

Blue Ridge Area Fall Meeting
November 7, 2019
Broadway High School

Attendance: 17 Blue Ridge Area Teachers, Andy Seibel, Hannah Scherer

Agenda:

- Virginia Tech Update
- Virginia FFA/DOE Update
- VAAE, Alumni, Young Farmers Update
- Advisory Council Update
- Board of Directors Update
- Past and Upcoming Events
- Blue Ridge Area Rally

The meeting was called to order by Christy Kerr.

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

Virginia Tech Update-Hannah Scherer: Middle School Leadership Conference and Teach Ag Workshop went well. The new department head is Tracy Rutherford. Sharon Williams who worked with undergraduates is no longer there and has taken a position with Carilion. Molly Wilson is the new recruiter for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. The minor in Teaching and Learning is going through governance right now. Virginia Tech is offering the online metal fabrication course in the spring if needed for licensing.

Virginia FFA Update-Andy Seibel:

- Please fill out the Annual Report Data under Chapter Profile on ffa.org. VA FFA needs to know how many students chapters have participating in CDEs and LDEs on the local level.
- If you see something that isn't correct on the website please let Mr. Seibel know
- Stay up to date with the rules for contests-rules can change any year, don't necessarily have to wait 5 years
- Allison Jones is still working for FFA part time
- National Convention Review: Work together on buses and transportation, Virginia did not choose hotel, the officer team had a great convention
- State Officers: There is one officer who is legally blind and needs 48 font, please work with him. Mr. Seibel is working on getting a calendar on the website of state officer availability
- Waivers-Mr. Seibel wants a copy of waivers for overnight events but make sure you have a copy as well. waivers cannot be uploaded electronically. You may use the student waiver on AET in place of the FFA waiver.

DOE Update-Andy Seibel:

- Please volunteer for curriculum reviews-you can do it virtually if you email LaVeta
- You must teach FFA and SAEs in every class, all students should have an SAE, if they are doing their SAE in class it does not count towards degrees
- DOE has removed the SAE reporting requirements for CTE directors-Encourage CTE directors to share the importance of SAEs and encourage DOE to put it back in

VAAE-Christy Kerr:

- Winter In-Service will be held January 31 and February 1 at Valley Career and Technical in Fishersville
- If you have a workshop or speaker idea for Winter In-Service please email Christy
 - AET was mentioned, Phil Fravel will be doing an Ag Mechanics workshop, there will be a middle and high school track, New Teacher workshop will be held the day before
- Summer Expo-Will be in Suffolk at the Hilton-July 20-23
 - Going to Busch Gardens
 - Project WILD and WET
 - Minute to Win It Prizes

Board of Directors-No Update**Past and Upcoming Events**

- *Tractor Troubleshooting-September 18
- *Forestry-October 9
- *VAAE Winter In-Service-Jan 31-Feb 1
- *Spring Meeting-February 20 at Buffalo Gap
- *Area Rally-March 10 at BRCC
- *State Judging-April 22 and 23
- *Young Farmers of Virginia Conference-January 24-26 in Natural Bridge, Contest Applications due December 1, Please send pictures of everyone who applies for awards, registration forms due December 31
- *April 16-Tractor Operator's
- *April 17-Stockman's
- *April 18-Cattle Working
- *April 21-State Forestry
- *April 24-State Poultry

COLT Conference: If you have not paid your invoice, Jen will be contacting you

Area Rally

- Ideas for Mock Contests: Turf Grass, Food Science, Discussion Meet, Poultry, Milk Quality-Dave Winston, Livestock-Dan Eversole, Soils, Agriscience Fair-Hannah Scherer
- Decided to not have a guest speaker at the beginning

-Official Contest Assignments

Tractor Driving-Brian Crickenberger and Cole Ramsey
Small Engines-Herb Hoffeditz and Barry Gray
Public Speaking-Janae Pettit and Codi Jo Wheelbarger

-Other Assignments

Registration-Paryce Bradley
Lunch-Kaitlyn Sonifrank
Middle School CDEs-Sarah Smith and Blair Hoffman

Area Officers

-Historically the Area Officers have planned COLT and helped at Area Rally

-Cole said that students enjoy it even though they only meet it a few times. He said it has been a challenge getting students to show up to meetings.

-Janae moved to absolve the Area officers and have Federation officers fulfill the responsibilities at Area Rally on a rotating basis starting with the Augusta-Highland-Rockbridge Federation.

Janae moved to amend the motion to include a rotation of a Federation hosting COLT as well-this will start with Nelson being in charge of the 2020 COLT Conference. The motion was seconded and passed.

-Therefore we will not elect area officers at Area Rally.

-Janae moved to sponsor an area plaque at the state level. The motion was seconded and passed.