

4-H Council Meeting

Minutes for June 2nd, 2014

Call to Order: Jerry Allen

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

Absent: Tammy Johnson, Morgan Meyer, Ange Shipman, Amy Wilson

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

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Wryan Wright, 2nd by Scott Hinrichs to approve minutes. Motion passed.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: Jayden _____ of the Rural Ranchers 4-H club presented her letter to the Council requesting permission to add the Sheep project – she inadvertently forgot to include this in her project enrollment. Scott Hinrichs motioned to allow her to accept her enrollment in the Market Sheep project without penalty and waive the \$10 penalty fee (to be donated to the Adams County 4-H, if desired). Mike Eckhardt 2nd. Motion passed.

Approval of Treasurers Report: Moved by Lori Vorderstrasse, 2nd by Bryce Katzberg to accept the treasurers report. Report Passed.

Bank Balance: \$14,595.63

Bills Paid: Hastings Tribune – ½ kids create ad \$125.00. UNL Eastern 4-H Center – scholarship for 4-H family to attend camp. \$400.

Approval to Pay Outstanding bills: No new.

Received check from South Central Cattleman's Association (\$200) for donation.

Staff Reports:

Beth Janning: Kory Heier started 5/27/14 as Youth Ambassador through 4-H Smart Families Grant and supplies for grant ordered. Continue to work on Workshop development. Taught 2 Animal Science Series in May. Planning for PACE and Life Challenge events end of June.

Working with Julie and Twila on the Good Sam Camper fundraiser. Wrapped up school enrichment for the year. Presented Outdoor Cooking with Ag Literacy at the Outdoor Expo days. Adam Heier and Crystal Barfknecht will be 4-H help during the summer. Attended the West Central Spring Conference.

Ron Seymour: Provided Agriculture tour to Leadership Hastings. Continue to present and work with grants and plantings at the Highland Park Arboretum. Assisted with Goat/Sheep weigh-in. Wrapped up school enrichment (entomology). Attended West Central District Spring Conference. Continue to search for Nutrition Educator.

Julie Ochsner: Wrapped up school enrichment (embryology) at several schools and preschools. Continue to meet with the Life and Clover Challenge teams, Quilts of Valor. Represented office at First Time Sewers workshop and Beginning Woodworking workshop. Securing superintendents and judges for the fair.

Other Board Reports:

Ag Society: Grandstand bathrooms nearly done and then will begin for on updating the front of the Grandstand façade. Still working on updating the website. Continue to fundraise for new Ag building.

Extension Board: Meet 6/5/14

Jr. Leaders: Recruiting help for the Jr. Leaders food booth during the fair. Julie helped design a new t-shirt for the club. Planning for the pancake feed and church service during the fair.

Committee Reports:

Livestock Auction: Information promoting the fair livestock auction went out in the June Hastings Chamber newsletter.

Unfinished Business:

Adams County Scholarship: need to submit payment to NTC – Curtis for the two scholarships.

Quality Assurance Program. Offered live for beginning youth on 5/14 with 20 participants. On-line QA need to be completed by 6/15 and submitted to the office by 6/16/14.

4-H Enrollment: 405 youth – consistent with previous years.

2014 4-H Fair Book: In and 4-H families notified they were available for pick-up.

Sheep/Goat Weigh In: weighed 147 sheep and goats, which is up from previous years.

New Business:

Exhibits from Summer Clinics: Beth requested that 4-H Council consider allowing 4-H'ers that participate in the summer workshops be able to enroll in the project late to exhibit the items they make in the project area v.s. the workshop class, which makes them eligible for St. Fair. Kathy Stromer motioned that Extension Staff could add the related project for

currently enrolled 4-H'ers that participate in the Adams County Extension sponsored workshops to allow the 4-H'er to enter exhibits prepared during the workshop at the fair and participate in contests without penalty or fee starting with the 2014 fair. Bryce Katzberg 2nd. Motion passed.

Fair Event Representatives: Assignments made.

County Fair Livestock Office Sign-up: Assignments made.

Larry Draper Scholarship: Due June 9th – Scholarship committee will need to meet to select winners.

Ribbons & Trophy sponsors: Sponsors for almost all the contest, continue to work on these.

Support for the South Central Livestock Judging Clinic: Webster County Jr. Leaders requested support for the judging contest to assist with expenses to bring out UNL staff. We have students from Adams County that participate most years. Bryce Katzberg made a motion to sponsor \$50 to the Webster County Jr. Leaders for support for the South Central Livestock Judging Clinic held 6/11/14. Lori Vorderstrasse 2nd. Motion passed.

Goat Tagging: Beth made the Council aware that the family that was allowed to tag their goats in another county did not have a weight, however, they are not allowed to participate in rate of gain.

PACE & Life Challenge: Held 6/29-7/1/2014, with payment by 4-H Council required for the 4-H'ers to participant.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Calvin DeVries, 2nd by Mike Schukei. Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shannon Frink, Secretary