

4-H Council Meeting

Minutes for March 3rd, 2014

Call to Order: Jerry Allen

Roll Call: Present: Jerry Allen, Mike Eckhardt, Shannon Frink, Scott Hinrichs, Bryce Katzberg, Morgan Meyer, Brett Mohling, Mike Schukei, Ange Shipman, Kathy Stromer, Lori Vorderstrasse, Wryan Wright

Absent: Tammy Johnson, Amy Wilson

Junior Leader Reps Present: None

Absent: G. Robert Binfield, Calvin DeVries, Morgan Stromer

Chamber of Commerce Rep Present: Doug Nienhueser

Ag Society Rep Present: Twila Bankson

Extension Staff Present: Beth Janning, Julie Ochsner

Approval of Minutes: Correction noted that the 4-H newsletter will cost an additional \$30 per mailing, not per family with changes to postal rates. Moved by Wryan Wright, 2nd by Ange Shipman to approve corrected minutes. Motion passed.

Correspondence: Thank you card from Ron Seymour for mother's memorial from Council.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Treasurers Report: Moved by Bryce Katzberg, 2nd by Morgan Meyer. Report Passed.

Bank Balance: \$13,884.29

Bills Paid: Soup Supper supplies (food, paper supplies). Fall Paper Clover re-imbusement to Clay and Webster County. Memorial for Ron Seymour's mother.

Approval to Pay Outstanding bills: Moved by Morgan Meyer, 2nd by Wryan Wright. Motion passed.

Sunmart – Soup Supper Supplies. \$36.35

Staff Reports:

Beth Janning: New Council member Orientation completed tonight. 4-H Month activities. School enrichment activities in Alcott, Watson. High School Sr. Recruitment for UNL dinner 2/25/14 at the Lark. Discussed using ES237 as a tool to identified populations Extension Office is reaching. Identified Middle School and Jr. High populations as a target goal through school enrichment and afterschool programming, with an emphasis on intergenerational activities, as well. Giving Your Best leader webinars are starting in March with three possible: Ready:

Maximize Your Meeting Time, Set: 4-H projects from Start to Finish, Go: Beyond the 4-H Project. Participated in Women in Ag and Entrepreneurship conferences and upcoming Eureka Extension conference. Thank you for Council assistance with 4-H Kick-Off.

Ron Seymour: Staff representative tonight at Dog project Kick-Off Meeting.

Julie Ochsner: Thank you for Council assistance with 4-H Kick-Off. Starting Embryology School Enrichment programming. Unawareness of 4-H at Zion Lutheran – will do some extra education to potential with 4-H with future school enrichment visits. Prepping for Safety Day. Fashion Board and Life Challenge groups started up this month.

Other Board Reports:

Ag Society: Announced fair theme: “Bushels of Fun at the Adams County Fair”. Will host 2015-16 High School Rodeo Finals and Hastings College rodeo. Oregon Trail Rodeo moved up week to eliminate conflict from high school and Husker football, as well as, Labor Day activities. No new information on the new fairgrounds arena.

Extension Board: Celebrating 100 years of Extension throughout the year – will have some type of activity during the fair. Accepting applications for administrative assistant in the office.

Jr. Leaders: Participated in the a trap shoot and Cottonwood Archery competition.

Committee Reports:

Budget: Presented proposed 2014 budget. Motion was made by Wryan Wright and seconded by Lori Vorderstrasse to approve the proposed budget.

Fair committee: Wood chips will be provided by the same vendor. Discussion as to whether generator was needed and at what location. Will continue with generator, plug in only as needed to eliminate extra cords for fairgoers to have to maneuver.

Unfinished Business:

4-H Kick-off: About 60 participants completed sign-in forms. Discussed combining with Shooting Sports kick-off next year to eliminate confusion.

Nebraska 4-H Month: Decorated Julie’s Expression window. Beth did interviews with KHAS t.v. and radio promoting 4-H Kick-Off and 4-H month.

Newsletter: Noted correction that it will cost ~ \$30 per mailing not family to mail newsletter with changes to postal rates. Continuing to encourage to take the e-newsletter.

Static Entry: Will have 3 computers/people on static entry day to help those not pre-entered. One table/person will be designated for just Horticulture/Floriculture projects.

New Business:

Larry Draper Scholarship: Can no longer be held in the 4-H Foundation accounts. Motion made to include these funds (~ \$1500) to a line item on the 2014 4-H Council budget for us to administer. Motion made by Shannon Frink, 2nd by Ange Shipman. Motion Passed.

Adams County Scholarship: Was not in the March newsletter. Discussion of what deadline we would like applicants to return by. Continue with April 1st deadline.

Workshop Planning: Beginning stages of planning summer workshops. Fitting Clinic and Demonstration/presentation contest workshop suggested as ideas.

Champion Market Steer and Heifer Award: Lori Vorderstrasse voiced that her family would like to sponsor a special award for the Grand Champion Market Steer & Heifer Award. Lori Vorderstrasse motioned to make this a Special Award addition to the 2014 4-H Fairbook. 2nd by Mike Schukei. Motion Passed.

County Camp: Beth presented because of increased cost, loss of South Central as a potential location and declining numbers, that the Adams County camp will be a day-camp at Crystal Lake on June 18th from 9-5 p.m. Encourage youth 8-12 years old to participate.

Sheep/Goat Weigh-In in another county: A request from a 4-H family to be allowed to weigh their sheep/goats in another county. Motion made by Morgan Meyer to allow 4-H youth to weigh their sheep and/or goats in another county. They will not be eligible to participate in rate of gain contest. Motion 2nd by Scott Hinrichs. Motion passed.

New to 4-H Orientation: Held 4/24 at 6:30 in the Assembly Room. Those participating will be allowed to adjust their projects until 5/1.

Giving Your Best Program: Recorded and posted on the website. Must register to participate in the live webinars.

Quality Assurance Program. Offered live for beginning youth on 5/14. On-line option remains.

Representative at Speech/PSA contest: April 6th with 12:30 set-up. Brett Mohling volunteered to assist.

Hastings Give Day: On-line fundraising and marketing opportunity in Hastings. Need 501C status – can use 4-H Foundation. Beth will set-up a website to allow for participation.

Binder Updates completed.

Tennis Update: Superintendent is stepping down, if you know someone interested or would be good.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Lori Vorderstrasse, 2nd by Mike Schukei. Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shannon Frink, Secretary