**Area 12 Agriculture Teachers Meeting 07/25/23 Minutes**

**Welcome:**

* Welcome-Justin Tomascik
* Invocation-Becky Maass
* Minutes –Kylie Leachman
  + Approved as Read
* Treasurer's Report- Tracey Cortez/Area coordinator
  + <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ci26pSZNNdt777ppz3y8dVHPeTq-fJvduc_jPOOsm94/edit?usp=sharing>
* Introduction of New Teachers and Teachers New to the Area
* Area Coordinator Report - Jack Winterrowd
  + Team Information
    - 357 CDE Teams
    - 138 LDE Teams
    - 73 SDE Teams
  + Other Information
    - Banners are going up to $1.50
    - 12 scholarship Applications for the CNB and the Area 12 scholarship were turned in this year
    - State Convention email was not sent out by the Area
    - Contact info was removed from the website
* District Information Sheet-Complete online by the end of ATAT Conference
* Area Teacher Directory and Judgingcard Update
  + Judging card will lock you out on August 15th if bills are not paid

**Guest Information**

* National FFA Teacher Ambassadors
  + Serve you
  + Provide Resources
  + Information is found on the National FFA Website under the Ambassador Tab
* San Antonio Ag Mech Show
  + Skills Portion will be added in classes 3,8,9,10 and 11
  + Bring your own PPE
  + Read the premium book for more in depth information

**ATAT meeting/recognition-Tracey Cortez/Board Members**

* It’s getting harder and harder to find a site to host our conference due to the outstanding growth.
* 3% raise for ATAT staff
* Quality Counts - Texas FFA is working on a solution to make system easier
* Monday Workshops - up 100% attendance
* The Mentor Program is only open to 40.
* Down to 4 board members to each area on the ATAT board
* Business Session discus

**Credit Union Report - Joe Lemmons**

* Gary Adams
* Promo - .5% point off on loans through August
* 62 Annual Membership Meeting - Pegasus Room
* Finance 101 w/Meredith
* If you buy a vehicle from a dealership, give the credit union a shot.
* Don’t offer Land, Student, Home Loans

Start keeping better track of what our kids do, we are lacking in number of activities

