

## 4-H Council Meeting

### Minutes for May 5th, 2014

Call to Order: Jerry Allen

Roll Call: Present: Jerry Allen, Shannon Frink, Morgan Meyer, Lori Vorderstrasse, Amy Wilson, Wryan Wright

Absent: Mike Eckhardt, Scott Hinrichs, Bryce Katzberg, Tammy Johnson, Brett Mohling, Mike Schukei, Ange Shipman, Kathy Stromer

Junior Leader Reps Present: G. Robert Binfield

Absent: Morgan Stromer, Calvin DeVries

Chamber of Commerce Rep Present: None

Ag Society Rep Present: Twila Bankson

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Morgan Meyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lori Vorderstrasse to approve minutes. Motion passed.

**Correspondence:** None

**Public Comment:** Jeff Gerloff requested permission for his 9 y.o. dgt who lives with him during the summer to participate in 4-H (specifically tennis practice/contest), despite missing the April 15<sup>th</sup> enrollment deadline. Morgan Meyer motioned to allow her to enroll in 4-H for 2014 without penalty. Amy Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed pending absent members write-in vote.

**Approval of Treasurers Report:** Moved by Lori Vordertrasse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morgan Meyer to accept the treasurers report. Report Passed.

Bank Balance: \$15,120.63 with deposits from UNL for the Larry Draper scholarship (\$1500) and Constellation Energy (\$330).

Bills Paid: Scott Hinrichs \$212.99 for swine tattoo gun. UNL - Larry Draper scholarship (Trevor DeVries)

**Approval to Pay Outstanding bills:** No new.

Proposed bills to be paid: Hastings Tribune Kids' Ad, \$125 (approved during last month meeting).

**Staff Reports:**

Beth Janning: Kory Heier hired as Youth Ambassador through 4-H Smart Families Grant. Continuing with Animal Science Series and Intergenerational school enrichment programs. Attended FCE Spring Tea. Began planning Youth Science Field Day for this fall.

Ron Seymour: Completed workshops on Pest Management, Pesticide application and No Till practices. Planted trees at the Highland Park Arboretum on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Arboretum participated in the May 1<sup>st</sup> Give Hastings campaign. Wrapping up entomology school enrichment. Dog Expo was April 26<sup>th</sup> with ~ 50 4-H'ers participating.

Julie Ochsner: Finishing up with Embryology school enrichment program and completed Table Etiquette program for a school through ESU#9. Continue to meet with Life & Clover Challenge 4-H'ers and Quilts of Valor. Summer Workshop schedule completed and sent out this week.

**Other Board Reports:**

Ag Society: Asphalt work being done on the road on the fairgrounds. Hastings College rodeo completed May 1-3<sup>rd</sup>. High School rodeo in June. Ag Society Foundation fundraising for building – participated in Give Hastings campaign.

Extension Board: Pat McCoy nominated to the board. Continue with planning for 100 Years of Extension activities during the fair. Beth was promoted from an Assistant Extension Educator to an Associate Extension Educator.

Jr. Leaders: No new activity. Next meeting on Sunday.

**Committee Reports:**

None.

**Unfinished Business:**

Adams County Scholarship: 3 applicants – Calvin DeVries chosen as male winner, Bailey Hinrichs as female winner.

New to 4-H Orientation: Held 4/24 with 4 youth and 4 adults participating. Those participating were allowed to adjust their projects until 5/1.

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

4-H Enrollment: Numbers are not finalized.

2014 4-H Fair Book: Proofed today. Final print will be ready in 7-10 days.

## **New Business:**

CWF Funds: There is the potential that all accounts that UNL manages will have a 5% tax applied, including the current CWF account. The procedure is not clear at this time. Beth inquired if the 4-H Council would take on these funds through a 2<sup>nd</sup> account to prevent the 4-H'ers being penalized through the tax. Discussion to form a committee, including a CWF representative, to audit the account. Discussion tabled until more is known about UNL procedure changes.

TSC Donation: Willing to donate 50 bags (potentially more) of wood chips and a pallet of feed buckets for use during the fair. Discussion of providing one bag and one bucket to each 4-H family showing animals at the fair. No action required.

TSC Paper Clover Donation: Held from 4/23-5/5 and promoted through Adams County 4-H Facebook page. For Fall promotion will look to get club involvement at TSC. Also, potential for fundraising activities during 4-H and FFA awareness weeks.

Sheep/Goat Weigh-In: Scheduled 5/9 5:30-7 p.m. fairgrounds Sheep Barn.

Request for Camp Funds: 7 & 9 y.o. 4-H'ers requested \$400 need-based scholarship to go to the Zoo Camp at Gretna. No funds from UNL camperships available to the family. No other request from Adams county 4-H'ers for assistance. Shannon Frink motioned that we provide \$400 to the 4-H family to be paid directly to Eastern 4-H Camp with the expectation that the 4-H'ers report back to the 4-H Council what they learned at the camp. Morgan Meyer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed pending write-in votes from absent members.

Pig Sale in Shooting Sports Building: Reported to several Council members concerns about Show Pig sales being held in the Shooting Sports building and then not adequately cleaned afterward. Specifically, that kids were having to lie on the floor to shoot and the potential for personal illness as well as biosecurity issues. Will express concerns to Sandy Himmelberg.

Annual Report: Ron presented and provided written copy of the 2013 Annual Report. Also, presented to Extension Board last week and to Board of Supervisors on 5/6.

100 Years of Extension: Smith Lever Act authorizing Extension passed 100 years ago. Celebration in Adams County to be held at the fair. Need a committee to help plan activities. Shannon Frink and Morgan Meyer volunteered. Jerry Allen and Pam Heier from Extension Board will also serve.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Wryan Wright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lori Vorderstrasse. Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shannon Frink, Secretary