**Wildlife Alliance for Youth**

**Promoting Wildlife Education for Texas FFA & 4-H Members**

July 26, 2023Hyatt Regency Hotel Dallas, TX

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Jessica Reeves at 7:00 a.m.

Those in attendance: See attached sign-in sheets.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved, after names inadvertently left off were added on a motion by Summer Thomas and second by ??.

Tom Johnson with Ducks Unlimited gave a report on the field day that Duck Unlimited have been sponsoring. There has been such a great turnout of students that they are asking that there only be 5 students from each school. Find information and register online at Judgincard.com. Ducks Unlimited will furnish scholarships and caps for the state contest. Check on JudgingCard for dates and places of workshops being held.

Carolann Corado handed out copies of the financial reports prepared by Molly Christensen. Molly has asked that WAY move to make Tamara Daniel with the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts the new treasurer. On a motion by Michael Rainey and second by Beth Zuilhof, Tamara Daniel was appointed the treasurer for WAY. Questions were asked about accountability. After all discussions, a motion was made by Michael Rainey and seconded by Beth Zuilhof to have monthly bank statements sent to each officer and superintendent of contests of WAY. These would include Terry Blankenship, Jessica Reeves, Carolann Corado and Beth Zuilhof.

Adam Graham and Michael Rainey made and seconded a motion to transfer $25,000.00 to a savings account, $25,000.00 to the checking account and $50,000.00 into a CD. Motion carried.

A committee, Michael Rainey, Adam Graham, and Summer Thomas was asked to check at Edward Jones and other places on rates for CD’s and the savings account.

Georgia Dunn, new events coordinator for FFA, met with the board to answer any questions that we might have for the FFA organization.

Beth Zuilhof was recognized as the liaison between the WAY organization and Texas FFA.

Keith Westbrook asked about when the Wildlife Manual would be online for teachers to access and print. It was stated that the manual is online along with ordering a hard copy version.

The dress code for regional and state contests for 4H students was addressed. In our rules ALL participants will adhere to the FFA dress code. Collared shirts, appropriate clothing, and foot ware. Contestants found in violation of the dress code will be disqualified. Clear clipboards, a photocopy of the scan sheet with no writing on the sheet, a clean manilla folder for keeping scan sheet clean, no cell phones, or other devices will be carried during the contest, unless approved permission has been granted by the contest coordinator.

Dennis Bratton has compiled a guide to help with putting on a contest. He will share this guide and it may be distributed to all the partners helping to put on our contests.

We need to check on a 10th place state contest plaque for Dekalb High School.