Call to Order: Scott Hinrichs

Roll Call: Present: Mike Eckhardt, Kirk Feeney, Shannon Frink, Scott Hinrichs, Brett Mohling, Kathy Stromer, Morgan Trausch, Amy Wilson, Wryan Wright

Absent: Lynn DeVries, Bryce Katzberg, Mike Schukei, Ange Shipman, Lori Vorderstrasse

Junior Leader Reps Present: Morgan Stromer

Absent: Calvin DeVries, Brenda Tran

Chamber of Commerce Rep Present: None. Doug Nienhueser, Absent.

Ag Society Rep Present: Twila Bankson

Extension Staff Present: Julie Ochsner, Ron Seymour

Approval of Minute: Morgan Traush motioned, Morgan Stromer 2nd. Minutes approved.

Correspondence: ReVlve sent a thank you for the chili, carrots and celery provided to them from the Soup Supper.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Treasurers Report: Moved by Amy Wilson, 2nd by Morgan Trausch to accept the treasurers report. Report approved.

Bank Balance: $17,388.51


Approval to Pay Outstanding bills: Cindy & Scott Hinrichs, Julie Oschner, Cash-Wa, Twila Bankson, Russ’s Market for Soup Supper supplies. $225 for Show Works. Wryan Wright motioned to pay the presented bills, Morgan Trausch 2nd. Motion Passed.

Deposits: $1305 – soup supper business donations; $2458.40 soup supper free will donations.

Staff Reports:

Ron Seymour: Several education programs: Pest Management, Wellhead protection, Pesticide safety trainings, Farm Bill training. Assisted with the 4-H and Shooting Sports kick-offs and Soup Supper. Continues to work with Ag Society Building committee. Training new staff.

Steve Landon: Orientating to office and programs. Assisted with Shooting Sports first meetings and planning 4-H Dog Expo.

Other Board Reports:

Ag Society: Public announcement of fair entertainment tomorrow. 25 applicants for Fair Manager position. Building plans progress, but will not be in place by 2015 fair.

Extension Board: 2 open positions on the board remain. Reviewed plans for new Extension Office on fairgrounds. Annual mtg 2/12 in Lincoln. Developing a news media/marketing plan to promote Extension.

Jr. Leaders: Taking an active leadership role at Shooting Sports and summer workshop programs.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising committee: Soup Supper was a success – thank you to everyone that helped. Income should be comparable to what was budgeted.

Budget committee: Meeting tbd for this month.

Unfinished Business:

4-H Kick-Off: Morgan Trausch motioned to keep the 4-H Kick-off, Shooting Sports and Soup Supper on the same day – dates and times tbd. Kirk Feeney 2nd. Motion passed.

Nebraska 4-H Month: Wear your 4-H shirt on 2/11. Developed a geocaching program.

Committee Assignments: Council provided their assignments for 2015.

Archery Shooting Sports: Archery Solutions, LLC has submitted their insurance certificate to UNL Board of Regents for review. When approved, potential to conduct SS Archery in their building next year. Discussion on having a beginning and advanced shooting sports programs to better involve youth, promote advanced learning and limit disruptions during classes.

Events for Enrollment: Holding a “Registration Party” – Amy Wilson, Kathy and Morgan Stromer and Shannon Frink volunteered to assist. Date tbd.

Larry Draper Scholarship: Ext staff received satisfactory grade reports from the 2014 recipients. Kirk Feeney motioned to send the scholarship money to the education institutes in care of the scholarship recipients. Mike Eckhardt 2nd. Motion passed.

New Business:

March Beef Weigh Day: March 7th from 11-1:30. Mike Eckhardt, Scott Hinrichs, Bryce Katzberg and Kirk Feeney volunteered to assist.
Clover Kids Projects: Morgan Trausch motioned to allow Clover Kids youth to enroll in 4 projects (up from 3 projects currently) due to the addition of the Clover Kids animal projects. Amy Wilson 2nd. Motion passed.

Quality Assurance Update: Steve clarified that youth can “test out” of all of quality assurance modules in one year (just a one $5 fee), but must start with the new quality assurance modules when they advance to a new age/showing level.

4-H Council Scholarship: Morgan Trausch moved that the 4-H Council scholarship be given to 2 recipients each year and remove the stipulation that there needs to be one male and one female recipient. Kathy Stromer 2nd. Motion passed.

4-H T-shirt Design: Youth were asked to submit designs – received one. Will put in the March newsletter again and choose a design in April.

4-H Alumni Association: Extension staff inquired about organizing a Adams County 4-H Alumni Association for the purpose of networking, volunteer opportunities, sponsorship, etc. State 4-H Office has given the ok to share this database to entities, such as the Ag Society Foundation. Morgan Trausch moved to start an Adams County Alumni Association with an enrollment form, in which Alumni could designate if they would like their name shared with 4-H and Extension aligned groups and organizations. Amy Wilson 2nd. Motion passed.

4-H Council Board: Mike Schukei has asked to excuse himself from the Vice-President position r/t a scheduling conflict with the 4-H Council meetings. Bryce Katzberg agreed to fill that board position. Kirk Feeney moved to excuse Mike Schukei from the Vice President position and to accept Bryce Katzberg in that role. Wryan Wright 2nd. Motion passed.

Memorial: Morgan Trausch moved to send at $20 memorial to the Gerald Frerichs family (Ange Shipman’s father). Mike Eckhardt 2nd. Motion passed.

Therapuetic Horse: Brett Mohling inquired about moving the Therapuetic Horse show to the same day as the Horse Show for scheduling purposes and to give more spectators. Morgan Trausch motioned to move the Therapuetic Horse show to the same day as the Horse show with times tbd. Kathy Stromer 2nd. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Morgan Trausch motioned. Morgan Stromer, 2nd. Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shannon Frink, Secretary