Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Harlingen South FFA

September 5, 2023

Swine Validation Tag:

If you are interested in showing a hog this year validation tag monies are due September 20th; $18/tag. You are required to have a validation tag to show your hog.

Swine Pen Selection:

We will be assigning swine pens and lockers for those keeping their animals at the AG Farm on September 20th from 4-6pm. In order to select a pen/locker you will need to have completed the following:

* Paid FFA Membership
* Completed and turned in Ag Farm Access Keycard paperwork
* Completed and turned in all South FFA Handbook paperwork
* Purchased a swine validation tag

LDE’s:

Leadership Development Events are individual or team contest that enhance a members leadership skills. The district contest will take place on November 7th. Contest divisions you can participate in are: Quiz Team, Creed Speaking, Agriculture Skills, Radio Broadcasting, Public Relations, and Agriculture Advocacy. Only high school members in an Agriculture Science course are eligible to participate. If interested, please see an AG teacher as soon as possible – signups end September 15th.

Homecoming Bonfire Crew:

If you are a junior or senior paid FFA member that would like to help prepare and light the “S” during the homecoming peprally; a mandatory meeting will be held in Mr. Guerra’s room (rm 908) September 7th at 4:10pm.

Chapter Shirts Orders:

Chapter shirt are now available. If interested in ordering please complete the order form and turn in with money by September 26th. Only orders that are paid in full will be ordered!

TOT Leadership Camp:

The district leadership camp will be held on September 14th. The advisors have selected the members that will attend. If you have been selected please bring your $25 camp fee and your signed permission slip to an AG teacher no later than September 8th.

POA/Chapter Committees:

Program of Activities - the chapter calendar has been set by the advisors and officer team. This year we are forming committees to assist with activities. Committees include Environmental Community Development, Leadership Development, and Chapter Recruitment. If interested in being on the committee or possibly acting as the chair of the committee please plan to attend the first committee meeting on September 12th at 4:10pm in Room 502. Any high school member in an Agriculture Science course can be part of our chapter committees!

Member of the Month:

Every month starting in October the chapter membership will vote on a member of the month. This individual is a paid member who has shown exemplary efforts within the chapter, with their project, or participation in activities sponsored by the chapter. Any paid member 3rd - 12th grade is eligible. We will have a ballot box at every meeting to submit nominations. The recognized member will receive a gift card for their hard work and dedication.

Prospect Shows:

There will be prospect (practice) shows throughout the show season. These are a great way for both you and your animal to perfect your showmanship skills. Please keep in mind not all prospect shows do the Ag teachers haul animals to/from. Also, if you plan to attend a prospect show, you MUST notify an Ag Teacher PRIOR to attending - this is for sanitation purposes and incase of a validation check by the state. Upcoming prospect shows include:

* Oct 7th - Rattler-Diamondback Showdown - Cattle/ Lamb/Goat - RGVLS
* Oct 28th – RGVLS Fall Festival – Cattle/Lamb/Goat – RGVLS
* Oct 28th - Cotton Country Classic – Cattle – Robstown
* Oct 29th - Cotton Country Classic - Lamb/Goat - Robstown

Membership Dues / Expenditures:

The membership dues for the current school year have to be voted on by the membership. The motion to keep dues at $20/member was presented by Camryn Resendiz and seconded by Taegan Wade. Seeing how there was no discussion to change the amount the vote was taken - all members were in favor of keeping the dues at $20/ member for the 2023-2024 school year.

Throughout the year the chapter has expenditures that have to be paid from our student activity account. These expenditures include but are not limited to dues, entry fees, travel expenses, etc. These are paid by the AG teachers and need a membership vote to allow the funds to come from the student activity account. The motion was presented by Camryn Resendiz to allow the AG teachers to pay the chapter expenditures from the student activity account for the 2023-2024 school year. The motion was seconded by Gabby Vega. There was no discussion on the matter and the vote was taken -all members were in favor of the motion.

Chapter Handbook:

Ms. Rike discussed the chapter handbook and HCISD Agriculture facility (barn) rules and guidelines. All members are required to turn in the handbook signature page, student information page and project selection page with their dues. If you are anticipating on keeping your animal at the barn you will need the above forms along with the agriculture facility release forms in order to be issued a gate key card.