

Blue Ridge Area Fall Meeting
February 20, 2020
Buffalo Gap High School

Attendance: 13 Blue Ridge Area Teachers, Andy Seibel, Allison Jones

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

Secretary's Report: Paryce moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as written. The motion was seconded and passed.

Virginia FFA/DOE Update-Andy Seibel

Curriculum Reviews-please attend virtually if you can

DOE-introduced HB1680-puts SAE to be recognized as work based learning, went through sub committee, committee, and the House with full support. It is currently in the sub committee in the Senate-if you get an email to reach out to your senators please do-helps to justify extended contract

VAAE Awards are due along with FFA Awards for State Judging

All awards are electronic this year-make sure we have everything done through AET

BQA-have submitted the paperwork to DOE to bring it back as a credential, \$30, online exam, no longer a requirement to do chute side, we will be able to do the teaching, have to be an FFA member

Material was sent out to become YQCA certified-cost \$3 for a kid to get the certification

Cattleworking-FFA gets supplemental insurance but you have to file an accident report

State Tractor Operator's-only the area winner can compete

Cost of State Convention will be either the same cost or \$5 more-Hilton and Hyatt-rate of \$119 per night includes breakfast

State Officer Selection-will be run by the book, applications due June 1

Speeches and job interview contests-sent to outside people to judge, that is why they are due June 1

FFA Camp-plan to pack meals again as a service project-will pack meals on Thursday-will need help if you are able, Turner's 55th year of being camp director

State Poultry Contest-Rockingham-make sure you get a receipt when registering

Summer VAAE Conference-Suffolk-Hilton Garden Inn-rate includes breakfast

Trying to offer a drone certification course on Sunday and Monday-hopefully it will be no cost

Monday-Busch Gardens tour-will allow you and family to get in for a reduced rate

Tuesday-tours

Wednesday-banquet

State Officer Team-one student is legally blind, must be size 48 font, give things to him ahead of time if possible

Will have the same hotel at National Convention for 2 more years, trying to move the sessions back to the basketball arena

Allison is working part time for FFA and Ag in the Classroom

Think about using Judging Card for Area Rally, \$1/form, probably too late for this year

Board of Directors Update-Cindy Vance

-If you have any concerns please let Cindy know, she can request a conference call with the Board if it is an immediate concern

-State Awards Judging is April 21 and 22-applications need to be given to Cindy, Blair, or Cole before April 21

Advisory Council-Blair

-Need for written feedback for state winning teams, Agriscience Fair, National Chapter-Cindy will take this back to the Board

Paryce-Agriscience Fair Ambassador Program-\$3000 stipend, deadline is March 3 or 4

Area Rally

-Christy has worked with her career coach to do Ag Reality Town

-Public Speaking-manuscripts due to Janae by February 28-if they are late the student gets a zero, first and second place from Federation are allowed to compete

Mock Contests

-Discussion Meet-Young Farmers

-Soils-Matt Rider

-Milk Quality

Official Contests/Workshops

- Tractor Driving-Brian Crickenberger and Cole Ramsey
- Small Engines-Barry Gray and Herb Hoffeditz
- Public Speaking-Janae Pettit and Codi Jo Wheelbarger
- State Officers will have 2 workshops

Middle School Mock CDE-Mr. Brown and Mr. Hisghman will set up contest materials from last year and students can rotate around to look at different contests, quiz bowl type tournament with questions from all CDEs

-Paryce will be sending out registration next week-will be due March 3, max of 10 students per chapter not including those competing

-Advisor to Assist Officers the day of rally/order pins/contacting BRCC-should it be the Federation officer team and advisor that is running rally or the Vice President of Blue Ridge Area

Codi Jo Wheelbarger made a motion for the Vice President of the Blue Ridge Area to be in charge of Area Rally (ordering pins and coordinating location) and it was seconded. Motion passed

-Broadway HS-getting flack for missing days, were told they were only allowed to send one teacher if they are only bringing 10 students-look into fire code for Multipurpose room and raising the limit of bringing 10 students

Ag Reality Town-Christy may send out an email asking for helpers with this

-Each student needs a penny-Christy will get pennies using area account

Rough Draft Schedule for Rally

9:00-9:30 Registration

9:30-9:45 Welcome, Opening Ceremony, Announcements, Opening Greetings from Jennifer Armstrong

9:50-11:15 Career Development Events, Mock and Official

11:20-11:35 Ag Reality Town Prep all at once in the large multipurpose room (Power Point walk through to get their "life" set up)

11:40-12:40 MS Ag Reality Town/HS Lunch

12:45-1:45 HS Ag Reality Town/MS Lunch

1:45-2:00 Auditorium-Awards, Closing Ceremony

Upcoming Events

Spring Membership Roster Due March 1

Blue Ridge Area Rally-March 10

National Ag Week March 23-27

VICE Conference at Graves Mountain Lodge-March 27-29

Blue Ridge Area Cattle Working-April 2 (Can go to any of the area contests and BQA information to Katherine Carter by March 15)

State Tractor Operators-April 16

Beef Expo, State Cattle Working, State Stockmans-April 17-19

State Poultry Contest, Rockingham County Fairgrounds-April 24

State Forestry-April 21

State FFA Convention-June 15-18

FFA Leadership Camp-July 13-17

VAAE Summer Conference-July 19-23