

## Area VII Meeting July 30, 2013

### Corpus Christi, Texas

- Districts broke into session to nominate and elect people for redistricting committee
  - Chairman
    - Jack Winterrowd
- Ray Pieniazek VATAT
  - Benefits
    - Membership 96-97%
    - Maybe able to add director depending upon exact numbers
    - VATAT scholarship has been raised from \$ 500 up to \$600
    - CEU- look VATAT book certificate in back of book
  - Tenure Awards given 5,10,15 year awards
  - Area Coordinator Plaque and Texas FFA Foundation Stipend given to Area Coordinator
  - Nomination for VATAT Area VII VATAT Board of Directors
    - Warren Beard Elected back to the position
    - Dwayne Reilly- position filled by : Mike Wallace
    - New Directors position: Danny Kempen
    - Tentative Directors position if Ray P gets elected to board
      - Steven Branecky
      - Brad Barnett
  - Run off made:
    - Brad Barnett voted in
  - Animal Industry Committee Voting
    - Timbo Tatsch position filled with ó Lorie Kempen
    - Ag Mechanics
      - Barry Randolph position filled by ???
  - VATAT Professional Planning
    - Andrea Watts
  - VATAT Concerns
    - Concerns about charging guests for entrance to Convention
    - Concerns over the block situation and safety of kids
    - No Dallas- safety concerns for downtown
    - Concerns over cutting voting delegates
      - At State convention
    - Concerns over housing block
  - Tom Maynard Spoke and addressed some concerns
    - Voting confusion and what the amendments were saying

- San Antonio Spurs
  - FFA Night @ December 13, 2013
    - Any questions email: [ngonzales@attcenter.com](mailto:ngonzales@attcenter.com)
- TTU
  - Dr. Ritz
    - CDE Dates: April 5 Invitational
    - CDE State April 26
    - Scholarship opportunities abundant
      - Whitney Conner
      - Pursuing a Masters or Doctorate for Teachers
- ASU
  - Will Dickison
    - April 4- CDE
    - Gave \$1800 out to students/schools
    - Oct/Nov Practice LDE specific date to follow
- TSU
  - Dr. Frazier
    - Invitational Mar 27
    - April 9 Area Contest
    - April 24 State Contest
    - Invitational LDE 5<sup>th</sup> of November
- Kevin Sells State Scholarship Committee
  - Area VII
    - 73 Applicants
      - Reviewed and selected 40
        - Sent 25 to Austin
          - 19 were selected to State Interview
            - 18 Received Scholarship
            - 2- \$20,000
            - 14- \$18,000
            - 2- \$10,000
            - Erica Floors Blanco will received AREA VII Scholarship
    - Big Thank you to those who served on committee
    - Need younger teachers to sit in and learn the committee
    - Online App
      - Going to revise
    - Motion to keep the way we select our area scholarships the same- Motion from Kevin Sells
    - Second By Jack Winterrowd

- Motion Passed
- Steve oDoco Forsythe
  - Spoke of credit union
- Introductions of New teachers
- Area VII Financial Reports
  - Adding \$\$ For Area Delegates to National Convention
  - (Motion to approve budget)
    - Motion Approved
  - Motion to move 3-5 thousand back to CD
    - Motion carried
- State Scholarship Committee
  - Brad Barnett- Re Elected
  - Concerns get a better print preview/ PDF
- State LDE Committee
  - Melissa Loerwald- Re elected
  - Concerns/Comments
    - None
- State CDE Committee
  - Concerns- Area Nursery and Floral Might Get moved to different school
  - Speaking about moving start time of Dairy Foods
  - Two Rail system in Wool Concerned
  - Vacant Position o Timbo Tatsch
- State Ag Mechanics CDE
  - See Mike Tondre for specifics
  - March 28 Invitational Texas State
  - May 2 State Contest
  - Tractor Tech
    - Oct 12- Austin Co Bellville
    - Dec 14- John Deere
    - Jan 11- Brazos County
    - Jan15 Waco Area Tractor Tech
  - Reelection- Eric Davis
- State Horticulture Committee
  - Andrea Watts- Reelected
- State FFA Rodeo
  - Rodeo is up by 29 runs
  - Becky Maass- reelected
- State Wildlife State
  - Don Harris- Reelected
- State Awards & Degrees

