

MidWinter Conference  
January 9, 2012  
Blinn College

Meeting was called to order at 12:40  
Invocation by Wayne Bender

Greetings Betsy James, Area President

Thank you to vendors for lunch and gifts, presenters for volunteering

Update Step Up Conference by Kasey Kram

Updates: Mandated new 58/42 split for CTE funds; professional development for Adv courses will hopefully be out in Jan. Deadline is still set at Aug 31 for 90 hour training. That may change

Business Session:

Minutes were read and approved

Treasurer report presented

Scholarship Report by Barbie Schmidt:

April 4 – Area Scholarship DUE to Barbie Schmidt at Katy Taylor

April 11 – Area Scholarship Check

\*\*\*Scholarships WILL NOT go home after Area Convention. Must be totally ready to go at Area Convention!!

Rod Vincent moved that the Area have the State judge for a contest be the 3<sup>rd</sup> place person, then 4<sup>th</sup>, etc. except for those events that require an industry representative. Motion passed.

Animal Industries Committee – Justin Tomascik, met and developed list of judges and classifiers.

CDEs- hosting Food Sci and Entomology area is wrong, only Entomology requires an area qualifying contest; Vet Med

Rod Vincent moved Glen Rhode mix milk for Area contest and amended so that William Woody mix if Glen cannot. Passed.

Liz Treptow moved to create a committee with the power to act of advisors that train Entomology teams with Lucas Edenfield serving as chairman to determine their Area qualifying event. Motion passed.

State Officer travel February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Conference planning – workshop ideas presented, NO awards night on Wednesday but awards will be presented during general sessions

Wildlife – no more compass and pacing; added questions to techniques so there will be 20 questions; plant list updated; SALE and HLSR will use new rules; Regional on April 5 in Sinton (waivers will be SENT to Brad by March 30. Can be found on judgingcard)

Foundation report- info promoting “Deep in the Heart”

Area Degree Check- May 10 and May 11; Speaking/Interviews on 5/10 and Check on 5/11. Will leave on these days. Will adjust junior speaking and Greenhand Star interviews for STAAR.

Midwinter Organizers are asking for registration from attendees to determine numbers for lunch and room size for workshops.

Door prize drawing was held. Meeting was adjourned.