

## **Middle TN District Advisors Meeting**

**Time: 9:00 a.m.**

**Date: 4 / 21 / 2012**

**Location TTU**

\_\_\_A\_\_\_ Mr. Steve Gass – State Consultant / FFA Advisor  
\_\_\_A\_\_\_ Mr. Chaney Mosley – State FFA Consultant  
\_\_\_P\_\_\_ Mrs. Allie Ellis – Regional FFA Officer Team Advisor  
\_\_\_A\_\_\_ Mr. Courtney Nichols – FFA Board of Director  
\_\_\_A\_\_\_ Mr. Dale McDonald – FFA Board of Director  
\_\_\_A\_\_\_ Ms Michelle Page – Middle TN Awards Program Treasurer

\_\_\_P\_\_\_ Parks - Mike Akridge / Terry Shartzter - SUB  
\_\_\_P\_\_\_ Crimson Clover - Tommy Beavers, Secretary  
\_\_\_A\_\_\_ Upper Cumberland – Lee Little - SUB  
\_\_\_A\_\_\_ Lower Cumberland – Joe Green  
\_\_\_P\_\_\_ Dav-Will – Jessica Hartle  
\_\_\_A\_\_\_ Blue Grass – Lane Worley  
\_\_\_A\_\_\_ Muscle Shoals – Donald Waldrop  
\_\_\_P\_\_\_ Mid State – Bruce Haley / Brian Lewis - SUB  
\_\_\_P\_\_\_ Highland Rim - Danielle Johnson / Tina Fletcher - SUB  
\_\_\_P\_\_\_ X - Courtney Nichols / Bob Melton - SUB  
\_\_\_P\_\_\_ Red River – Gary Gibson  
\_\_\_P\_\_\_ Cordell Hull - Don Willoughby, Chairman

***Called to Order @ 9:25 A.M.***

***Minutes from 1 / 27 / 2012 Read and approved.***

***(Motion(s) noted in italics)***

### **Reports**

#### **Middle Tennessee Awards Program (MTAP) – Allie Ellis**

Middle Tennessee Officer Team (MTOT) was elected and have plans for officer retreat.

Banquet went very well.

The major complaint was that Individual Regional Ag Mechanics Plaques now just recognizing the 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner only. Used to recognize the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place individual as well.

Don Willoughby stated that the Mt. Juliet Alumni furnished the Team Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Plaques for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place teams was a “DUPLICATE”.

***We need to ask Jimmy Loftis:***

- 1. if the money for these plaques could be used towards the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Individual plaques....***
- 2. the state pick up the cost of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place individual plaques instead of Team Plaques....***

#### **TAAE – Terry Shartzter**

Voted at TAAE Meeting at State Convention to raise our dues from \$40 to \$100. \$40 towards dues and \$60 towards Lobbyist Fund. We cannot hire a lobbyist for Agricultural Teachers positions in state legislature until we have money to do so.

Terry asked each district advisor to convey the message to their districts for the reason and importance of this increase.

Mr. Shartzter stated that decisions were made everyday and that we do not know about them and what the legislatures are up to.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Budget**

Tommy Green questioned Budget items, especially for Middle Tennessee Officers, if this was in the budget – who approved it, etc. Tommy was informed of budget for MTO and reminded of the initial plans for the MTAP in building a fund to be self-supportive. We did not want to take over any expenditure from the State Dept. and State Alumni that was already in place. We “have” to build a more capital along the guidelines of what West TN did over many years to get where they are today. We are limited as to what we can do with the money as of now.

### **State Department Job Descriptions – John Marshall**

Rumored that Steve Gass will no longer be in position of FFA Advisor, he will be Curriculum only. FFA would be Chaney Mosley’s only.

Brian Lewis said he had called Steve Gass and that it was just rumor at time. Steve G. was scheduled for a Staff Meeting on Thursday for ALL CTE Divisions.

Lots came from complaint from others that FFA had two state people left while the other CTOs had only one.

### **Weather Policy for CDEs**

Brought up that we need a “Weather Policy” for Sub-Regional/Regional / State CDEs. What would constitute postponing a CDE due to inclement weather?

Tony Grooms moved & Brian Lewis seconded - “*to meet with hosts of Sectional, Regional CDEs and Report Back at Conference with Policy Proposal*”. **PASSED** Don will contact hosts to get some consent of Policy.

### **2012-13 Regional Calendar Draft**

2012 CTE Conference will be July 16-20. Regional Advisors meeting at 10:00 with location TBA.

Bruce Haley moved and Danielle Johnson seconded “*Send out a vote as whether the Speaking CDEs and Parli-Pro / Ceremony will continue with change made in 2011-12 or go back to old schedule of Fall – Winter.*” **PASSED**

New Member Conference will be Sept 15 Pre-Registration is August 30 to Allie Ellis. 8:00 Registration 9:00 begin.

District Advisor Meeting at State Horse CDE

Ag Sales October 4 at TSU.

Southern Sectional November 8. (CDEs TBA)

Regional November 15

Regional Sectionals will be at Eagleville and Gallatin.

Middle TN Advisors meeting in conjunction with TLC slated January 11. Bonnie Holman will send final date for TLC.

Sectional CDEs TBA January 31 STATE DEGREES Evaluated Northern and Southern same night. 1-31

Regional CDE February 7 Oakland

Greenhand Applications Due February 21 to Allie Ellis.

Star Greenhand Selection - Interview, FLOW will be February 28 at Station Camp.

Tommy Beavers moved Jessica Hartle seconded – “*Move Ag Skills Regional Event to 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in March.*”

Tommy Green moved Jessica Hartle seconded – “*Amend by adding as long as it does not interfere with Meats CDE.*”

**PASSED**

**Motion as Amended PASSED** – “*Regional Ag Skills CDE will be move to the second Saturday in March as long as it does not interfere with State Meats CDE*”.

Middle TN Skills CDE at Watertown March 9.

Registration at 8:30 CDE 9:00

Regional Horticulture/Nursery Landscape/Floriculture on March 21

Regional Officer Applications due March 21 to Allie Ellis.

May give application to Allie Ellis at Horticulture/Nursery Landscape/Floriculture CDE

Regional Dairy & Livestock will be April 9 at MTSU.

Register Due April 2 with Danielle Johnson and Jennifer Snoddy - Coordinators

Regional Officer Interviews April 13 at Station Camp

Regional FFA Banquet MTSU April 16 6:00 pm      RSVP Attendance by April 9 to Allie Ellis

Regional Advisors Meeting in conjunction with State Poultry CDE

### **Resolution – “State Horticulture & Poultry CDE Dates**

By Consent of Group – Brought to floor by Terry Shartzter to send a Resolution to the State FFA Board of Directors that “**State Horticulture and State Poultry be on SEPARATE Dates.**”

*Don Willoughby asked to be invited to meeting so he could express that this was from entire region.*

### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Jessica Hartle seconded by Allie Ellis to Adjourn. PASSED

### **NEXT MEETING**

**Monday, July 16, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at CTE Conference in the AEROSPACE BUILDING, Room # TBA**