



Connecticut Association of Agricultural Educators

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CAAE Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 5, 2017

Lyman Hall High School

UConn Update from Dr. Pat Jepson

- Please see attached documents for update and CDE information.

Call To Order - 5:36pm

Business Meeting

1. Announcements

- State FFA Report - Mr. Milton Natusch
 - March 14 events information will be coming out soon. Plan for JLC – very full day, we will be at MCC and are planning to do state officer training for interested students. Half of Proficiency applications will also be scored that day. CDEs taking place are Ag Sales and Employment Skills.
 - FFA Week is coming up, looking to schedule chapter visits. Complete teacher profiles so Milton can enter advisors into FFA.org. Make sure that in the future you provide this information so this can be resolved.
- Update from SDE - Mr. Harold Mackin
 - The staff directory is updated. There is no longer free parking when visiting SDE.
 - Standards are completed, when he meets with directors he's going to need more input because he won't be able to visit all advisory committees. Goal – by the end of the year, have SDE approve standards. There have never been any CTE standards approved at the state level. Please give any suggestions to Harold.
 - State regulations are headed up the line (6 year project), haven't been changed since 1978.

2. Secretary's Report

- October meeting minutes available at meeting. Items to note: restructuring of the way committees will operate and changes to the Proficiency Application process.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's report available at meeting. We have higher member numbers than in previous years.

4. Taxonomy Reports

- Animal Science
 - We want to ensure that each part of the contests are judged consistently; same judge listens to all reasons or judges should be calibrated prior to.
 - We are encouraging people who volunteer to superintend a CDE to assist the following year for easier transition. We are now using the 2017-2021 National



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handbooks for state contests. We set a deadline for general knowledge chapters as February 1, send information to Casey and she will send out.

- Plant Science
 - Looked at fall contests for any changes. Seeing if we can divide the two plant contests between the fall and spring. Discussed a possible standard way for scores to be presented
 - Talked about getting industry professionals involved in our programs, if any schools are interested in the CT Flower and Garden Show, you can go for free, talk to Laura Laflamme.
 - Discussed sharing plugs for a better variety of plants
 - New Turfgrass event being setup in May, Eric Birkenberger will send information
 - Ag Mechanics
 - NOCTI standards review, notes will be passed along to Harold.
 - NR/Aquaculture
 - Worked on planning spring CDEs and got some good resources
5. Committee Reports
- CAAE Apparel
 - Tossed around possible contacts for ordering apparel, a survey will be sent out to members in the future regarding what apparel should look like.
 - CAAE Banquet
 - Talked about locations in the center of state to hold banquet. A survey will be sent out asking for date preferences, most likely after state convention. Audra will need help collecting information such as years of service, retirements, different awards and achievements, and people to recognize.
 - New Teacher Workshop
 - Discussed different activities that new teachers would like to see. We want to maybe couple this with a proficiency judging session, working on dates.
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
- NAAE Conference Update
 - Casey Dunn and Vicky Christian attended. We voted for new national President Elect, a new regional Secretary, and the new regional President took over. There were a variety of workshops to attend in all areas. Virginia Cipolla attended as a DuPont National Agriscience Teacher Ambassador. If you are considering applying for this, feel free to talk to Virginia. The NAAE relief fund is still available for those that may need it. LPS Specialist is back to being Kevin Keith.
 - Motion: I move to allocate \$250 of the conference budget to send Pam Berlekovic to the 2017 Ag Ed Summit and FFA Inservice. Motion made by Karolyn Card. Second.



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- i. A conference held in Indy every year, they pull 4-5 people per state. Workshops and panel discussions, good information sharing, very worthwhile experience.
- ii. MOTION PASSES
- o Announcement: It's Farm Bureau Legislative Dinner time, please become members and attend the legislative dinner, please get in contact with your reps to get your kids out there.

8. Adjournment

Upcoming Meeting Date

March 7, 2017 - Middletown (Snow date of March 14)

Meeting adjourned 6:13pm

Respectfully submitted,

Casey Dunn
CAAE Secretary
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