AREA VII FFA ASSOCIATION

1ST GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

WACO, TEXAS

JULY 28, 2015

Meeting called to order at 1:22pm

1. Spurs FFA Night – Friday December 11, 2015
2. Tom Maynard offered to field questions- no questions asked
3. San Angelo State University
	1. CDE April 8, 2016 – add Vet Tech
	2. Wool Judging Workshop for Ag teachers Dec. 11, 2015
4. VATAT Business session
	1. Benefits to members review
	2. Membership
		1. 187 paid members for Area VII
		2. Credit Union Review
	3. Tenure Awards for 5, 10 and 15 years of membership
	4. Election for Board of Directors for Area Representation
		1. Melissa Loerwald re-elected
		2. Mike Wallace re-elected
	5. State Major Livestock Show Advisory Committee
		1. Lorrie Kempen re-elected to committee
		2. Committee Report
			1. Speak to one of the reps if you have concerns with the Major livestock shows and he rep will take concerns to the committee
			2. Reps have a meeting Thursday at 4pm
			3. Livestock Symposium – Sept 12-13, 2015 at SALE
			4. Updated Steer Classification guidelines for 2017 will be released at 1pm on Sept. 14, 2015
	6. State Ag Mechanics Advisory Committee
		1. Mike Billings elected
	7. State Livestock Show Competitive Events report
		1. No report
	8. Two members needed for VATAT conference planning meeting in December
		1. Melissa Lorewald
		2. Jennifer Meaus
	9. Open for recommendations for the Board-
		1. Please speak to board members if you have suggestions or concerns
			1. Concern brought up – with the membership increase with the Texas FFA the need for more student services to meet student needs
	10. District membership chairpersons can be contacted to help recruit non-members
	11. A letter was read from the widow or Terry Wick expressing her appreciation for all the support shown by the members of VATAT
5. Texas Tech University
	1. CDE Invitational April 9, 2016
	2. CDE State contest host by Tech April 23, 2016
	3. Host Parliamentary Guide Workshop in September
6. Minutes of the last general meeting held on Friday August 1, 2014
	1. No additions or corrections – stand as read
7. Recognition of new teachers
8. Treasurers Report – Mark Jarzombek
	1. Balance – 63,720.34
	2. Reported CDE entries increased
	3. Reported increase in area student membership
	4. Reported CDE and LDE award prices increased
	5. Proposed budget
		1. LDE entries suggested to be raised $5 with the money to be used for LDE judges gift of $50
		2. Allowance for Area VII officer meal suggested to be increased
		3. Area Scholarships awarded suggested to be increased from one $1,500 to two $1,500
		4. Allowance for Area CDE and LDE awards suggested to be increased to cover cost of awards
		5. National FFA Delegate travel allowance proposed to be increased to $3,500
	6. Motion made to accept budget as proposed
		1. 2nd
		2. Amendment offered to use more money for scholarships
			1. Strike to 2 $1500 scholarships and insert 3 $1500 scholarships
				1. 2nd
				2. Passed
		3. Amendment offered to strike $5 with the money to be used for LDE judges gift of $50
			1. 2nd
			2. Passed
9. Committee Reports
	1. Ag Science Fair – no report
		1. Deanna Roeder elected rep
		2. Suggestions: critique sheet be given back with constructive critiques
	2. FFA Rodeo – all went well this year- new venue in the works for next year
		1. Craig Leonard elected to current seat
		2. Becky Maass re-elected
	3. State Scholarship
		1. 94 applicants from Area VII
		2. 40 applicants moved on May 7th
		3. 25 applicants sent to Austin May 9th
		4. 19 Scholarships awarded to Area VII members
			1. 3 SALE $20,000
			2. 10 Houston $18,000
			3. 5 Walrath $10,000
		5. Daniel DeLeon from Hondo is the recipient of the $1500 Area VII Scholarship
		6. Scheduled dates
			1. Scholarship apps due April 1, 2016 to Mark Jarzombek in Floresville
			2. Will be evaluated and returned at the Area CDE contest on April 16th for corrections
			3. Due back to Jarzombek by April 26th
			4. May 4th scoring in Blanco
			5. May 7th interviews in Blanco
		7. Brad Barnett re-elected rep
	4. State LDE
		1. Asked for concerns to take to meeting
			1. Parliamentary Guide Revisions
				1. Discussion on new Vs. old guide
		2. Warren Beard elected new rep
	5. State CDE
		1. Revisions for 2017 in the works
		2. Met in June – another meeting Thursday
		3. Concerns
			1. When will horse patterns be passed out
			2. CDE rules need to be clarified and made more clear between contests
			3. Critiques on Vet Tech
			4. Cell phone issues in contests
		4. Tim Tatsch elected as rep
	6. State Ag Mechanics
		1. Dates given for Project Shows and Contests
		2. CASE IH – Farmall 60A – TractorTech
	7. State Horticulture
		1. Elected Jennifer Kotzur for current seat
		2. Re-elected Andrea Watts
	8. Wildlife CDE
		1. Don Harris re-elected
	9. Awards and Degree Check
		1. Change in placement hours
		2. Star American apps have to be in Austin before State Degree Check
	10. State SDE
		1. Manuscript scores may be taken out
		2. Brad Barnett re-elected as rep
	11. Area Wool Contest- same as last year
	12. State Realignment- no progress
	13. Officer Travel- meeting Friday
	14. State Convention
		1. State president election process went well
		2. Felt it was student led process and not adult involved in scoring
		3. Encourage students to be on nom com
	15. Area convention
		1. May 20-21, 2016
		2. Dropped guest registration fee
		3. Register for Courtesy Corps through judgingcard and no registration fees for corps members
	16. Area Greenhand Camp
		1. Sept 19 at James Madison
		2. $5/member enter on judgingcard
	17. State Courtesy Corp- No report
	18. Area Leadership Camp
		1. June 15-17, 2016
		2. Camp Eagle’s Nest in Burnett, Texas
		3. Can increase number of participants with change of venue
	19. Calf Scramble
		1. No more Area draws – all online
10. New Business
	1. Area Officer elections Committee
		1. Presented proposed changes in officer elections for Area VII
			1. Called for a vote to accept committee recommendations as written
			2. Moved
			3. 2nd
			4. Passed
	2. Election of Area Executive Officers
		1. All current officers accepted re-election by acclimation
11. Adjourn to district meetings at 4:04pm