

WAY Committee Meeting 7/27/2022

Corpus Christi, Texas

Members Present:

Shane Wigington - Glen Rose - Region 5
Dennis Bratton - Florence - Region 2
Mae Knaggs - Burnet - Region 2
Beth Zuilhof - Waco Midway - Region 5
Blake O'Quinn - Glen Rose - Region 5
Matt Harney - Wall - Region 2
Johnny Stevens - Poteet - Region 3
Justin Southern - Refugio - Region 3
Terry Blankenship - Welder Wildlife Refuge - Region 3
Tanner Smith - Arlington - Region 5
Shalley Boles - Princeton - Region 5
Brent Mc Farland - Abernathy - Region 1
Brad Hobbs - Belton - Region 2
Steven Meier - Johnson City - Region 2
Michael Rainey - Eastland - Region 5

Meeting called to order at 7:05am on 7/27/2022 by Jessica Reeves

Ducks Unlimited

Tom Johnson- wildlife field days-

September 28 in East Texas

James B Harris- watch judging card for a date

Jessica said the place that state was held expressed interest in holding a field day

Last year at Adams a school brought 34 Ag students to see if their kids were interested in starting a wildlife team- Tom said bring as many students as you'd like, just give them a headcount so they can prepare for meals

DU sponsors the wildlife proficiency award and no one applied this year (\$1000 award did not get paid out)

Region 4 reps moved and seconded to approve minutes from July 2021 and March 2022 meetings

Contest Issues-

We all compete together 4H/FFA but there is no one from 4H to represent and "police" rules (i.e dress code, etc) and need someone to verify that 4H teams are bonafide 4H members.

Jessica mentioned that her county agent has always paid and registered her teams but wondered why judging card is allowing that

Shane asked if there is someone who can verify all 4H members

The only 4H representatives are always ag teachers
Michael said that his county agent verifies that their "district" kids are registered
Molly will check with 4H
Concerns expressed that most of the 4H leaders don't know much about the contest

Very competitive top 5 teams and individuals but there are some concerns about where test questions are being taken from
Committee used to verify questions on safety, etc for state contest
Jessica expressed concerns prior to the state contest and was told that we didn't want to make partners mad
Michael said that he has worked with one of the reps thinks that website should be able to be used (questions taken from FAQs on TPWD website)
Ricky said that maybe they are trying to "stretch" the boundary and come up with new questions that haven't been seen before
Jessica mentioned that this contest is already hard enough with plenty of material for these kids to study- why add more material
Wording issues on techniques questions at state
Want for the boundaries to be black and white and shouldn't come down to which kid can guess the best
Terry reminded the group that there is a handbook somewhere of how to set up a contest-
Jessica said it needs to be updated
Adam made motion that the teacher and industry professional from each region will make sure that the study guide is given with contest parameters to contest providers Seconded by Keith
Beth moved that WAY committee members will validate the state contest
Shane seconded

Region representatives named for Molly to have a point of contact:

Region 1- Brent McFarland - bmcfarland@abernathyisd.com

Region 2- Jessica Reeves - jreeves@ingramisd.net

Region 3- Seth Lucas - sethwlucas@katyisd.org

Region 4- Adam Graham - agraham@onalaskaisd.net

Region 5- Michael Rainey - mrainey@eastland.esc14.net

Molly sent letter to A&M notifying them that we are moving to FFA, but A&M said they printed 200 manuals and have that in inventory

May need a lawyer to look at the contract to see if we are on the hook for those books or not
Michael made the motion to have a lawyer look at the contract with the power to act- Adam seconded

Michael said that there needs to be an agreement between WAY committee, 4H, and Texas FFA for the Wildlife contest because the partnership with outside partners is very important

Michael Rainey all three
Brad Lux bylaws

Johnny Stevens bylaws
Justin bylaws
Adam and Jessica FFA MOA
Steven 4H
Mae Knaggs FFA
Shane 4H and FFA
Dennis 4H and FFA
Brad Hobbs FFA
Beth Zuilhof FFA

WAY Officer Elections
Chair- Terry Blankenship
Nominated by Michael Rainey
Vice Chair- Jessica Reeves
Nominated by Shane Wigington
Secretary- Carolann Corado
Nominated by Michael
Treasurer- Molly Christensen
Nominated by Michael Rainey
SWCD will be covering finances and could be elected as treasurer with Molly as contact and rep

Audit Committee- Sommer Thomas, Shane Wigington

Molly went through the financial report and stated there was a \$10 overage likely in transition with Clyde

Molly needs to know from each region what plaques need to be ordered

Brad moved to adjourn to region meetings and Dennis seconded at 8:18am

Region 5

Wednesday April 5th

State

April 17th

March 2nd Jacksboro

March 21st Central Texas