

WILDLIFE ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH

Promoting Wildlife Education for Texas FFA & 4-H Members

JULY 26, 2024

HYATT REGENCY HOTEL

DALLAS, TX

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Jessica Reeves at 4:50 p.m.

Those in attendance: See attached sign-in sheets.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved, after amended to read: Remove Molly Christensen as treasurer of all WAY accounts and add Tamara Daniel, ED, Association of Texas Conservation Districts, as treasurer on a motion by Adam Graham and second by Summer Thomas. Motion was approved.

Molly Christensen update all on the financial report. On a motion by Adam Graham and second by Jessica Reeves, \$5000.00 will be taken from the state account and put into a CD. Motion approved. From the \$34,804.27 that we have in a money market, up to that amount will be moved to a short term (1 year) CD. Enough funds will be left in money market, so no fees are incurred. A motion stating this was made by Summer Thomas and seconded by Adam Graham. Motion was approved.

Jennifer Jackson, Texas FFA Executive Director, thanked the members for all they do. She introduced Bre Fowler as the new events coordinator for FFA.

Tom Johnson with Ducks Unlimited told the group that Ducks Unlimited will furnish scholarship to high point individual again this year. Check on JudgingCard for dates and places of workshops being held.

Dennis Bratton discussed the contest set up guide that he has been working on. This is a good tool for reference on setting up the wildlife contest.

Jessica Reeves told the committee that she was taking on new responsibilities within the state FFA and since we are going into a new revision cycle, she would like to resign her position and have a new chairperson elected. On a motion by Beth Zuilhof and second by Adam Graham, Dennis Bratton was elected as the new chairman of the WAY committee.

Validation at contests needs to be the same across the state. Brian Martin made a motion that one WAY committee representative from each area in the region check clip boards, dress code etc. Dennis Bratton seconded, and the motion carried. 4H representation is needed to be a part of the committee. Jennifer Jackson will check on who might want to serve on the committee to represent 4H.

Dates for Regional and State contests are:

Region 1- April 8, 2025

Region 2- April 14, 2025

Region 3- April 1, 2025

Region 4- October 30, 2024

Region 5- April 8, 2025

State- April 28, 2025

Carolann Corado, Secretary