

Minutes

53rd Annual Pennsylvania Young Farmers

Delegate Meeting

February 13th, 2013

President Jeff McClellan called the meeting to Order to order at 9:36 am. Doyle Paul was appointed as parliamentarian. Doyle Paul led the opening prayer. Jeff McClellan led the pledge

Caleb Wright, Secretary, called the delegates to the floor.

Jeff McClellan gave the official welcome and requested that individuals give their name and chapter before speaking.

A.Dale Herr from Solanco moved to approve the minutes without reading them and accept them as printed in the program booklet. Jeff Rohrer from Shippensburg provided a second, with a unanimous vote to approve.

Officer Reports are all printed as Jeff stated. Ken Sanner from Kutztown made the motion to approve them as printed. Harry Wasson from Penns Valley provided a second. With no discussion, there was a unanimous vote to carry the motion.

Ed Zug provided the Treasurer's Report. It was submitted and printed on page 39 in the program booklet. Ed Zug highlighted that income and expenses were both down a little bit. Income is above budgeted. Last year, convention receipts were run through the state treasury, showing an increase in income. An expanded program consisting of more numbers in each category is available. A question was raised if there was money made on last year's convention. Ed said that both the chapter and the state made money (profit left over is split between the two). A. Dale from Solanco moved to accept the report. Greg Cronner from Berlin Brothersvalley provided the second. There was a unanimous vote to approve the motion.

Committee Reports:

Nominations: Bob Corman, President- Elect, provided the report. All positions had a nomination, but the delegates had to elect a President-Elect. At the time of the report, those nominated were:

President Elect:	Pending Delegate Action
President:	Bob Corman
Past President:	Jeff McClellan
Secretary:	Caleb Wright
Treasurer:	Ed Zug
Public Relations:	Britney Marsh
Membership:	Christy Daniels
Eastern Region VP:	Hannah Wentworth
Eastern Region VP:	Bill Zollers
North Central VP:	Carol Corman

Southern Region VP: Kathy Zimmerman
Western Region VP: Nathan Jamison

Bob Corman then opened the floor for nominations. Forney Longenecker from Manheim nominated Nathan Jamison, but Nathan respectfully declined. Glen Krall nominated Dennis Wolfe for North Central Region VP, but Dennis declined.

If no name is nominated and the candidate approves, then the board will appoint someone with the same qualifications.

A. Dale from Solanco recommended the board move forward and return to this matter of business later.

A question was raised if a Regional VP candidate must come from a specific region. No decision was made.

Ed Zug – Membership Chair is appointed by the board. Jeff McClellan requested a look at the constitution.

Resolutions: A. Dale from Solanco moved to accept the resolutions as printed in the booklet. Leon Paul from Berlin Brothersvalley seconded the motion. The delegates voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.

Auditing: Nathan Jamison reported for the committee. The committee met. Both the treasurer's books and membership books were checked and both had no discrepancies.

Officer Nominations (cont'd): When the question was raised again, Nathan Jamison accepted the position as President Elect therefore opening position for Western Region VP. Jeff Roher from Shippensburg nominated Denise Leydig for Western Region VP. She accepted the nomination. Jeff Roher from Shippensburg moved to close nominations, Harry Wasson from Penns Valley seconded the motion. The delegates voted in the affirmative. A motion was made for the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for nominated Candidates by Charlie Ackley from Ephrata with a second by Bill Zollers from Kutztown. There was a unanimous vote to approve the motion.

Jeff McClellan asked delegates how they wanted to proceed with the membership chair. A. Dale Herr from Solanco moved to have the membership chair appointed by the board with voting rights. Charlie Ackley from Ephrata provided a second. There was a unanimous vote to carry the motion.

A. Dale Herr from Solanco requested that the secretary reread the names that were nominated. Bob Corman fulfilled the request. Those listed were:

President Elect: Nathan Jamison
President: Bob Corman

Past President: Jeff McClellan
Secretary: Caleb Wright
Treasurer: Ed Zug
Public Relations: Britney Marsh
Membership: Pending Board Action
Eastern Region VP: Hannah Wentworth
Eastern Region VP: Bill Zollers
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Ed Zug had found in previous minutes, a bylaw change for membership. The minutes stated that the membership chair was to be considered a full voting member of the board and to be appointed by the board.

