

1. **Call to Order.** _____ Brian Fisher _____ called to order the VAAE Executive Committee meeting on **15th April 2015**, at **Church of the Brethren in Staunton, Virginia**, at **1230PM**. The following members were present:

Brian Fisher

Carly Woolfolk

Sarah Scyphers

Howard Hill

Larry Case

Ronald Byrd

Laura Delano

Katie Reames

Clint Jones

Elizabeth Duncan

Frank Saldana

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting.** The following items were stricken or added:

Katie Reames moved to postpone the reading of the minutes, Sarah Scyphers seconded, motion carried.

3. **Officer/Executive Director Reports.**

____ Sarah Scyphers, Appalachian Area Vice President, reported that 27 schools participated their spring rally. There were 400 students that competed in various CDE's. GPS conference is April 20th at Fort Chiswell and the area meeting was April 1st. Sarah will be stepping down as area vice president and Allison Sutphin will be the new Appalachian Area Vice President. Russell County will be starting a new chapter at the high school.

Howard Hill, Eastern Area was not able to have rally. Had 3-4 chapters at leadership conference, public speaking will be on April 25th. Chapters that are in Eastern Area are small overall but are thriving, and growing.

Elizabeth Duncan, Southside Vice President Area rally was March 25th. Several schools that had not participated in the past attended rally this year.

Central Area update, given by Laura Delano. Area rally and conference/ GPS will be April 21st at the Washington Carver Piedmont Technical Center in Culpeper.

Northern Area, Laura Kennedy will be leaving Virginia and her office will be filled at summer conference. The Northern Area rally is set for April 20th. There will be a new event held this year, a Career Fair for the area, sponsored by Agribusiness Council.

4. Committee Reports.

Ron Byrd delivered the Treasurers Report. Current balance is \$17,604.46 Current membership in VAAE is 162 active members.

5. New Business.

Ron Byrd reported that there has been an increase in the bank draft fees for membership dues. The motion was made by Katie Reames to increase the service charges to compensate for the increase in fees. For the bank draft option #1 will include a \$25.00 per month bank draft over 12 months for a total of \$300. With this option you pay \$100 to NAAE VAAAE, \$20 VACTE \$80.00 ACTE, an increase of \$7 to \$92 to the FFA Foundation, and an \$8 service charge for a total of \$300. Option 3.B will include a \$15 per month bank draft over twelve months totaling \$180.00. NAAE-VAAE -\$100, VACTE-\$20.00, VA FFA Foundation-\$52.00 and \$8 service charge. Option C. \$132.00 NAAE-VAAE-\$100 VA FFA Foundation \$24 and \$8 service charge. Seconded by Sarah Scyphers. Motion Carried.

Katie Reames moved that Ron Byrd receive the Lifetime Achievement award, Seconded by Howard Hill. Motion Passed.

Sarah Scyphers moved that Katie Frazier receive the Outstanding Service award, Elizabeth Duncan seconded, motion passed.

Katie Reames, VACTE Rep. and President-Elect, reported that the VACTE Leadership Seminar was a great experience for VAAE to meet with legislators and discuss issues concerning agriculture education. Jaclyn Ryan-Roller was recognized as being the Virginia Teacher of the Year, Jessica Jones was

recognized as the Virginia ACTE Teacher of the Year and Andy Seibel was recognized as the Carl Perkins Community Service Award.

Katie Reames moved to pursue creating a VAAE, website through Rebecca Daubert Design, to pay the amount of \$400, for setup and an additional \$30.00/ hour for a major update. Sarah Scyphers seconded, motion carried.

Katie Reames moved to begin reevaluating the duties of the executive committee officers. Sarah Scyphers moved to table the discussion till the VAAE fall meeting. Elizabeth Duncan seconded and motion passed

Adjournment.

There being no further business, _____Katie Reames_____ moved and _____Sarah Scyphers_____ seconded to adjourn the VAAE Executive Committee meeting at _____2:45_____ PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by _____Clint Jones_____, _____VAAE State Secretary_____.

Reviewed and approved by _____, _____.