**Mid-Winter 2020**

* Call to order – Marty Resendez 8:40 am
* Invocation – Nikki Reed
* Greetings- NA
* Minutes- Amanda Simmons
* Treasurer’s Report- David Laird
* VATAT Report – Seth Lucas
	+ Change our name; no longer VATAT now Agricultural Teachers Association of Texas (ATAT)
	+ Recommended to look at lowering number of board members, and reviewing term limits
	+ ’23 ‘24 Conference Dallas
* CDE Committee Report – Traylor Lenz
	+ Watch for Postings on Judging Card
	+ Tarleton approved Area Contests to be hosted
	+ Vet Med- Dr Joe Mask left A&M, Area will be Friday prior to Area at A&M at Blinn 10 am Kruse Center to be hosted by Dr. Joe’s understudy
	+ Wildlife Contest- watch for release forms to sign in order to participate
* N/L-Kristyn Loomis – no news email her recommendations for the 21 update regarding practicums
* LDE Report – Rachel Packman
	+ 9 Area Teams Advanced, 2 Champions from Area 3
	+ LDE Committee Members- awesome job, worked out well
	+ Berry Center worked out well, has been reserved already for 2020 Contest \*Telge is good for Skills
	+ Judges from 7.9.11.12 - $75 incentive worked
	+ Jan 22nd Conference Call regarding improvements for the 2020 LDE, email Rachel or Josh anything to discuss in call
	+ This is a revision year- any changes or recommendation requests please forward onto Rachel
* Speaking Committee Report- Amanda Kacal
	+ Spanish Creed Speaking- limit 2 per school for entry, watch for cut off date to allow for waitlist and cap of 20 participants
	+ No Changes to procedures, etc.
	+ Will contact district committee members for help
* Scholarship Report- Nikki Reed
	+ Board denied recommendation to move to 10 per area and left at 7 per area
	+ Board voted to reduce number of pts from FFA leadership from 10 to 5
	+ You can not judge if you have an applicant (Traylor)
	+ Reviewing SAE portion of rubric
	+ All scholarship recipients must come to convention regardless of dollar amount
	+ Looking at awarding pts for “other FFA related activities” – Ford, Chorus, etc.
	+ April 23rd @ Turner High School: Area Scholarship Check
	+ Willing to host mock interviews at Area Convention May 15th
	+ Watch for emails for scholarship help day
* Animal Industries Report- Michael Poe
	+ New Parking Lot concerns for State Fair are being reviewed
	+ 33 issues regarding guilt validation
	+ Compliance Team will be checking validation locations, etc
	+ Recommended that all major shows use the same speaking format
	+ Looking to compile a judges list: send recommendation to Craig
* Ag Mech-Danny Reaves
	+ Sprayer- Diesel Equipment
	+ DC Wiring
	+ Watch judging card for dates, etc,
* Tractor Tech- Kevin Packman
	+ Jan 31st Area at SHSU \*Green Scantron 882 ?
	+ John Deere 5075 E will be used
	+ State March 15-16 John Deer 5065 4 wheel drive open cab, bring Ag Mech Scantron
* Young Farmers-Stephanie Rankin
	+ Meeting this weekend, no update
* State Awards and Degree Check – Vanessa Collier
	+ Stars process has been updated and changed
		- Send Applicants to Austin in May- Check Category
		- All Applicants will go to June Degree check and scored
		- Top 4 will interview on Tues of State Convention
		- Watch for Rubric to come out
* Rodeo Report- Chris Jones
	+ No Report
* Wildlife Committee report – T. Lenz
	+ See CDE
* Ag Science Fair- Jacob Price
	+ State Level- is checking thoroughly for plagiarism
	+ Area Science Fair Invite will cont.
		- Need help securing judges
* State Planning Committee (VATAT) Jaycee Thompson, Ryan Cummins
	+ Email Workshop Requests, will meet at end of month
* Area FFA Coordinator Report- N.Reed
	+ Area Officers- Elite Conference planning included variety 200 students registered
	+ Have visited over 60 schools/events/activities in the fall
	+ Contact Nikki if you would like Area Officers to visit
	+ State Officers- visited 17 schools in Area 3 (Dec), will be back in March

**New Business**

* 2020 LDE Date and Location- Rachel recommend Nov. 13th to use Berry Center and Telge – moved/second to accept: passed
* Area Speaking/Science Fair/Degree Check/Elections/Convention

(May 14-15) – Prairie View A&M moved/second-passed

Scholarship Mock Interviews Friday May 15th: moved/second- passed

*State FFA Officer Selection Coordinator #1 Ashlee Laird*

*State FFA Officer Selection Coordinator #2 Erynne Jenschke*

*State FFA Officer Selection Coordinator #3 Mary Thompson*

*Area/State Balloting Chair: Ashley Schauffler resigned: Lauren White nominated,elected*

*Courtesy Corp Coordinator Becky Brummond- Area Courtesy Corp at Convention*

\*\*\* AT DEGREE CHECK WE NEED TO ELECT A STATE OFFICER SELECTION CHAIR\*\*\*

* Area 3 American Degree Check- Taylor High \*TBD
* 2020 Area Camp- June 8th- 10th at KATY
* Mid-Winter Workshops- R.Packman A.Bozarth