

**VLAT WINTER MEETING
TEXAS 4-H CONFERENCE CENTER - BROWNWOOD, TEXAS
JANUARY 6, 2007
APPROVED JUNE 5, 2007**

Time: 8:50 a.m.

Call to order by Sheri Gicklhorn, President

Introduction of officers:

Officers present:

Sheri Gicklhorn – President,
Briget Redmon – 1st Vice President,
Susan Quattrini – 2nd Vice President,
Pat Waldrip – Treasurer,
Tony Barlow – Secretary,
Brenda Bodiford-Waldrip – Website Coordinator,
Kathy Jackson – Sales/Promotion Co-chair,
Billy Davis – 4-H Foundation Liasion,
Courtney Dodd – VLAT advisor,
Dr. Martha Couch – Texas 4-H Program Director

Officers absent:

Dr. Bob Williams – Immediate Past President,
Gail Presley – Sales/Promotion Co-chair
Debbie Rice – Public Relations

Roll Call by Tony Barlow, Secretary

District 1 -- 0	District 5 -- 1	District 9 -- 1
District 2 -- 2	District 6 -- 0	District 10 -- 0
District 3 -- 0	District 7 -- 0	District 11 -- 1
District 4 -- 5	District 8 -- 3	District 12 -- 0

Quorum present and accounted for.

Minutes from 2006 State Round-up Meeting in College Station, TX at Texas A&M University Reed Arena read. Motion to accept minutes was made by Linda Teel with motion seconded by Janna Barlow. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report by Pat Waldrip, Treasurer:

Expense / income report given: Total assets of \$28,136.92

Motion to accept report, with amendment to include \$950 SRLF fee to be paid, made by Tony Barlow and seconded by Briget Redmon. Discussion included paying \$150 stipend to SRLF attendees to offset expenses. Motion carried unanimously.

Fund Raising Activities by each District Represented:

District 2 - Golf Tournament and Stock Show concession stand sales to help youth go to camp and scholarships for youth with Record Books going to Washington Raised about \$3000.

District 4 - Fishing Tournament, Crawfish Boil, Pancake Breakfast, Candles Sales - no sales figure given.

District 5 - Bustiers has store sale and gives club \$250 to set up, clubs earned ~\$600.

District 8 - No organized district activity. Counties has concession sales at local Youth Expos.

District 9 - Silent Auction, Booster Club provides Steak Fry with Auction

District 11 - Ladies' Christmas and concession sales earn about \$600.

Reports by Committee:

Pennies for Progress - \$2776.33 in account (\$5.39 earned interest). Program history given with handout in VLAT Resource Guide provided by Courtney Dodd. Application for funds due soon with first payout to be announced at Roundup '07 in College Station.

Sales and Promotion - Kathy Jackson reported gross sales of \$16,263 at State Horse Show and Roundup Sales of \$3497.00.

Volunteer Training - Kathy Jackson, Southern Region Leadership Forum delegate. SRLF is confederation of 13 southeastern states, Puerto Rico and Guam. Kentucky was host state in '06. Held at Georgia State 4-H Center in Rock Eagle, GA. Workshops for education, fundraisers, how-to, crafts, general 4-H info. www.4hsrlf.org

State Training/ Resources -- Courtney Dodd provided handout for Texas 4-H general info to serve as resource guide for VLAT.

District 4 Leadership College to be held at TAMU Commerce Ag Bldg. cost \$15. 4-H discussion, record book, certification, round table.

Project Training - Swine, beef, sheep & goats, horse certification clinics around state on rotating region basis

4-H Foundation – Billy Davis Foundation scholarship started in '59 with one Houston Livestock Show scholarship for \$1000 now it has 250 scholarships for \$1.9 million 405 applicants 310 ag/life science, 23 technical, 23 Courageous Heart, 49 other applicants. S Scholastic averages: SAT 1130, ACT 25 Grade Point Average 94 186 recipients from public schools and 38 from home school. Courageous Heart is scholarship started by Blue Bell Creameries which gave \$25,000 with a matching \$25,000 from other sources.

Friends & Alumni - Jana Barrett LaQuinta Inns gives 15% discount to 4-H supporters with \$9 coming back to Foundation. Friends & Alumni is having a custom 4-H centennial saddle made

to be raffled on-line and at stock shows.

4-H Foundation also had \$1200 grant money---12 \$100 scholarships for youth to go to Roundup who could not otherwise afford. Other fund raisers were: Unparty, Turkey Hunt.

