

LDE Committee Report

The meeting was called to order at 11:46 am on July 26, 2017 by Dr. Dwayne Pavelock. All areas had representation present. The following items were discussed and acted upon by the committee as needed:

1. Clarification of rule #8 for Ag Advocacy contest - "The giving of gifts and memorabilia to judges any time during or at the end of presentation is NOT allowed." A concern was expressed that this rule was vague and did not spell out consequences for failing to adhere to the rule. The committee approved to clarify the rule by using rules #7 and #8 from the PR contest.

2. Dr. Pavelock will detail the point deductions for all contests dealing with the "major fraction of a minute" rule and have that available for judges. The penalty points are as follows:

0:31 seconds over = -10 points

1:31 seconds over = -20 points

2:31 seconds over = -30 points

3:31 seconds over = -40 points

4:31 seconds over = -50 points

5:31 seconds over = -60 points

3. It was asked of Texas FFA in regards to the PR contest questions, to simplify the 20 questions into single part questions and to make sure they are not repetitive questions.

4. An area rep expressed a concern that judges are still not applying the new change in the scorecard for the skills contests regarding skills being open to any AFNR TEK. Some judges were docking teams for not performing a "farm skill".

5. An area rep brought forth a suggestion of splitting the state contest into single teacher and multiple teacher department sections. This could not be acted upon by the group at this point in time.

6. An area rep brought forth concerns that there are still issues/inconsistencies in the Jarrell D. Gray's Guide. Dr. Ulrich said that if you find an error or issue with the book, please send him a detailed email letting him know and he would get with Kirk Edney.

7. An area rep brought forth the idea of adding a Greenhand Broadcasting event. This could not be acted upon by the group at this point in time.

8. The committee did discuss a couple of issues coming up with the area expansion. Dr. Pavelock is just going to slot the new areas into the rotation sheet in the most fair and balanced manner. It was also discussed about how many teams to take from the 12 competing in the heats. The majority of the group seemed to be in favor of still advancing only 10 teams into the finals. No action was formally taken on these items.

A couple of more items that Dr. Pavelock gave us:

1. He is looking at having Gerald Young come facilitate the state GH/SR Chapter Conducting contests and verify scoring. (Dr. Pavelock will still be writing the problems).

2. Dr. Pavelock plans on providing details of what is in the judges packet and expectations for state judges. He will also be emailing out this information as well.

3. On the participation order provided in each event package, Dr. Pavelock will remove the Area and Placing from that list. It will only include the time and chapter name.

4. Tricia/State FFA or Event Coordinator will verify all math, penalties, etc. All 3 judges will bring critiques and scoresheets to headquarters room for verification (except Quiz, Ag Issues, Job Interview, GH/SR Conducting, GH/SR Skills).

5. Reminder - all judges MUST allocate points per the scoresheet, not just "slotting" teams. (This happened at state this year in a contest Dr. Pavelock said).

6. Job Interview LDE - need 3 judges for cover letters and applications combined, and another 3 judges for resumes. Trying to lighten the load on judges in this contest. Dr. Pavelock also stated that these judges will be professors and NOT students.

If anyone has any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to share those with me or with Rodger.

Thank you,

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