

Minutes of the:

Area VII FFA Association
General Meeting
MCM Elegante; Lubbock, Texas
July 31, 2018

- Meeting was called to order at 1:11 pm by Area VII President Melvin Pouncy.
- Comments were made from Mason Hines, current Area VII State FFA Officer.
- Introduction of 'new' teachers in Area VII were made by district presidents.
- VATAT Business:
 - 10 & 15 year tenure awards were given
 - Dennis Ellebracht was presented with a special award
 - VATAT Board of Directors finishing their terms included Mike Wallace, Brad Barnett and Bryan Hawkins – all three were re-elected to another term.
 - Janelle McMullen resigned from her position on the board. Wayne Hux and Chris Cleveland were nominated to fill the vacancy. Chris Cleveland was elected to fill the vacancy on the contingency that Area VII is awarded a 6th director for the 2018-19 school year.
 - Livestock Show Advisory committee – Brandon Evans' term expired. Brandon Evans was re-elected.
 - Competitive events representative – Jordan Blount's term expired. Nichole Sullivan was elected.
 - Ag Mech report presented by Michael Billings.
 - Joe Vann and Jason Geisen were selected to serve on the VATAT Conference planning committee.
- Comments were presented from the John Deere representative.
- Area VII financial report was presented by Mark Jarzombek. Lorie Kempen presented motion to accept the report. Motion passed.
- Scholarship committee report was presented by Mark Jarzombek. Brad Barnett also spoke, explaining the proposed scholarship application rubric. Felice Marek also made comments on scholarship observations and recommendations. Mark Jarzombek's term expired on the committee. Mark Jarzombek was re-elected.
- The Area meeting workshop code was given: 61665.
- VATAT Credit Union remarks were made by Don Henson
- LDE committee report was presented by Jordan Blount. Jordan Blount's term expired. Jordan Blount was re-elected.
- Texas Pork Producer's remarks were made by Brandon Gunn.
- CDE committee report was presented by Tim Tatsch. Rodger Welch announced that volunteers are needed at the Area Horse CDE contest to serve as group leaders during the question portion of the contest. Dennis Ellebracht recorded a list of volunteers. The outgoing seat on the committee was currently vacant. Danny Kempen, Patrick Padgett and Joe Lemmons were nominated. Patrick Padgett was elected.
- Ag Mechanics committee report was presented by Michael Tondre. Michael Tondre's term expired. Michael Tondre and Caleb Elrod were nominated for the position. Michael Tondre was re-elected.

- Horticulture committee report was presented by Bryan Hawkins. Bryan Hawkins' term expired. Bryan Hawkins and Lindsey Perry were nominated. Bryan Hawkins was re-elected.
- Rodeo committee – there was no rodeo committee report. Both seats on the rodeo committee were currently vacant. Krista Kelso and Erica McMurray were elected to serve on the committee. Dennis Ellebracht asked the two of them to decide who would serve the incoming term and who would be the outgoing seat next year.
- Wildlife report was presented by Don Harris. Dwayne Reiley's term expired. Dwayne Reiley was re-elected.
- Awards & Degree Check committee report was presented by Dwayne Reiley. The outgoing seat on the committee was currently vacant. Chelsea Woelfler, Amanda Custy and Danny Kempen were nominated. Danny Kempen was elected.
- SDE committee report was given by Brad Barnett. Joel Bush's term expired. Joel Bush was re-elected.
- Science Fair committee report was given by Deanna Roeder. The outgoing seat on the committee was vacant. Josh Anderson and Michael Derry were nominated. Josh Anderson was elected.
- State and Area Officer Election report was given by Deanna Roeder.
 - Three recommendations were presented for Area Officer Elections
 - 1. New Simplified Application
 - 2. Remove 3rd round of interview and merge its competencies with the 1st round interview, and increase interview length to 10 minutes
 - 3. Adopt a policy to handle lack of candidates from a district
 - Joe Vann presented a motion to accept recommendations #1 and #2. Motion passed.
 - Lorie Kempen presented a motion to submit recommendation #3 to a committee with power to act and with Deanna Roeder as chair. Motion passed.
- State Officer travel report given by Dawn Stratton. Dawn Stratton and Brian Clay were nominated for state officer travel coordinator position. Brian Clay was elected.
- Melvin Pouncy discussed the state convention housing committee meeting held earlier in the week. The meeting was attended by Brian Hawkins and Brandon Evans.
- Area Greenhand Camp report presented by Andrea Watts. The camp will be held September 22nd at Sandra Day O'Connor High School. Details will be posted on www.judgingcard.com
- Melvin Pouncy discussed the Area Leadership Coordinator position. Lauren Henderson will serve as the area leadership coordinator. Deanna Roeder will continue to lead the area and state officer election process. Raven Longan and Kyla Williamson will assist with Area Leadership camp coordination.
- Melvin Pouncy urged chapters to submit more applicants for Area Leadership Camp as there were 20 unfilled spots in last year's camp. He also announced that we will go back to having a Area VII teacher meeting on the first day of Area Leadership Camp.
- Mike Wallace announced that the Area VII Wool Judging CDE Contest will be held April 18th beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds in Fredericksburg.
- The Area Land/Range/Homesite contest will be held October 18th beginning at 9 a.m. in Blanco at the Wessendorf Ranch with Calen McNett serving as facilitator.
- The Area VII LDE contest will be held November 14th at Blanco High School. We will decrease to 8 banners being awarded and the entry fee will be increased to \$30 per team.
- An Area Oversight committee has been formed with the following current members:
 - LDE Committee
 - Rodger Welch – Chairman

- Deanna Roeder – 3 year
 - Chase Carroll – 2 year
 - Jordan Blount – 1 year
- CDE Spring Contests
 - Patrick Padgett – Chairman
 - Keith Wiley – 3 year
 - Nichole Sullivan – 2 year
- Awards Committee
 - Dwayne Reiley – Chairman
 - Brian Clay – 3 year
 - Danny Kempen – 1 year
- Fall CDE
 - Tim Tatsch – Chairman
 - Jason Marek – 3 year
 - Michael Woerndel – 2 year
 - Michael Tondre – 1 year
- Melvin Pouncy discussed an issue with the district numbering of Area VII districts. Area VII would like to continue to number the districts by alpha order; however, that is not the way they are currently numbered according to the state association. We will be submitting a request to Texas FFA to fix the problem.
- Area Email distributions – emails will continue to come directly to teachers from Dennis Ellebracht (instead of being forwarded by district presidents). Teachers were asked to please update Mr. Ellebracht with current/correct email addresses.
- Area VII Vet Tech Contest report was given by Janelle McMullen. Deanna Roeder presented a motion to move the site of the Area VII Vet Tech CDE contest. Motion passed. Lance Jonas presented a motion to give the committee power to act in determining the new contest site. Motion passed.
- Area Officer Elections were held. Melvin Pouncy (president), Felice Marek (vice-president), Mike Wallace (secretary), and Mark Jarzombek (treasurer) all were re-elected.
- The Area VII Tractor Tech contest will be held February 1st at Gonzales.
- The Area Executive meeting will be held August 28th at Fredericksburg.
- Dennis Ellebracht reported on items to be addressed at district meetings. He stressed a concern for having teachers sign up for committees, etc. as we have a smaller number of teachers in Area VII now.
- The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:
Mike Wallace