

VATAT Conference
Area XI Meeting
July 30, 2019
Corpus Christi, TX

The meeting was called to order by Brandi Lawrence at 1:23pm. Invocation was given by Zachary Zahradnik. Greetings from Area XI State Officer, Addison Elstner.

VATAT Meeting -

Troy Oliver introduced other board members and talked about the association.

Tenure certificates: 5 years - , 10 years - 1, 15 years -

Jason Woods was re-elected. Roxanne Zahradnik was re-elected to the board.

Concerns: Information in RAs at State Convention, motivational address verses a platform for personal beliefs.

Area Meeting -

Minutes were read and approved by Roxanne Zahradnik.

Liz Treptow gave a Treasurer's Report. Recommendations: 4 Area Scholarships that did not receive Texas FFA Scholarships - \$500. \$300 to those Area XI teams placing 1st and going to Nationals. ALC continue to allow chapter officers to attend. Change ALC locations. Limit Area Officer expenses. Discussion of paying for supplies for Area Officers. Troy Oliver moved to accept area treasurer recommendations. Seconded. Passed. Troy Oliver moved to accept proposed budget. Seconded. Passed.

Introduction of New Teacher & Teacher Changes.

CDE - (Rod) recommendation that MIGHT be proposed, wants to see the pleasure of the area... taking scores into effect, wildcard spot... 4 advance automatic, 5th is a wildcard spot and would go to the next highest scoring team. Must be on the same day at the same contest. Revision cycle 2021. Todd Theil - dairy cattle - concerns with Tarleton and breeder on how they are placing classes. Let collegiate team do officials. Needs consistency. Area CDEs will still check dress code and clip boards. Rod Vincent elected.

LDE - (Troy) Area LDE date. Exchange judges with Area 7 & 10. Encourage to go to Area 3 (Nov.15) Area 10(Nov. 25). Will pay judges outside the area. Districts will need to provide 2 judges names and a quiz volunteer for area. \$300 charge for those districts that do not provide judges for area. Can a list be produced of retired teachers to help judge at State LDEs. Blinn is willing to host Area LDEs, but do not help yourself to just any room. Darren Cosby elected.

Scholarship - (Jason) Very successful for our area... 25 apps, 19 got interviews, 13 pool A, \$330,000. 4 next in line will get \$500. Avg - class rank 6.82, ACT 26, SAT 1194, GPA 96.4,

FASFA score 9.12, LDE 8.0, CDE 7.4, SAE 7.4, Need 6.0. Pool A score 85, needed 78.54 to get an interview. GW Kruskusky elected.

Greetings from VATAT Credit Union. Dr. Forysthe

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AI - Stockshow (Aaron) State Fair upped hog weight. FW changed heifer date on show. Aaron Wilson elected.

Greetings from Ducks Unlimited.

AI- Ag Mech (Jayson) make sure projects are appropriate. Ann Bailey - elected for 1 year term

AI - Competitive Events

Ag Mech - (Jayson) Ag Mech CDE integrated pest management - Robert Washington elected.

Tractor Tech - Jan. 31 area contest, area 7, 10 11 in Gonzales. March 15 & 16 in Houston, state. State WILL NOT provide scantrons this year. JD 5065E tractor.

Horticulture - (Mal) Stargazer lily issue. Want contest providers to stop using stargazer lily. Plants were dropped when they were wrong. 2020 problem is Sympathy flowers. Be thinking about plants with rule revisions coming up. Mallory Haas elected.

State Awards - (liz) All Lonestars accepted. Did not lose any. American degrees - community service issues.... National FFA doesn't want any church service to count as community service. Need a sheet of do's and don'ts for recordbooks. No more Home and/or Community Proficiency will change to Service Learning. Why is cut off date April 1st. Christy Capps elected.

State Housing Report - (Annette) housing was much better this year with orchid. Waiting room helped. Housing block never sold out. Dallas... 3000 rooms in 27 hotels... majority in downtown. Be patient with rooms not being ready. Overbooking is still a problem. Opening date of January was much better. In future looking at getting bids from new housing companies.

Rodeo- (Stacey) - Stacey Byars - Cosby elected.

Area Officer Selection (Mike) - recommendation - Phase 1 on Saturday following area CDEs.

Wildlife - Brad Lux (fulfill 1 year term for Amanda Gibbs), Robert Washington elected.

State Ag Science Fair - Jacob Buchannan (fulfill 1 year term for Kacie), Tiffany Waits elected.

State Speaking - motion made to remove manuscript all together. Will have to go before the board yet. Senior prepared will be 12 banners, Texas FFA will mail you one. Not a revision year. 5 from each heat will advance, not 6. Amy Hartman (fulfill 1 year term brandi), Casey Wilson elected.