Volunteer Awards - Courtney Dodd gave updates for volunteer awards: Meritorious Service, Leader's Legacy, & Texas 4-H Salute To Excellence.

Old Business – None

New Business:

Appoint committees by Sheri Gicklhorn, President

Nominating: Briget Redmon, chair; Tony Barlow, Brenda Waldrip

Offices to fill for Roundup '07 are 2nd Vice President and Public Relations

Meritorious Service Award: Courtney Dodd, Tony Barlow, Sheri Gicklhorn, Kathy Jackson

Budget: Pat Waldrip, Chair; Susan Quattrini, Sheri Gicklhorn

Website: Brenda Bodiford-Waldrip, chair; Kevin Hogan, Tony Barlow

By-Laws: Sheri Gicklhorn, chair; Tony Barlow, Susan Quattrini and Courtney Dodd

4-H Center Update by Dr Darlene Locke, Interim Director.

Center used for conferences, weddings, family reunions, camps, ropes, leadership lab

Fees increased 5% in '06

Outdoor Education Classroom to be built with grant from TEEA - New outdoor classroom with covered area, picnic tables and benches due in 2 wks, large covered area

Proposal to pave roads---will provide matching funds and complete in phases over next few years

Dorms - Design on a Dime. Dorms also to get ADA accessible bath facilities and ramps for Dorms #1, 3, 8, & 10

Large water storage tower to be replaced

Recruiting college students for summer staff ~24-30 students (they get college credit for this work)

Operation Purple Camp for military families funded by National Military Family Association, Center is their facilitator. Weeklong camp for military dependents held first 2 weeks in August.

Mission Possible - building community inclusion for disabled youth. 4-H members (14 years old +) are mentors. West Texas Development Center provides additional professional support. Need sponsors and mentors. 4-H Foundation helps sponsor youth attendance at this camp.

Junior Leadership Retreat - 4-H Council provides this leadership for 125 9-14 year old 4-H youth in leadership/service.

4-H Foundation helped with BBQ at Roundup '06 \$2500 for pool slide renovation at Center.

TEEA has given \$3000 - \$7000 per year for projects at the Center.

Offering contest for Design on a Dime for 9 remaining dorms. District 11 initiated the first design and renovated Dorm 10 Common Area. Teens to submit designs and winners will come

in August to implement. For more information see their website <http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu/>

Morning Business Meeting Adjourned

Afternoon workshops included:

Texas Cooperative Extension update by Dr. Couch. Some of the things listed and discussed were the upcoming name change, record books, 4-H Roundup committee working with A&M for better experiences in the future.

Courtney Dodd presented a power point presentation of the “Virtual Volunteer”. It showed how the roles and methods of communication are changing/affecting volunteers and leaders with the fast-paced changes/challenges in technology and electronic communications.

Evening business session at 8 pm included:

Committee reports:

Nominating committee asked for nominations from the floor and none provided. Committee will make recommendations at Roundup .

Sales committee is now the executive committee. Tony and Pat will solicit bids for RU and Horse Show t-shirts and designs and report back to committee with recommendations.

Meritorious Service Award committee will meet via teleconference in late March or early April after Courtney has received the applications from respective offices.

Budget committee proposed new budget of \$21,822 which was approved unanimously. Motion to accept by Briget Redmon with second by Tony Barlow.

VLAT financial audit	\$200	Expenses for Roundup	\$400
Mission Possible contribution	\$400	New Name Badges	\$ 72
B. Davis 4-H Found. Exp	\$1000	Scrapbook expenses	\$200
Scholarships	\$3600	SRLF scholarships	\$3500
Stationery, Postage, etc	\$200	Time Capsule marker	\$300
VLAT comm.. expenses	\$500	4-H Center Donation	\$400
Website expenses	\$300	Angela Burkham present	\$250
Merchandise purchases	\$10000	Cash register & supplies	\$500

Website committee report by Brenda Bodiford-Waldrip. Working prototype to be setup by Roundup with changes to follow. List of exciting 4-H websites and information pages available by contacting Brenda at bbwaldrip@verizon.net

Financial Resources Management Practices presentation by Courtney Dodd. This has been adopted by Texas Cooperative Extension several years ago to protect 4-H and Extension Service. Guidelines are available online and at county, district and state offices.

Meeting Adjourned.

Executive Committee followed to discuss disposal of outdated sales merchandise, Financial Resources Management Practices, merchandise storage, and other official business.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Barlow, Secretary