Budget: Ed Zug reported that the proposed budget can be found on Page 39 in the program booklet. Gettysburg will handle expenses and registration for next year's conference. Therefore the budget is lower than normal. There were no questions from the delegate floor. There is some money in the money market account. The CD from the institute will be maturing in June. It is currently in 4.5% interest. Jeff suggested that there be research done on where to reinvest it. A. Dale Herr from Solanco provided a motion and Glen Krall from Cedar Crest seconded the motion to accept the budget as printed in the book. There was a unanimous vote to accept the budget.

Bill Zollers from Kutztown raised the question that if an individual is a lifetime member and moves out of state, does the membership transfer? Jeff McClellan and Bob Corman both answered, yes.

Convention Sites: Gettysburg graciously stepped up last year for the following year. A. Dale Herr from Solanco put Solanco in for the bid for 2015. Jim Sanders from Mifflinburg moved to accept the invitation to Solanco. Dennis Wolfe from Lewisburg provided a second. The delegates had a unanimous vote to accept.

Membership – Deb Zug's report was in the program book along with the lists of membership.

Bob Corman offered a special thanks to Debbie for her hard work and thanked her for the fine job that she has done. She will certainly be missed on the board.

Glen Krall from Cedar Crest raised the question as to what was happening with Brockway? He has a friend who is a member but has not heard anything. What is happening there? Debbie Zug reported that she sent the membership packet, but it was returned. She had then sent it to the advisor's home address after his previous work sent it back. The new Membership Chair and Regional VP will need to touch base with the chapter.

Greg Croner from Berlin moved to accept the report. Renee Grove from Shippensburg provided a second and the delegates unanimously voted to accept.

FFA Report: Casey Shawver, State FFA President, was there to provide the report. She thanked the PYFA for allowing an FFA member to serve on the board. The last few months, the state officer team has been traveling across the state. They have visited about 80 FFA chapters. 1300 students will be attending ACES which was the previous and coming weekends. Coming up in March is SLLC. Then in the spring, the team will be gearing up for banquets. She thanked the delegates again for their support and thanked them for inviting her here today.

FFA Foundation Report: Bob Corman reported that it was one of the more active years. This year at Farm Show, Pizza was at both stands. The Foundation is working on management to ensure efficiency for the customers. Food vendors were across the board on receipts. The foundation was down. They had a unique opportunity from Camen Energy. They were looking for a group to send leftover money to from a Clay Shoot. The group was very generous, but the board is not expecting for that opportunity to continue. The Golf Tournament went well and was profitable, though turnout was down for the afternoon. All money raised is used for leadership money and to help State Officers with their travel expenses. Forney Longenecker from Manheim asked how much money the Foundation raised. The Clay Shoot raised about \$16,000 to \$18,000. Bills are still out for Farm Show, but the gross was about \$130,000. The Golf Tournament was right around \$30,000. A lot of time is spent traveling, working with students and raising funds.

Education: Tim Rhoads reported that there will be 3 workshops in this room at 1:30 that will run back to back with 10 minutes in between. He reminded the delegates to get out and be active within the chapter in educational activities.

Constitution: Tim Rhoads reported that there was a motion to realign the region names with the PA FFA that was tabled at the last delegate meeting. It would need to be brought back to the floor or else the motion would die.

Council of Farm Organizations: Betsy Huber reported since Garry Maurer was not present. The Council had 3 meetings with legislative leaders about the state budget. They have been very active and legislators have been receptive. Other priorities for the Council are animal health commission and research and extension at Penn State. They are planning more meetings in the near future.

A. Dale. Herr from Solanco recommended that the secretary send a letter of thanks to Garry Maurer. He also recommended to the board that the new Executive Secretary take over that position.

