

## IVATA FFA RELATIONS COMMITTEE

2017

Chair: Ray Shirts

**Monday, June 19**

### **Members Present:**

Stacie Reid, Kyle Stapleton, Jack Blattner, Renee Peugh, Sue Poland, Alan Schoen, Ray Shirts, Tom Woodland, Nicole Lebsack, Katie Wells, Lex Godfrey, Tom Jacobsen, Val Johnson, Shelby Densley, Clara-Leigh Evans, Tami Ackerland, Mark Pratt.

Called to Order at 4:06 p.m.

Minutes were read

### **Revised motion from last year stating the district directors bring two names of proficiency judges.**

Jack Blattner moved that each district director recommend 2 present or past agriculture instructors to sift proficiency and submit names by midwinter for approval. In addition, each district director will recommend two knowledgeable community members to conduct interviews of these awards at State Leadership Conference. All names need to be approved at midwinter meeting of the IATA.

Motion seconded by Sue Poland

Lex Godfrey moved to amend the motion by adding National Chapter and Star Awards

The amendment passed

The original motion including the amendment passed

### **1. Create a rubric for the star state awards**

Sue Poland Moved to create a committee consisting of Lex Godfrey and Tom Woodland to create a star state rubric sifting and SLC sifting for proficiency applications and including star and national chapter applications. Seconded

Lex Godfrey moved to amend to main motion by adding the name Sue Poland Seconded

Amendment passes

Main motion with the amendment attached is voted on and passed.

Group was asked to present the rubric at the next board meeting.

Lex Godfrey moved to lock applications for proficiency awards, degree applications and star battery applications on AET. Motion Passed

This will ensure that applications are representative of records kept and eliminate the need for record books to be submitted with applications.

## **2. Make recommendations to BOD regarding qualifying SAE programs for State and American Degrees.**

General Discussion: Is there a motion for the state to be a 100% AET?

No - just a recommendation to move toward 100% in past minutes

Tom Woodland made a motion that all SAE projects used for state degrees must be based on agriculture. Seconded by Kyle Stapleton

Moved to amend the motion stating that the majority of the project should be agricultural based

Motion fails for lack of a 2nd

Voted on original motion that SAE projects have to be agricultural related.

Motion fails

## **3. Review Policy regarding State Officer Candidates and CDE's**

This was brought about because of an issue with an officer candidate in the horse judging contest at SLC - where they were allowed to start, leave, return and judge off of pictures.

Motion by Jack Blattner stating: No officer candidates can leave a CDE and be allowed to return and finish.

Seconded

Motion passes

## **4. Review National Chapter Rankings and Interview Process**

National chapter interview process (interview has no points) either drop interview, go with ranking or change rubric to include interview scoring

Sue Poland: Move that national chapter move forward once sifted and eliminate interview

Kyle: second motion

Voted - Motion Passed

## **5. Review state star selection process**

No Action it was incorporated in an earlier motion by Jack Blattner

## **6. State Proficiency Finals Judges**

Motion by Sue Poland judges should not be from the home town of the applicant if possible.

Second: Lex Godfrey

Motion passes

## **7. Virtual Ag Program and FFA membership - Glen Orthel's Plan**

Virtual Ag Program

alternative program options/online format/create chapter for the online school

How will we handle membership for the online programs?

Move to discuss in Tuesday's meeting with Ben Myer.

## **8. Questions about DOT Training being on Sunday and the price involved.**

Clair Lee explained the move was caused by a bat infestation bringing about food safety and other issues.

Was trying to get a reduced price at Trinity Pines – Housing for Advisor (women/men)

Discussion: Left to Executive Director discretion

No action required

## **9. Elect 2018 Chair**

Ray Shirts volunteered to continue next year.

Jack Blatter moved for Ray Shirts continue as FFA Relations chair

Seconded by: Alan Schoen

Motion Passed.

## **Tuesday, June 20**

### **Members Present**

Stacie Reid, Kyle Stapleton, Jack Blattner, Renee Peugh, Nate Low, Sue Poland, Alan Schoen, Ray Shirts, Tom Woodland, Nicole Lebsack, Katie Wells, Lex Godfrey, Tom Jacobsen, Val Johnson, Shelby Densley, Clara-Leigh Evans, Tami Ackerland, and Jana Volkens.

Called to order at 11:12

### **Revisited the Virtual Ag Program and FFA Membership.**

Ben Myer and Clara Lee explained the basics to the group which was Glen was working on a virtual academy which would allow students to get ag. credit and maybe become FFA members.

No Action - It was decided to have Glen Orthel write up the proposal and look at it during Mid Winter.

**AET - Products used a home is not included in students point total for receiving the state degree.**

No Motion - decided since it was already in state rules to allow it - Lex Godfrey would fix the issue with AET.

**Proof of members time in FFA if FFA dues were not paid during a certain year.**

Clair Lee explained sometimes advisors forget to pay a student's dues at some point for a student. She needed guidelines on how to proceed to determine membership.

Motion made requiring advisor to produce student transcript, or a screen shot off powerschool, infinite campus, or another program. Also, must send Clara Lee proof of membership. (Pictures of student in activity, POA, or other documentation.

Seconded

Motion Passes

## **Committee Topics, Motions, and Recommendations**

### **Motion from last year stating the district directors bring two names of proficiency judges.**

Jack Blattner moved that each district director recommend two present or past agriculture instructors to sift proficiency, national chapter awards, and star degrees and submit these names by midwinter for approval. In addition, each district director will recommend two knowledgeable community members to conduct interviews of these awards at State Leadership Conference. All names need to be approved at midwinter meeting of the IATA.

Motion Passed

### **1. Create a rubric for the Star State Awards**

Moved to create a committee consisting of Lex Godfrey, Tom Woodland, and Sue Poland in charge of developing a Star Award Rubric. The rubric will be presented at the next board meeting. Motion Passed

Lex Godfrey moved to lock applications for proficiency awards, degree applications, and star battery applications on AET. Motion Passed

This will ensure that applications are representative of records kept and eliminate the need for record books to be submitted with applications.

### **2. Make recommendations to BOD regarding qualifying SAE programs for State and American Degrees.**

The debate included whether state degree applicants should only be allowed to have projects based on agriculture or if they can use jobs such as fast food or babysitting.

A motion was made that all SAE projects used for state degrees must be based on agriculture

Motion Failed

No Action - will be decided by board

### **3. Review Policy regarding State Officer Candidates and CDE's**

This was brought about because of an issue which occurred in a state CDE - where the candidate was were allowed to start, leave, return, and finish judging using pictures.

Motion was made stating that no FFA member can leave a CDE and be allowed to return and finish the CDE. Passed

\*\* Boise Valley - Milt Osgood Motion

#### **4. Review National Chapter Rankings and Interview Process**

On the national chapter selection process (interview is given no point value) We needed to decide whether to drop the interview or change rubric to include interview scoring.

Motion was made to eliminate the interview from the National Chapter selection process.  
Passed

#### **5. State Proficiency Finals Judges**

A Motion was made by our committee that judges should not be from the home town of the applicant if possible.

Motion Passed

#### **6. Virtual Ag Program and FFA membership**

Ben Myer and Clara Lee explained the basics of the Virtual Ag Program that is being developed by Glen Orthel which would allow students to get ag. credit and maybe become FFA members.

No Action - It was decided to have Glen Orthel write up the proposal and look at it during Mid Winter.

#### **7. Questions about DOT Training being on Sunday and the price involved.**

Clair Lee explained the move was caused by a bat infestation bringing about food safety and other issues.

She is also working on getting better prices in the future and would like to leave out Sundays - but explained it is difficult to get a plan together that will appease everyone.

Discussion: Left to Executive Director's discretion

No action required

#### **8. AET - Products used a home are not included in the students point total when applying for the state degree.**

No Motion - we decided since it was already allowed in the rules - Lex Godfrey would fix the issue with AET.

#### **9) Proof of membership if FFA dues were not paid during a certain year.**

Clair Lee explained sometimes advisors forget to pay a student's dues at some point or the member has missed a year on the roster for some reason. She needed guidelines on how to proceed to determine membership in this type of situation.

Motion passed requiring the advisor to produce a student transcript, or obtain a screen shot of courses taken from powerschool, infinite campus, or another program. Also, advisor must send Clara Lee proof of membership. (Pictures of student in activity, POA, or other documentation)