

55th annual Pennsylvania Young Farmer Delegate Meeting

February 4, 2015

Lancaster DoubleTree Resort, Lancaster, PA

The meeting was called to order by President Nathan Jamison at 9:34 am. Doyle Paul led the group in prayer. President Jamison appointed Doyle Paul as parliamentarian for the meeting.

Secretary Betsy Huber called the delegates forward to be seated. Delegates present were:

Berlin Brothersvalley: Greg Croner and Tim Rhoads

Cedar Crest: Glen Krall and Jennifer Balmer

Ephrata: Ernest Orr

Gettysburg: Carl Keller Jr. and Richard Kammerer

Kutztown: Ken Sanner and Bobby Tercha

Lewisburg: Jason Wolfe and Irvin Reynolds

Manheim: Forney Longenecker

Mifflinburg: Matt Sanders and Barry Spangler

Northern Lebanon: Dale Maulfair

Penns Valley: Jeff McClellan and Carol Corman

Shippensburg: Jeff Rohrer

Solanco: Samuel Glick and Ronald Althoff

A quorum was present with twelve chapters represented.

The minutes of the last delegate meeting February 5, 2014, had one correction—delegate from Gettysburg was Carl Wilkinson not Carl Williams. Jeff McClellan moved, Tim Rhoads seconded to adopt the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Ed Zug reviewed the report printed in the booklet. Jeff McClellan asked about miscellaneous income and expense. Ed said they included \$2500 Monsanto grant for Mifflinburg chapter and \$750 payment for copyright infringement case later reimbursed by insurance. Carol Corman asked about the Executive Secretary's expenses being broken out on a separate line item as she requested last year. Nathan said the President and Treasurer receive monthly reports of hours and expenses and they are available upon request. Jeff Rohrer moved, Glen Krall sec. to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

President Jamison announced that all other officers' reports appear in the conference booklet.

Committee Reports:

Nominating – Dan Wilkinson presented the following slate of officers:

President Elect – Denise Leydig

Western VP – Jessica Van Gilder

Northern VP – Jason Wolfe

South Central VP – Jason Rentzel

Eastern VPs – Bill Zollers and Nathan Kreider

Secretary – Becky Nas

Treasurer – Ed Zug

Public Relations – Linda Krall and Debbie Zug

Carl Keller moved, Tim Rhoads seconded to close the nominations. Motion carried. Jeff McClellan moved, Jeff Rohrer seconded to accept the slate of officers. Motion carried.

Resolutions Committee – resolutions are printed in the booklet. Tim Rhoads moved, Carl Keller Jr. seconded to adopt the resolutions as printed. Motion carried.

Audit – Bob Corman reported the committee met and reviewed the accounts and found them in proper order; the treasurer does a good job. Having the deposits separated by category made their job easier.

Interest on the Future Institute CD will roll back into the account. They also audited the Membership accounts.

Budget – Ed Zug presented the proposed budget. Forney Longenecker asked for an explanation of the NYFEA dues income and Ed explained. Jeff McClellan moved, Ken Sanner seconded to accept the budget as printed. Motion carried.

Convention Sites – Dan Wilkinson reported Kutztown will sponsor 2016 and Shippensburg/Chambersburg will sponsor 2017.

Membership – Edith Rhoads reported that packets were sent out in December. The newly appointed Membership Chair will receive dues payments. She asked that chapters please verify and update mailing addresses and let the chair know about deceased members. Carol Corman said Penns Valley has two advisors, herself and John Howell. Ron Althoff moved, Tim Rhoads seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.

FFA Report – Katie McLaughlin, State FFA President, said this year's theme is "Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow." Jackets were presented to 550 new FFA members at the winter convention. They are looking forward to the ACES conference in February and SLLC in March.

FFA Foundation – Sarah Sparks, Executive Director, said the foundation is made up of 12 trustees, the executive director, bookkeeper, and representatives of agricultural education organizations in PA. They raise funds to assist with the FFA conferences and state officers' expenses. They contribute "Leadership Scholar Dollars" to local FFA chapters. Upcoming events are Shooting Clays event and dinner on April 18 and the Golf Outing at Fox Chase Golf course July 23. They hold the food fundraiser at Ag Progress Days. The board's next meeting is March 23.

Education – Bob Corman asked A. Dale Herr to review today's educational workshops.

Constitution – Bob Corman reported no proposed changes.

PA State Council of Farm Organizations – Betsy Huber reported activities of the Council in the past year. The next meeting includes the Cornucopia reception in the State Capitol on March 3. She will go off the Board at that time but will remain on the Council. Jeff Rohrer moved, Jason Wolfe seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.

NYFEA Report – Dan Wilkinson reported on the NYFEA Institute in December in Louisville, KY. Our delegates were Dan, Jeff McClellan, Carol Corman, and Ken Sanner. Denise Sanner was elected President. The 2015 institute will be in Charleston SC; 2016 in Florida, the 50th anniversary; and 2017 in Georgia. He encouraged all members to attend; it is very interesting and educational. Denise Sanner commended PYFA attendees for helping to raise \$1550 for St. Jude's Childrens Hospital through purchase and resale of a toy tractor at the auction. The funds, tractor, and a hat will be delivered to the Hospital. Tim Rhoads moved, Carl Keller seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.

Management – Bob Corman and committee met with the Executive Secretary. He thanked her for revising the Handbook and Officers Manual which was mailed to advisors and presidents last week. Last year's recommendation of a monthly report/expense form was adopted and was very helpful in the evaluation. Exhibits were set up at Ag Progress Days and the Farm Show; the web page is constantly updated, and she is working on grants.

The committee recommends training for officers which Chris Weller has offered to provide. They also recommend periodic conference calls with the Regional VPs to help them work together and encourage them to hold regional meetings with their chapters. They recommend that the board purchase a display board for each region for use at local fairs etc., and provide brochures and general information on the display. The region can add local information to it. The committee encouraged Betsy to participate in NYFEA Executive Secretary conference calls and meetings. Bob also recommended a closer relationship with Ag in the Classroom, and an attempt to recommend our own local teachers for our scholarship.

Greg Croner moved, Jeff Rohrer seconded to purchase a display board for each region's use as needed. Ron Althoff asked the cost; Treasurer Ed Zug said approximately \$100 each. Motion carried. Greg Croner moved, Glen Krall seconded to approve the Management Committee report. Motion carried.

Technology Report – Betsy Huber encouraged members to check the website frequently for information and to send local chapter information for posting. Barry Spangler asked what Julie Korenkiewicz's duties are. She receives the information from Betsy and actually posts it on the website. Jeff Rohrer moved, Tim Rhoads seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.

Past Officers – Carl Keller Jr. reported good attendance at this morning's meeting. They submit the following recommendations:

1. Chapters should try to have local contests for Over 30, Under 30, and Community Service awards with the winners going to the state contest.
2. Try to get younger members.
3. State should communicate with chapters more to get information to them, and chapters should send their information to the state for board consideration and the newsletter.
4. Reminder of deadlines for contests and awards should be done early in the summer so pictures and information can be put together.
5. VPs need to visit chapters regularly to get concerns and give information.
6. Maybe check to see if Young Farmers could partner with other groups for conferences and tours.
7. Thank you to Solanco YF for work done for this year's conference.

Tim Rhoads moved, Sam Glick seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.

Advisors Meeting – Doyle Paul reported on the meeting this morning with good attendance to hear the presentation by Mifflinburg YF on their Grain Bin Safety Day program funded by a Monsanto grant and other sponsors. He thanked Mifflinburg for their presentation and said other chapters should replicate this and partner with first responders. He said new chapters are needed as well as new members. Several ag teachers have recently expressed interest in starting chapters. Check with your school CATS representative to be sure your chapter is registered with PDE. Young Farmers work can fill time for a second or third ag teacher in a school. The Extension Service doesn't do many classes now so YF can provide this service. Quarterly reports are required to Dr. Ewing on all adult education activities. Doyle said we have an exciting future with new younger officers.

Chris Weller said the PYFA Officers Manual and Guide to Young Farmer Programs are recently revised and available. The Manual contains the constitution and bylaws, sample order of business, officers' duties, and parliamentary procedure guide. The Guide contains our history, objectives, and useful information for advisors and teachers. Both were sent out last week to chapter advisors and presidents and are also on the website. Jeff Rohrer moved, Barry Spangler seconded to accept the Advisors Meeting report. Motion carried.

Public Relations – Debbie Zug reported receiving several applications for the contests. She stressed that they should be submitted on time. Linda Krall reported the Spokesperson winner is Taylor Gilmore, runner-up Amanda Baurer. An article will be sent to the press. Please encourage contestants for next year. Bobby Tercha suggested having the spokespersons speak at Tuesday evening's banquet, either all contestants or just the winner. Tim Rhoads moved, Carl Keller seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.

Dan Wilkinson reported that Krystal Wasson from PA won the Communications Award at NYFEA. Congratulations to the Northern region for recruiting her.

Old Business – none.

New Business – Convention locations are set for 2016 and 2017. Bobby Tercha asked if there is any seed money available from PYFA to start the planning since some hotels require a deposit which a chapter may not have. Treasurer Ed Zug said it would be possible. Ed reminded members that after the convention, any profits are divided between the host chapter and PYFA; any losses are covered by PYFA. Barry Spangler said a convention hosting booklet is available to help host chapters. Berlin Brothersvalley YF volunteered to host in 2018 and Cedar Crest volunteered to host in 2019.

Adjourn – Jeff McClellan moved, Greg Croner seconded to adjourn at 11:00 am. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betsy Huber, Secretary