Courtesy Corp - Didn't have enough kids to fill all 25 spots allotted for area XI.

State planning - send recommendations to Zach. Tim Wiley elected. Zach gave an update on how the state planning day goes.

Area Mid Winter - Send recommendations to Amanda.

Send committee reports to Roxanne Zahradnik.

Meats CDE will go back to 4 person team at Nationals. New Conference New GEN - Animal Systems, Feb 18-23, 2020 in Kansas City, MO.

Area XI CDEs at Sam Houston - Thursday, April 2nd

Scholarship Check - WILL BE at BOLING HS. Still on May 6th.

Meeting adjourned at 3:56pm. Break up into Districts.

Area XI Meeting
August 2, 2019
Corpus Christi, TX

The meeting was called to order by President, Brandi Lawrence at 9:57am.

Brad Lux gave the invocation.

Troy Oliver gave a VATAT Report from Wednesday's board meeting. Reporting places for conference in the next few years.

LDE - major fraction of a minute, will appear in the rules and one day the score sheet examples. Advocacy score card contradicts the rules. Skills room talked about, not enough space. SHSU work to create more room in that room. Much discussion about quality of judges, each area discussed how they send judges. SHSU asks that you follow deadlines of trading of spots in rotation. Challenges with the open seating at the state contests, every year something is shared. Continue only 5 teams from each heat will make finals. Other areas will be offering money to go judge their area contests.

CDE - concerns from ag comm, agronomy, food science. Shared dairy cattle concerns about officials. Need more space for dairy cattle at Tarleton and horse at Texas Tech. Penalty for taking pictures when you are not supposed to. Controversy over posting results versus announcing results. Voted not to wait 48 hours in order to announce. BUT... still 48 hours before results become official. Wildcard is worthy to continue to talk about, but not an immediate effect.

Scholarship - Consensus there is more money available for our students to receive. All recommendations in meeting still have to go before the FFA Board of Directors. Allow students receiving less than \$4000 not required to attend State Convention. Advisors of candidates applying can judge but would take a drop score. Motion passed to raise minimum quota from 7 to 10. Send emails to Ag Teachers sitting on the FFA Board of Directors so they can share with the business and industry people. Can email Jason Woods for statistics... Ray P, Ryan P, Michael Meadows, Traylor Lenz, Terry Baize, Michelle Knox, Tammy Christian.

AI - Robert Hill is retiring in September, look at the rotation of positions on the committee in order to create continuity for the livestock shows.

AI - Ag Mech - no report

State Awards - Home and Community based Prof. will be called service production and placement prof will be run as one. Plagiarism is an issue... 77 got DQ at National level. American degrees, 5 in question at Nationals.... Community service and SAE... ALL of them okay-ed and passed. Motion passed - Stars of Texas - checked my state if they fall into the correct category. Those apps will go to State Degree Check, will determine four finalists and will be interviewed on Monday or Tuesday of State Convention. Those 4 kids will be on stage at convention and that is where the announcement will be made. Nationals creating a rubric for counting interviews 2:1 for proficiencies, and 3:1 for stars. National Chapter room out of 420 apps - 370 had plagiarism. If you use the same activity from year to year... you plagiarized. Passed on lonestars can use faith based community service hours BUT will not count on Americans. Foundational SAE can have each year but will only count for 40 hours. Checksheet needs to be in line with requirements for the specific degree. Closing date change from April 1st to May 15th, passed... will go to Board for a vote. Nothing will happen after January 15th.

Rodeo - looking at locations for convention. Short go moving to Monday. How to instruction sheet on entering.

Wildlife - April 14th in Sinton - Area XI. State contest April 28th (Nachodoches), will have to approve by State CDE committee. Ducks Unlimited Oct. 16th in Wharton field day, FREE. May be a charge if you go to a different one.

Ag Science Fair - Passed motions - 1st -3rd finalist plaques, winner gets a banner. Reception replace formal banquet for awards. Research paper must be uploaded to national ffa paper

template. Plagiarism is an issue. National Applications will be judged online starting July 6th and have two weeks to judge. May hurt our Texas applicants. Voted to keep Ag Science fair at State Convention.

Speaking - Recommendation to throw manuscripts 100% out.

Leadership Development Coordinator - GH Camp - Sept. 21st at Columbus. 10 students per chapter but add a waitlist.... Zach will make contact with you if you get in. Elite conference, Janu 10th at Blinn. ALC tentative at Blinn June 15-19.

State Officer Travel - Nov 18-22, 2019 and April 6-10, 2020. Please use google form to request. State officers have to stay at the same location, but boys and girls in separate rooms.

New Business...

Area President nominations - GW Kruskey elected.

Area Treasurer nominations, Mike McManners and Liz Treptow nominated. - Mike McManners elected.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16am.