AREA VII FFA ASSOCIATION

SECOND GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY AUGUST 1, 2015

WACO, TEXAS

Meeting called to order: 9:40am

1. State FFA President recognition and address
2. Reminders
	1. Executive meeting on Sept. 2 5:30pm in Blanco
	2. District Presidents submit your information sheets electronically to Dennis by Wed. August 5, 2015
	3. Committee chairs please submit an electronic copy of you report to Janell and Dennis by August 5, 2015
	4. District presidents please have an email and phone number for your Area 3 & 10 judges
3. Update on VATAT membership
4. Committee Reports
	1. LDE
		1. State contest will provide backdrop for semi-finalist
		2. Clarify Job Interview contest
			1. Adopt National rules for items available to take in with you
		3. New PP guide- ready for order August 15th
			1. Will not use new motions and new question in contests this year
				1. Paul Booth will make “cheat sheet”
			2. Will use old questions that were REVISED
	2. CDE
		1. Clarify what can be taken in CDE contests by participants
		2. NO stickers on clip boards
		3. Feeder cattle added back into Livestock contest
		4. Contact Ray or Tim for concerns dealing with CDE rule changes or revisions
	3. Scholarship
		1. Suggestions were to make process anonymous
			1. Motion made to oppose
			2. 2nd
			3. Passed to oppose
	4. Ag mechanics
		1. Info will be online
	5. Horticulture
		1. Contact reps for suggestions of revisions
	6. Rodeo- no report
	7. Wildlife – no report
	8. Degree Check
		1. May not be in Waco next year- no venue decided on yet
		2. SAE – questions about what constitutes Exploratory
		3. Lone Star check sheet revisions
		4. SAE Agreement will automatically print out with application
		5. Needed training for judges who judge Star Awards
	9. Speaking Events
		1. Passed to drop manuscript scoring in speaking events
		2. Passed to extend Jr Speaking events time from 5 to 8 minutes
		3. Looking at electronic research for issues
		4. Have award presentation instead of awards breakfast
		5. Clarify Rubrics
	10. Science Fair
		1. Need qualified judges
		2. Looking at publishing Science fair papers- schools have the option to decline
		3. Critique sheet issues
		4. Special accommodations form needed
	11. Officer Travel
		1. Dates for Area VII
			1. August 31-Sept 4
				1. Deadline Aug. 17
			2. Dec 7-10
			3. Feb 22, Feb 24-26
				1. Deadline O ct 1 for later dates
5. Old Business
	1. Case Training –encourage to attend
		1. Science based curriculum
		2. May be offered at Madison next summer
6. New Business
	1. PR Target Audience will be announced
7. VATAT Business
	1. No new business
		1. Mike Wallace elected Goat Committee Vice-chair
		2. Texas Livestock Symposium Sept 12-13 – deadline to enter Sept 1
		3. A LOT of animals testing out at major stock shows- looking at why
		4. Steer Classification Guidelines committee will represented by Area VII
		5. Final Guidelines will be published Sept 14 @ 1pm
	2. Ag Mechanics
		1. Recommendations for judges need to be submitted to Mike Billings
8. Adjourn – 10:30am