**State Committee Report**

* Scholarship-
  + Jeff Heffernan
  + Glenn Clinard (Was elected to a 2 year term)
* LDE
  + Kayla Hughes(Was Elected to a 2 year term)
  + Hannah Hawkins
    - Reminder, that National Convention is moved up a week, will be during 1st week of November. Keep in mind for planning District LDEs.
    - A sub-committee was created to develop protocol for qualified judges.
    - One awards ceremony for final awards at 6pm, in the ballroom or the gym. Will be up to Sam Houston on logistics of location.
    - Spanish Creed rule change for judges to be opened to industry partners to judge.
    - Passed motion to have all quiz students provided 2 pieces of blank scratch paper stapled to test.
    - It was brought up when Ag issue portfolios are due. Registration is due the Monday, but documents can be submitted through Tuesday at 5pm.
* CDE-
  + Lisa Pieper
  + Magan Escamilla (Was elected to a 2 year term)
    - Meeting Thursday
* SDE-
  + Allison Marcuse
  + Tammy Elkins -
    - Students who compete in Jr & Sr Prepared
    - 7/8/9 - compete in Junior Prepared, cannot compete in Senior Prepared
    - Not shaking hands at State Level - encouraged to not shake hands at District & Area
    - Clause put into rules for disqualification
      * Shake a hand
      * Same speech
      * Similar to LDE Disqualification rule
    - Rubrics
      * $28,000 to have internet in order to use computers in judges room
      * This is why the day of the decision was made to use paper rubrics
    - Want to move it away from convention
      * Cost
      * More rooms
    - 4 Options
      * Leave alone - as is
      * Degree Check @ Tarleton or in surrounding area of Stephenville
        + This was the recommendation of the Area
      * Moving whole contest to A&M Commerce (June15-before July 4)
      * Moving to Fall with LDEs
    - Add Food Science to Technology as a topic
    - Aligning the topic categories for senior prepared with our pathways
    - Sequestered rooms
      * Everyone will sequestered with only 1 person with them
      * Will not be able to switch out - issue with space
    - Topics
      * Does that topic fit that category and judges feeling it does or doesn’t
      * Topics must be declared at District
* Ag Mech CDE-
  + Myles Russell
    - Different moving forward the next couple years
    - More aligned with nationals
    - Cover all 5
    - Do 3 as individual skills
    - Other 2 will be utilized in the group activity
    - `Going to post on FFA website a more detailed breakdown from the ATMF National CDE book
    - 60 days prior to contest they will send out a list of tools schools are supposed to bring
* Horticulture
  + Lisa Pieper
  + Dawn Stratton
    - Wasn’t anything in the Nursery Landscape contest that they needed to focus on
    - Team up with TNLA & TSFA
* Rodeo-
  + Becky Maass (Elected for a 2 year term)
  + Lochie Hosch
    - Some talk about Houston and concerns with putting on a rodeo there
    - 1 Day - Long Go & Short Go??? Didn’t pass
    - Did not get a contract with fairpark until the day before the rodeo started
    - Facility -
      * HLSR - $20,000/day
    - Has to be registered by the advisor for the convention by the advisor in order to have access to the rodeo entry form
      * There’s a disconnect from the parent to the teacher
* Wildlife-
  + Brad Hobbs (Elected for a 2 year term)
  + Dennis Bratton
* Ag. Science Fair
  + Kayla Hughes
  + Madi Musick
    - Feedback on check in
    - Papers and manuscripts are submitted 14 days prior to state degree check
    - Subcommittee to create guidelines
    - Contest is continuing to grow and want to make sure students have ample time to compete
* Tractor Tech
  + Myles Russell
  + Dennis Bratton (Elected for a 2 year term) -
    - Meeting Wednesday
* State Travel
  + Mindy Howard(Elected for a 2 year term)
    - Meeting Wednesday
* Award/Degree Committee
  + James Marcuse (Elected for a 2 year term)
  + Amy Torres
    - Meeting Thursday morning
    - Check email for state degree check
    - State officer elections will be held the same as it was last year
* Animal Industry
  + Jeff Heffernan
  + Justin. Tomascik
* Animal Industry Ag Mech
  + Myles Russell
* Animal Industry Competitive Events
  + Erin Stutts
* Area Officer Selection Coordinator
  + Brandi LIere
  + Mindy Howard
* Area SAE Based Awards
  + Tracey Cortez(Elected for a 2 year term)
* Area/State Courtesy Corps-
  + Taylor Muzny(Elected for a 2 year term)
* State Balloting Committee-
  + Brandi LIere
* Mid Winter Conf planning -
  + Allison Hall elected
    - each district will need 1-2 people to serve

**Old Business**

* *Elect Chairman of the following committees: They will be in charge of the event.*
* Area CDE-
  + Lisa Pieper (elected) (Providers run event)
* Area LDE-
  + Shawnee Despain(elected) (Area Coordinator runs event)
* Area SDE-
  + Tammy Elkins
* Leadership Camps
  + Mindy Howard
* Area Convention
  + Jack
  + Mindy Howard
* Area Degree Check
  + Justin Tomascik
  + James Marcuse
  + Amy Torres
* Area Courtesy Corps-
  + Taylor Muzny
* Mid Winter Conference-January 5 Tentatively in College Station
* Area Scholarships-Area Coordinator/Area President
  + Interviews on May 9 @ Cameron HS
  + Area Scholarships ONLY
* Area CDE Contests
  + Held at TAMU
    - Collaboration between areas who are wanting to go there to participate
      * Area III, VII, XII
  + Need to decide if we want to go to RELLIS
* Applied Ag Engineering - March 22 OR March 29 @ ACC

**New Business**

* Area Coordinator Meeting
  + Way convention was handled - we had issues
    - 3 people quit right before State Convention
  + What info do we want on the website?
  + Nothing changed on National Convention
    - Still have 5 delegates
  + SLC - $125 per person
* Degree Check
  + State Degrees - lost 4 state degrees
    - Did everything they could, checked them repeatedly to find a way to help them meet state standards
    - Kid didn’t have enough activities
    - SAE wasn’t a good SAE
* National FFA
  + Goal for 27-28
    - 100% Membership across the nation
    - Affiliation!
    - Reach every Ag kid in every class
  + Grants
    - Living to Serve
      * Mini L2S Grant for Community Service
    - Grants for Growing - $5000
      * Classroom - Growing your classroom
      * Chapter
      * Ag Awareness
* Create an election Task Force to create policy to align with constitution for state officer elections
  + 1 person per Area
* Set Dues
  + Dues of $1.75 per member (same as last year)
* Vote on Coordinator
  + Jack Winterrowd (elected)
    - Pay $1/member
* Budget
  + <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1a0J91DE6WRp9EsIl4x6zJ3QSZycwHeKCzExv4c7v3lE/edit?usp=sharing>
  + Was Approved
  + Moved and seconded to register all Area 12 events through Judging Card and Increase the cost by 9%.
* Policy Committee Report and vote
  + <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sTjbibHDw9LdS8JZDRuOmca32ZqRR0x570AXCZW5Ax8/edit?usp=sharing>
    - Make it easier to find the policy
    - Didn’t change a lot
      * Directing the scholarship committee policy change
        + Committee will rewrite policy
        + If there’s over $2000 left in the bank, some will go to scholarships
        + Asked at DLC to up this amount to $10,000 so we have “running money”
  + Moved and seconded to move the Budget Surplus into a savings account.
  + Moved and seconded to move the $25,000 in the CD to the FFA Foundation to endow another Area 12 Scholarship.
    - This would make 2 Area 12 Scholarships available
  + The policy was approved
* Talent Policy-
  + Recommended we record all talent performances
    - All the way down to the district level
* Honorary Degree Policy
  + Each school will rank their Honorary Degrees. Based on the rankings degrees will be awarded as evenly as possible. At such time when we have more schools submitting honorary degrees than we have quota for degrees will be ranked by a committee.
  + Passed
* ISO expenses
  + Our incoming state officer - spent $500-$1700
    - How much does the Area cover of the ISO expenses?
      * SLC - $125
      * Convention - $90
    - Moved and seconded to reimburse Vista Ridge $350 for the State Officer expenses
* **Elect Area Officers**
  + **Justin Tomascik (President)**
  + **Becky Maass (Vice President)**
  + **Kylie Leachman (Secretary)**
  + **Tracey Cortez (Treasurer)**
  + **Mindy Howard (ALC)**

**CDE Dates**

* **Texas A&M University**
  + **April 6, 2024**
    - Meats
    - Entomology
    - Horse
    - Poultry
    - Livestock
    - Vet Science
* **TBD** 
  + **(Possibly the Relis Campus)** 
    - Floral
    - Nursery
    - Milk Quality
* **SHSU,** 
  + **April, 2023**
    - Ag Mech
    - Ag Sales
    - FBM
* **SHSU,** 
  + **, 2023**
    - Tractor Tech
* **Angelo State University,** 
  + **April \_\_\_**
    - Wildlife
* **Lake Belton** 
  + **April 15, 2024**
    - Wool
* **ACC Campus** 
  + **March 22 or 29**
    - Applied Ag Engineering

**State CDE’s**

* **State Degree Check**
  + **June 3-7**
    - Stephenville Texas
* **SLC**
  + No Date Yet
* **Texas A&M** 
  + **April 27,2024**
* **SHSU Welding**
* **Sam Houston State** 
  + **April**
* **Texas Tech**
  + **April**
* **Tarleton State University** 
  + **April , 2023**
    - Range
    - Homesite
    - Land
    - Dairy Cattle

**Area Dates**

* Area Convention, officer elections, degree check, talent contest
  + May 10-11, 2024
    - Mayborn Center- Temple Texas
* Area SDE’s, Area Scholarship.
  + May 9, 2024
    - Cameron
* ALC
  + June 12-15, 2024
    - Messiah Ranch, Hearne TX
* DLC
  + June 23-25, 2024
    - Tanglewood Christian Camp, Lexington
* Greenhand Camp and Day of Service
  + September 23
    - Elgin HS
    - Down Home Ranch McDade Texas
* Area LDE
  + November 18,
    - Eastview HS Georgetown Texas
* Mid Winter Conference
  + Jan 5
    - TAMU

**Other Dates**

* Aggie Fest -
  + October , 2022
* TSU LDE -
  + November 2022
* A&M Clinic-
  + March ,2023
* A&M Invitational speaking -
  + April , 2023
* State LDE contest
  + December