National Delegate Session: Jeff McClellan's report is in the book. The biggest highlight was that Denise Sanner is the third PA person to become a board member of National. She is now the Secretary. The rest of the report is in the book to look at the delegates' leisure. PA had the largest

group there, and has had for the last five years approximately. San Antonio will be highlighted at lunch.

Management: Ed Zug's report was in the book. He added that Betsy Huber, the new Executive Secretary, has finally been hired. She has been doing a great job and hopes that everyone has the chance to meet her this week. Jeff McClellan added a special thanks to Betsy for updating the website.

Technology: The website has been totally revamped, as reported by Ed Zug. It has just been changed within the last month. It is much more user friendly. He hopes it will be a resource to see what is going on. Minutes will soon be going on the website as well. Be sure to take time and look them up to see what the board is doing.

Past Officers: Carl Keller provided the report.

- 1.) VPs need to step up. That way more individuals can step up and have more officers.
2. Britney Marsh filled in and did a tremendous job filling in at Weis. However, we need an individual to do the Spokesperson Contest.
- 3.) The Association needs to increase membership. The Past Officers were not sure how to do it. His son is a member but how do you get them active? Hopefully young members mean more upcoming officers.
4. Better communication from the board to chapters. Send out minutes to chapters and post them on the website.

A copy will be produced to add to the minutes.

Advisor's Meeting – Doyle Paul provided the report. He thanked Cliff Day and Chris Weller for helping to plan the agenda. They are looking at making lists of contact information to find ways to pursue advisors. A lot of the cases they do have it, especially if they work with a teacher and not just a Young Farmer advisor. There seems to be a disconnect between FFA high school and post-secondary members in getting them active and involved in the Young Farmer organization. FFA members who come to us bring strong leadership skills to the group but we do not harness them. What are some ways to get them involved? Some chapters pay their dues, but there are more ideas out there. We need to get younger members involved. PYFA awards are very production oriented but the industry is more than just production. There was a suggestion to expand awards to include Outstanding Agribusiness. FFA is doing it and a lot of Young Farmer programs are in line with them. This is all in thinking outside the box in considering recognition for Young Farmer members. He commended the group on having great discussion this morning. They discussed funding that Harrisburg has, and do not see a change in the future. Advisors wanting to obtain it should look to Chris and Cliff about getting it. One of the best ways to

continue involvement is to be energetic and active. Penn State Center for Professional Development has some money that they can give you access to.

A. Dale Herr from Solanco added on to his previous recommendation that since Cliff said that we get money from PDA why not take \$1500 and get new members outside of the high school. This was discussed later in the meeting as well.

Public Relations: Britney Marsh was not there, and no report was provided ahead of time. Caleb Wright has the PowerPoint and scripts for tonight's banquet.

Old Business

A. Dale from Solanco made the motion to take from the table the motion of old business discussing realignment of the name of the North Central Region. Charles Ackley from Ephrata seconded the motion with a unanimous vote from the delegates to approve.

Forney Longenecker raised the question as to why they changed their name. Cliff Day reported that the FFA had expanded their region eastward and after a rearranging representing the North Central Region, the FFA voted and changed the name to the Northern Region. The PYFA had discussions about following in line with them. Tim Rhoads reminded the group that last year it was a bylaw discussion; that we would make a change in the bylaws that PYFA would automatically follow the FFA and PAAE. Glen Krall from Cedar Crest questioned if this will affect any of our current chapters? Ed Zug replied, no. Tim Rhoads mentioned that the delegates could either just do this change, or PYFA can change the bylaws to constantly realign. It was tabled because no decision could have been made. Doyle Paul told the group that there are teachers in the Northern Region that are interested in PYFA, but the workload does not permit much time to commit to another group.

Charles Ackley from Ephrata asked if Penn State has an outreach program to reach out to teachers who are not from Penn State. Doyle Paul replied that they do. Doyle works with a lot of WVU Certified teachers. The Center for Professional and Personal Development receives good participation and support from those individuals.

Annette Gray from Selinsgrove mentioned that none of the teachers wanted to change the name, but accepted the change of land barriers. They have learned to live with it up there, so it is really no big deal.

Greg Croner from Berlin moved to change the name and land barriers to align with PAAE and the FFA just this time. A. Dale Herr from Solanco had the second. Unanimous vote to carry.

New Business:

Future Convention Sites- We already have one, from Solanco in 2015. Cliff will be looking for volunteers for 2016.

A. Dale Herr from Solanco mentioned that things go so much smoother when there are a few years to plan. Ken Sanner will take it back to Kutztown to discuss with the chapter.

Glen Krall asked where is the next summer meeting? Tim Rhoads answered the question with Manheim, the week of July 8th (9th and 10th) at Manheim High School. Doyle Paul added that they are planning a first class conference and it may be in the best interest of the PYFA to align itself with their tours.

Ed Zug posed a question for the delegates as to changing the dates of the convention. It is usually on a Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Would we be interested in changing to Friday, Saturday, and Sunday? If we change dates, could potentially raise attendance? If there are any opinions, let the board know. Ken Sanner from Kutztown suggested giving it a try. Carl from Gettysburg discussed it for the next conference, but decided against it due to hotel rates and availability. The only other thing to consider is those raising young children and the activities they are involved in. Ken Sanner from Kutztown asked if the decision is from the board or the host chapter. Tim Rhoads replied that it may be something to research and report back to the board with.

Forney Longenecker moved to keep dates as is. A. Dale Herr from Solanco had the second. When the floor opened for discussion, A. Dale Herr from Solanco mentioned that we had to have a 3 day conference if we wanted to get Fair Fund dollars. That is the reason it was kept that way. His personal preference says to keep it that way. Ken Sanner from Kutztown asked how much money do we get from fair fund. Ed Zug replied with roughly \$1400 but he had not heard anything about this year. Renee Grove from Shippensburg mentioned that it could be harder for young individuals to attend during the week, that needs to be considered. Jeff McClellan added that there are only 2 states that have a weekday only conference. After a voice vote that was too close to call, Forney Longenecker called for a Division of the Assembly. 10 in favor, 11 opposed. Motion to keep the dates the same was defeated.

Doyle Paul asked after hearing the report of the Advisors meeting and A. Dale Herr's recommendation, if there is there interest in having the Executive Board pursue an Agribusiness Award. A Dale from Solanco recommend to the board that there is an Agribusiness Award and to take less emphasis on financials. Kathy Zimmerman added that the applications do not address that farms may be working towards Agritourism. This should be considered. Deb Kammerer reminded the group that at last meeting there was a motion that was made that the PYFA should recognize Partners. Will this be something of the same or different? Doyle Paul suggested that this award could be an extension of that.

A. Dale Herr from Solanco made the recommendation to post delegate minutes onto the website. Discussion was had by the group about posting before they approved.

Charlie Ackley from Ephrata moved to post minutes as "subject to approval." Jeff Rohrer from Shippensburg had the second. Unanimous vote to approve.

Charlie Ackley from Ephrata mentioned their chapter has a concern about getting new members in. Why can they not give free membership to seniors in high school who fill out the application? \$1500 was discussed earlier, why not use that? Ed Zug mentioned that the money that was originally talked about was not in the budget.

Glen Krall from Cedar Crest asked if it is possible to provide free registrations for a delegate from the new chapters so they are better able to send a delegate.

Charlie Ackley from Ephrata moved that FFA seniors be granted free complimentary membership to PYFA for one year if they fill out the membership form. This will only be available to schools with a Young Farmer program. Glen Krall provided a second. Kathy Zimmerman raised the point that the FFA officers would have better luck getting seniors to fill out the forms because of their ability to relate to students. Steve Kline asked if the state will pay national dues since the state dues pay for the National Affiliate Dues. Ed Zug replied that we can include them in the mailing list to get around our commitment to National. With no more discussion, there was a unanimous vote to pass the motion.

A. Dale from Solanco moved to adjourn with a second from Glen Krall from Cedar Crest. Meeting adjourned at 11:41 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Caleb Wright, PYFA Secretary