- Steve ò Docö Forsythe- Reelected
- State SDE
  - Steven Branecky, James Willson, Brad Barnett, Jessica Currie,
  - Position 1- Steven Branecky  
Nominations Open  
Position- Michael Derry, Brad Barnett, James Willson, Jessica Currie
  - Position 2- Brad Barnett
- Ag Science Fair
  - Nominees for Position 1: Lorie Kempen, Josh Anderson, Ricky Prescott, Beverley Schroedter
  - Position 1: Beverley Schroedter
  - Nominees for Position 2: Lorie Kempen, Josh Anderson, Ricky Prescott
  - Position 2: Josh Anderson
- State Officer Travel
  - Amanda Holman
- State Convention Report Jack Winterrowd
  - Place anything you want done in writing to go board in writing to VATAT board members
  - Delegate Concerns
    - 149 delegates total and only 109 delegates showed up
  - A suggestion is to register a week in advance so that delegate counts are finalize in advanced
  - Sign in was left open longer for business sessions- rules do not need to be bended
- State Ethics Committee Report Steve Forsythe
  - Committee has been Dissolved
- Area Convention
  - General feeling positive
    - Attendance down, but less mess and better quality of kiddos at conventions
  - May 17 Area Convention
    - Speaking Events
      - Splitting up the times
      - Judges arrive 230 to go through manuscripts and 4:00pm for start time
- Area Greenhand Camp- Beverley Schroedter
  - Sept 21 @ Madison
  - 8-9am Registration ó 3pm finish
- Area Leadership Camp June 21-23- Beverley Schroedter
  - Bastrop
- State Courtesy Corp- Beverley Schroedter

- App needed will be found online
    - 12 people per area will get in
- FFA Foundation- David Reiley
  - More sponsorship has been more directed towards VATAT
  - Financial situation is solid and good
  - Foundation rep
    - Jessica Eckhart
    - Pflugerville teacher??
- Professional Development Planning- Melissa Loerwald
- Area Wool Contest
  - Mike Wallace Reports
    - Motion Made Tuesday April 15- @ East Central Using Tech Officials 5 pm
  - Motion Passed
- Reminder that Texas FFA Balances and Judgingcard Accounts come due Aug 1 and Feb 1. Must be paid by the 15<sup>th</sup>
- Texas FFA one day Greenhand Leadership Contest Coming soon
- Area Realignment
  - Coming from State- will be working on an operational policy
- District Realignment
  - Recommendation from committee Jan1
  - By 30 days before area convention- recommendations will go out
  - Will vote during Area Convention
- Dates:
  - LDE- Wed November 20 @ Blanco
  - Fall CDEs- Oct 9 @ ??
  - State Scholarship April 4 due to Kevin Sells
  - May 8<sup>th</sup> Scholarship work through day Teachers
  - May 10<sup>th</sup> Scholarship Interviews @ Blanco
  - SDE May 16 @ James Madison HS
  - Invitationalø
    - TSU 3/27, TxST 3/28, McClennan 3/26, TAMU 3/29 ASU, 4/4
  - Area Convention 5/17 James Madison FFA
  - Area X Contest November 25
  - Area III Contest November 23
- State Leadership Judges List- Placed 4<sup>th</sup> or better in an Area Contest
- September 16 to Dennis for SALE Scramble Certificates
- Mark Jarzombek- Re elected as Treasurer
- Secretary/ Webpage: Elected Janell McMullan
- Vice President- Re elected Eric Davis

- President- Re elected- Warren Beard

Area Meeting Adjourned @ 3:33pm to District Meetings

Submitted: Janell McMullan