

Meeting was called to order 12:29

Greetings Area III FFA officer.

Greetings Blinn College- Doug Pierce

Blinn Exemplary Scholarship info- Myron Dippel

“Prospective Students” Then select “Exemplary Student Scholarship”
link -OR-

Endowed Scholarships where one application works for everything and
found on Endowed Scholarship page

Choose Wednesday April 27 or May 4 for Blinn Ag Mech

Invocation- Wayne Bender

Area 3 VATAT Report- Troy Oliver

368 members- Area 3

Business Session-

Minutes read and approved.

Treasure report given

- CDE Comm- no feeder cattle in Livestock Show; concerns about OD at Tarleton; award banners for SHSU and Tarleton during Area Convention; crowding at TAMU so give out banners at Area Convention also
 - CDE Rule Changes will not happen until Spring of 2018
 - Larry White moved to pass out all Area CDE banners during Area Convention. Motion passed.
 - Much discussion concerning checking dress during Area CDEs. Moved to give Area CDE committee power to act concerning team member dress.

Wildlife Comm- none

- LDE Comm- Discussed the issue of LDE rule revisions.
 - LDE committee will meet during State Check this year to make decisions prior to State PI Conference.
 - Continue to be challenged to find great judges for State events. Generally accepted that the 3rd place team will send a judge for our Area 3 responsibilities concerning judges for events. Not having problem finding people from Area 7 and retired teachers. Ask that each District send 3 qualified judges. If you are a new teacher, then judge at the District level but not Area/State.
 - Rod Vincent moved that if the 3rd place team coach cannot go to State to judge, then the winning team coaches find someone to go. Motion passed.
 - David Fleming moved to pay all judges at Area LDEs. Moved to lay motion on the table
 - Area reported on State contest results.
 - Recommend that judges sign critique sheets at area
 - Animal Industries- ppt will be online concerning breed clarification. Will meet again in April so call Justin Tomascik with concerns.
 - Rodeo Comm- none

- Scholarship Comm- go to Jason Woods, Royal FFA for help. Can go to Roster management system to create a student account for each student filling out a scholarship.
 - Area 3 Scholarship check is Wed, May 4th. Must have scholarships at Royal by that
 - Each district must supply 2 teachers to score
 - Each must have attended the 2015 OR 2016 scoring workshop
- Speaking Events- Manuscripts will be scored differently and rubrics should be Texas FFA online by Jan 15th
 - Manuscripts will not be scored but will be submitted.
 - Area is not scoring. Must bring 3 copies to Area.
- Horticulture Comm- limited resource on rules for interior-scaping practicum
- Awards and Degrees- Print SAE agreement to go along with Lone Star and American app's.
- Area Realignment Report- Troy Oliver gave report. Commission met and came up with a recommendation for the Texas FFA Board. Board will meet and vote on Commission drafts; then these will be posted for comments. The drafts contain data for each of them. Area 3 currently makes up 18% of total Texas FFA membership. Each draft contains recommendations for a total of 12 areas. There is a policy in place for monetary distribution. Drafts will go online for 60 days. Commission meets and reviews all comments and make a final recommendation to the Board. Then the proposed recommendation will be sent to chapters prior to convention so the delegates can vote.
 - Much discussion concerning changes. Share your concerns with Troy later AND make good, clear, professional comments online at drafts.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm.