**VATAT AREA VII MEETING**

**FRIDAY AUGUST 1, 2014**

**ABILENE, TEXAS**

Meeting Called to order: 9:58 Am

1. PT Mahoney from Lone Star Cattleman’s Association spoke of fundraising opportunities
2. Reminders: Executive meeting Sept. 3, 2014 5 pm for District President
	1. Send District Spreadsheets to Dennis E. by Wednesday of Next week
	2. Judges for Area 3 and 10 please make sure to have email and phone number
3. Committee Reports:
	1. AI Meeting Lori Kempen – Area Ag Teachers will now have a voice on that committee will meet along with competitive events and ag mech person, livestock management workshop held in Waco Sept 5-7. All AI Meeting minutes will be on VATAT website
		1. Ag mech- working on judges and classifiers, Projects will be classified, SALE will have 3 new classes
	2. Scholarship Committee- Worked on wording to clarify the application process, personal narrative will now have the wording on “ Explain why you need this scholarship” LDE, SAE and CDE achievement will be allowed to have multiple pages, If there are ties on the application they have agreed to tie breakers FFA section, then CDE/LDE. Wanting to be able to apply both FFA and 4-H scholarship and then
		1. Moved by Joe David Lehmberg that a student may apply for both FFA and 4-H scholarship but will not be able to accept both state scholarships.
			1. 2nd
			2. Discussion and clarification on the motion
			3. Motion Carries/ Passes
		2. April 2- Scholarship to Kevin
		3. May 7 Scholarship reviews
		4. May 9 Blanco Process/ Interview
	3. State LDE Committee- Ag Advocacy/ Radio/ PR you can now have more than 1 teachers to allow for setup, Kirk Edny will publish Gerald D Grays until December, in 2015 the new Grays Guide- will update our contest then, VATAT will have workshops, plan is to take a few motions and add them each year, Skill contest questions need to be pertaining to script and skill, Ag Advocacy Marketing our Nations Ag Products.
	4. CDE- Wool Contest was addressed to go back to 50 teams at an at large contest, a generic drop sheet will be uploaded to Texas FFA, Livestock contest- discussion on doing away with feeders cattle and add market goats. Vet Tech contest will be cleaned up, Awards will be unified throughout contest, Only 1 marketing plan per school
	5. Ag Mech- New Holland tractor, Welding contest will be proposed as a CDE in the future
	6. Horticulture Committee- Nothing new
	7. Rodeo- Nothing new
	8. Wildlife- Region/ Area Contest 4/21 @ Angelo, State wildlife in Nacogdoches 5/12, Ingram FFA 4/13, Rusk 5/11 for state qualifiers, Please let committee representative know what needs to be corrected in the book etc. and also more things for the contest
	9. State Awards- Lone Stars combining SAE Agreements, Stars need to meet 3 min before, no more need for 10 contest, Each Area will send 3 to judge proficiency and will then have 1 acting in a oversight, what is community service ( needs to be an action verb) new conversion factor for American will be 3.56. Star Americans will NOT interview Will be judges 5/18-5/19 in Waco, Star judges will have a training, New golden horizon application, Tarleton is lobbying for State Degree Check to go back
		1. Motion for us to nominate someone to oversight committee- Andrea Nordman
			1. Melissa Loerwald nominated
	10. Ag Science Fair- Volunteer to publish paper, judges and qualification of those judges needed, raised Ag Science fair $50, Critique sheets- were brought up committee will be created
	11. State Officer Travel- Dates Dec 8-11, Feb 23-27, Mar 23-27. November 3rd-
	12. State SDE Committee- Manuscripts scores will NOT count, Addressed content of rubric, Sr. Prepared 2 will go into the finals, Verbiage that Soil and Sr. Prepared speech must be different speeches, Comments will be score sheets, Top and Bottom scores will be dropped on ranking, Extemp may be able to use electronic files- will be looked at.
4. Ryan Prindle addressed Area VII ryan.prindle@texasffa.org he is willing to travel
5. Mark Jarzombek- Nov.1 Area Dues, Don’t pay by 11/1 you will be hit with a $100 late fee from the Area.
6. Area Wool- 3 options TEXAS A&M , ASU, Texas Tech
	1. Michael Derry Have Texas Tech to come down to put on contest 5pm 4/16 @ Madison HS
		1. 2nd
		2. Discussion must raise entry fees to $50
		3. Motion Carries
	2. Motion Warren Beard- raise Area Wool Entry fees to $50
		1. 2nd
		2. Motion Passed
7. VATAT Business
	1. None
8. Meeting Adjourned 10:56