI	David Wilson	X	
Area VII	Jesse Burrell		X
Area VIII	LaMarr Walker		X
Area IX	Jeff Cox		X
Area X	Ashley Violet	X	
State FFA President	Kaylee Hopkins	X	
UAAE President	Hailey Bass	X	
State FFA Advisor	Buddy Deimler	X	
State FFA Exec Sec	Megan Cook	X	
ASTE Rep	Tyson Sorensen		Excused
CTE Director Rep	Mark Anderson	X	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by State FFA Advisor Buddy Deimler at 10:08 am.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 8 meeting was made by Hailey Bass, seconded by Mark Anderson. *Motion passed.*

3. Financial Reports

Megan Cook presented the 2018 Year to Date Financial Report and Quarterly Meal Report for review and answered questions. Angie Pommerening and Dave Wilson suggested we don't lower ULC registration since facilities only get more expensive moving south of Logan. Dave mentioned that prices are always going up, and Angie mentioned that we don't want to lock ourselves into a cheaper facility that we may not like. Motion to approve the financial report was made by Zane Christensen, seconded by Danny Blackhurst. ***Motion passed.***

Dave Wilson moved to accept CDE expense report and approve the payment of \$1,100 for livestock panels. Danny Blackhurst seconded. ***Motion passed.***

Mark Anderson suggested that if the advisors want to see the financial report, that the report be made available to teachers at Summer Conference during a workshop. Discussion was had about putting the financial summary report behind a password on UtahFFA.org and if teachers have questions they can attend the Summer Conference workshop. Advisory board emphasized that if teachers review the financial report, they must read the notes next to each category since many of the categories are ongoing.

Motion to approve the Quarterly Meal Report was made by Dave Wilson, seconded by Hailey Bass. ***Motion passed.***

Old Business:

None

New Business

4. FFA Executive Secretary

Hailey Bass moved to go into executive session. Dave Wilson seconded. ***Motion passed.***

- Performance Review
- Contract Renewal

Danny Blackhurst moves to end executive session. Hailey Bass seconded. ***Motion passed.***

Angie Pommerening moves to renew Megan Cook's contract. Hailey Bass seconds. ***Motion passed.***

5. 2020 State FFA Convention

Finding a location and date for State Convention has become increasingly difficult over the past several years. SUU and USU struggle to guarantee any of our available dates in March because of basketball and gymnastics. The goal is to be able to provide a schedule for 5 years of locations and dates for State Convention. If we keep our Convention in March, that will be nearly impossible unless we were to go to a more expensive venue such as the Salt Palace or Sandy Convention Center.

Ashley Violet moves that state convention be moved out of March. Angie Pommerening seconded. Discussion was based around moving State Convention to May and keeping State CDEs in April. If Convention is held in May, both SUU and USU facilities are much easier to reserve. The use of dorms for \$15/student/night is an option at USU to help alleviate costs for students. ***Motion passed.***

Hailey Bass moves that 2020 convention be moved south. Kaylee Hopkins seconded. *Please note that this does not mean that State Convention 2020 **will** be held in May on the southern end of the state—it means that that is where our efforts will go to look for a venue. *Motion passed.*

6. 2020 State FFA CDEs

When approved by USU, State CDEs will be held April 21-22, 2020 at Utah State University.

7. Calendar Proposal for ULC

ULC attendance on Saturday has been historically much lower than in-week dates. Advisory Board **emphatically** agreed that ULC should take place during the week and earlier in the year. December has been increasingly more difficult because of family gatherings and Christmas parties, NAAE, and more.

Possible Date Options:

November 12, 13, 19, 20, 21, 22 (3 dates total)

Richfield would still be the southern/central location. We are looking into the use of the State Fairgrounds to accommodate the Northern location. We are taking into account the state Turkey Show and processing that takes place during the week of November 18-23, and will try to schedule the Southern ULC during that week with Northern ULC the week prior. All of this is dependent on facility availability.

8. 2020-10219 FFA Advisory Board Meeting Schedule

- July 11, 2019 – 10:00 am to 12:00 pm – Alpine School District Location TBD

Additional Items Brought up by Board:

- Members of the Advisory Board brought up concerns about the number of CDE teams we have and number of students who are unprepared. Concern of too many kids who are just showing up and being thrown into contests. Suggestions made that there needs to be a qualifier to get kids to State CDEs. Areas will need to discuss this at Summer Conference during area meetings.
- The contests with the main concerns are: Livestock Evaluation, Horse Evaluation, Ag Mechanics, and Floriculture
- Provide a fee schedule for all official Utah FFA activities and events at the beginning of each school year so students and advisors can prepare and save money for these expenses

9. Adjourn

Dave Wilson moved to adjourn Danny Blackhurst seconded. *Motion passed.* Meeting adjourned at 1:18 pm.