

4-H Council Meeting

Minutes for April 7th, 2014

Call to Order: Jerry Allen

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

Absent: Mike Eckhardt, Tammy Johnson, Ange Shipman

Junior Leader Reps Present: Calvin DeVries

Absent: G. Robert Binfield, Morgan Stromer

Chamber of Commerce Rep Present: Doug Nienhueser

Ag Society Rep Present: Twila Bankson

Extension Staff Present: Beth Janning, Julie Ochsner, Ron Seymour

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Scott Hinrichs, 2nd by Bryce Katzberg to approve corrected minutes. Motion passed.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Approval of Treasurers Report: Moved by Morgan Meyer, 2nd by Scott Hinrichs to accept clarified treasurers report. Report Passed.

Bank Balance: \$13,825.62

Bills Paid: Sunmart (soup supper supplies), NE Dept of Revenue – sales tax for t-shirts

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

Proposed bills to be paid: Scott Hinrichs for swine tattoo gun. Trevor DeVries - Larry Draper scholarship

Staff Reports:

Beth Janning: School enrichment activities. Eureka Extension conference – Ne Virology Center and Child Development sessions particularly interesting. Will be attending Ag Literacy Professional Development day.

Ron Seymour: Completed workshops on Ag Economics, Wellhead Protection, No Till practices. Planting trees at the Arboretum on May 3rd – Jr. Leaders assist? Working with entomology school enrichment. Assisted with 2nd Beef Weigh day and planning regional Dog Expo at the fairgrounds. Attended Regional Entomology conference in Des Moines and Eureka Extension conference. Morrill Hall has “Scientist for the Day” program – discussed with program developer about bringing it to Hastings Museum.

Julie Ochsner: Going strong with school enrichment programs. Lining up judges and planning summer workshops. Fashion Board met this week and will use the Fair theme for the fashion show. If anyone has bushel baskets they can borrow – let Julie know. Life and Clover Challenge groups started meeting this month. Quilts of Valor has been working on quilts, 8-10 kids have 1 quilt completed.

Other Board Reports:

Ag Society: Agreed to provide 4-H books and split copier services during the fair. Grand Marshall of the FairFest parade will be Larry Ackerman. The men’s restrooms are being updated in the grand stand. Web page is being updated.

Extension Board: Nominating committee is working on replacing member who resigned. Orientation of new members and committee assignments completed. Administrative Assistant position filled by Twila Bankston. Also, looking to fill FCS Extension Educator position and Youth Aide position.

Jr. Leaders: Last month meeting packed 1500 meals for Kids Against Hunger. Developing a new t-shirt design. May assist with planting trees at Arboretum. Next meeting on Sunday.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Committee: Will meet after Council meeting to select 4-H Council Scholarship recipients.

Unfinished Business:

4-H & Shooting Sports Kick-Off: Will be January 4th, with 2 separate parts of the Activities building reserved to make the transition easier. Shooting Sports picnic will be April 12th.

Larry Draper Scholarship: Will be submitted to the school tomorrow for Trevor DeVries.

Adams County Scholarship: 3 applicants – committee will select a male and female winner today after the meeting.

Workshop Planning: Lots of great programs planned – many included in the April newsletter. Finalized programs/dates will be included in the May newsletter.

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: 3 completed, recorded and posted on the website. Must register to participate in the final live webinar (April 17th at noon or 7 p.m.).

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

Speech/PSA contest: Past Sunday with 20 participants. 2 Jr. Speech participants and 1 Jr. PSA participant will represent Adams County at the Regional contest. Thank you to Brett Mohling for being the 4-H council representative.

Hastings Give Day: Multiple problems with the EIN required to participate. Beth has been able to get is straightened out, but not in time to participate this year. Will look into it for 2015.

Tennis Update: Allison Feeney has agreed to be the Superintendent. Looking at date/locations for the contest and workshop.

New Business:

4-H Enrollment: Some reported problems with the online enrollment. 4-H'ers are encouraged to try on-line and if that doesn't work, than the paper enrollment remains an option.

2014 4-H Fair Book: Fair schedule was reviewed. Scott Hinrichs made a motion to approve the 4-H calendar with the discussed admendments. Lori Vorderstrasse 2nd. Motion passed.

Adams County Farm Bureau T-shirt: They would like to give all 4-H'ers in Adams County a t-shirt. Council approved.

State Fair Updates: There will be no county specific booths this year r/t space and complaints posted with the State Fair survey.

Club Constitution: Heartwell Clovers 4-H Club requested approval of their club constitution. Mike Schukei motioned to approve their constitution as presented. Brett Mohling 2nd. Motion passed.

Tribune Ad: One picture submitted by a Hawthorne 3rd graders. Mike Schukei motioned to share the expense of the color ad (\$249.99) with UN-L Extension Adams County. Wryan Wright 2nd. Motion passed.

Hormel contract for Swine: Reported preferred weight of 225-295#, but will accept 215-330#. Scott Hinrichs made a motion to include in the 4-H book, that 4-H'ers may exhibit pigs between 215-330#. Brett Mohling 2nd. Motion passed.

Kiwana's Outstanding Youth – congratulations to Calvin DeVries.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Bryce Katzberg, 2nd by Calvin DeVries. Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shannon Frink, Secretary