**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