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Nebraska FFA Alumni and Supporters Council
June 6, 2026 Meeting Minutes

The June 6th meeting of the Nebraska FFA Alumni & Supporters Council was called to order by President Matt Scholz at 9:00 a.m.

Those attending the meeting via zoom were Matt Scholz, Stan Heyen, Kevin Henrichson, Brett Nunnenkamp, Jenny Meyer, Tom Hoffman, Kenny Reinke, Jill Goedeken, Monty Larsen, Carson Reiman, Rachel Tagge, Melissa Hagemeister, Lori Walla and Tammie Steinhauer.

Brett reported income of \$36,685.44. Expenses were \$33,702.96 giving us a checkbook balance of \$30,565.60. Our total assets are \$373,300.81

Brett reported National FFA sent an email alert that stated a Tax Exemption Change would need to be updated on the National FFA site.

Carson Reinman, State Officer President, reported that the newly elected Nebraska officer team had 2 trainings prior to finishing their COLT conference. They had 600+ students attend.

Monty Larsen provided the UNL report. Incoming freshman and underclassmen enrollment remain consistent. There are 17 seniors, with 7 student teaching this fall and the remainder doing so in the spring. More time will be spent on East Campus during early recruitment time. Monty thanked the Alumni for funding the Alumni Impact Award, which had 16 submissions. The nominator and the nominee will be presented gift cards at the NCE Conference in June.

The Post-Secondary Report was sent in by Courtney Nelson. She named several Community Colleges that are providing camps and events this summer.

FFA Association representative, Sarah Heideman, sent a report that stated Kim Heller is a new staff member. She would like to collaborate with the Alumni to plan activities for the FFA's 100th anniversary, which will be in 2028.

Our FFA Foundation representative, Melissa Hegemeister, said there is nothing to report at this time.

Council members gave several activity reports from Alumni Chapters around the state.

Membership Chair Tammie reported the membership account balance is \$10,734.04. Rosters and fees are due September 1st. 2 chapters still have missing rosters.

Jenny Meyer reported on behalf of the Scholarship committee. (3) \$1000 Student Teacher scholarships were awarded to: Abigail Hodges of Julian, McKenna Sabatka of Weston and Keetyn Valentine of David City.

State FFA Convention Wrap Up:

Everything went well at the Booth and with Cornhole. The Railyard/Cube activities attendance was slightly elevated. Official dress items sold well, with a \$2,000 increase from last year. Brett reported we ordered 299 shirts and sold 198. Jill suggested we discuss possible changes for next year's convention t-shirt sales. 35 of the extra t-shirts will go to NCE and the remainder will be handed out at the state fair.

Blue & Gold Magazine representative, Tammie, said she will reach out to the Journalism department at Wayne State College. If they are not interested in doing magazine articles again, Macy Peters, WSC Journalism graduate, said she will write articles for \$1000. Tammie noted that Cornhusker Press did a great job for printing and mailing out last years' magazines. Potential chapter articles in the upcoming Blue & Gold Magazine could be about Arlington, Ralston, Bryan and Schuyler.

Social Media member, Rachel, said she will add an Omaha convention banner and Jill's NCE presentation to the website. Melissa will create a state fair promo that will also be added.



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Rachel, Kevin and Jenny provided information about the 2027 State Alumni & Supporters Convention in Omaha. Hotel room rates are under \$100 with free breakfast. Friday tours could include Klaas and Nelson Produce Farm. We discussed having the state officers make remarks at the Tractory Supply Ice Cream Social. Saturday tours may include a large industrial facility, urban agriculture developments in the Highland area such as: Seventy Five North, No More Empty Pots and Hardy coffee. The annual meeting could be held at the Saturday luncheon at Omaha Bryan. Rachel suggested sending out a postcard with convention information, in a QR code format, ahead of the Blue and Gold Magazine arrival due to the December 16th hotel reservation ending date.

Awards Committee chairperson, Rachel, said the National Awards are due July 1st.

Jill, Brett and Stan will attend NCE Conference on June 10. Jill has created a powerpoint for the workshop called: "From Classroom Learning to Career Earning ~ Engaging FFA Alumni & Supporters." 30+ have registered for the session. They will also attend the NAEA Banquet where they will present awards and Student Teacher Scholarships.

Tom provided a Welding Rodeo Update. The project remains in the design phase. Once welding camps are finished, he is going to work with Chief Industries worker to possibly involve industry in this competition.

A new By-Laws Committee was created with the following members: Monty, Stan and Kenny as new committee chair. They will look at updating the by-laws, term dates and attendance policy. Monty will visit with Troy. Ideally, we would like to publish the by-law updates in the Magazine for Convention voting in January. It was mentioned we could add a link to the website/magazine to replace large printing capacity. Changes need to be on file 90 days so an email message could be sent to local Alumni Chapters.

Rachel, Stan and Tom should be able to attend FFA Day at the State Fair in August.

Matt shared that the May Shoot and Swing was canceled due to low attendance probably associated with being scheduled on Memorial Day weekend.

Matt provided a handout for a newly created Sporting Clays Event. A committee of Matt, Monty and Kevin was formed. This event is planned for June 2027 in Brainard. Matt said they may request \$1500 (\$1000 as starter for award monies and \$500 for Radio and Social Media advertising).

Our Alumni will have a booth at the Nebraska AG Expo on December 8, 2026. The cost of the booth has been donated by Expo. Melissa and Rachel will attend.

Brett mentioned we were never invoiced for the 2025 Husker High School day or the 2026 one. We had previously budgeted for these events. A motion that we pay \$2,400 (\$1200 for 2025 and \$1200 for 2026) was made by Jill and seconded by Kevin. Motion carried.

A motion to budget \$1200 for the 2027 Husker High School event was moved by Rachel and seconded by Melissa. Motion carried.

Jill recommended we host a Regional Development conference in Nebraska in 2028.

A motion to form a committee and to submit a RDE proposal to Nationals was moved by Lori. Stan seconded. Motion carried.

Committee members will be Melissa, Jenny, Jill and Stan.

A motion to adjourn was moved by Kevin. Lori seconded. Motion Carried and meeting concluded at 10:54 a.m.

The next meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on September 12th, 2026 in Aurora at the Leadership Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Meyer, Secretary