

Agriculture Power Mechanics and Welding Fabrication

Advisory Minutes

11/16/2017

- I. Call to Order**
 - a. Mr. Conrado called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.
- II. Members Present**
 - a. Todd Conrado, Neil Ward, Stan Bettencourt, Jeremy Hensley, Max Jones, Sherry Johns,
- III. Approval of minutes from previous meeting**
 - a. The committee reviewed the minutes with Neil Ward moving to pass and Stan seconding. Motion was passed with voice vote.
- IV. Open business**
 - a. Mr. Conrado gave a brief update on the previous year and direction the program is heading. He informed the committee that he is taking a larger leadership role in the welding program and maintaining his status in the power mechanics area.
 - b. Mr. Conrado gave an update on the status of the Truck Pull club.
 - c. Mr. Conrado gave the committee the date of the 2018 FFA Field day and thanked the members for their continued support of the activity.
 - d. Mr. Conrado reviewed the status of the Power Mechanics certificates and the number of students enrolled and completers. He also discussed his opinion that new/more certificates in the welding area are needed. The committee suggested that Mr. Conrado revise the Mech. Ag A.S. degree and Mech. Ag certificate along with the addition of new welding certificates.
 - e. Mr. Conrado discussed his trust budget. This was a quick discussion, as he has no trust budget.
 - f. Mr. Conrado informed the members of the addition of the OSHA 10/30 certification in addition to the forklift certification. The members were in strong agreement with this new opportunity and foresee an even greater need in the future.
 - g. The discussion then transitioned into the welding program. After much discussion, it was agreed that the welding program needs to be upgraded. The current path is adequate for those students looking to go into the repair industries but is highly lacking in the area of equipment fabrication. Both the Power and the Fabrication members agree that an increase in MIG welding instruction is needed. It was then agreed that an addition of a MIG welding class and to offer an alternate path to certificate completion would be beneficial (see attachment). Mr. Conrado agreed to writing a new MIG welding class and to developing a new pathway and new certificates as warranted.
- V. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm**