

4-H Council Meeting

Minutes for September 9, 2013

Call to Order: Jerry Allen

Roll Call: Present: Jerry Allen, Twila Bankson, Shannon Frink, Bryce Katzberg, Brett Mohling, Noel Nienhueser, Ange Shipman, and Wryan Wright

Absent: Scott Hinrichs, Tammy Johnson, Todd Lay, Rebecca Owen

Junior Leader Reps Present: none

Absent:

Chamber of Commerce Rep: none

Ag Society Rep: Julie Ochsner

Extension Staff Present: Beth Janning

Absent: Ron Seymour, Kayte Tranel

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Noel Nienhueser, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bryce Katzberg Motion Passed

Correspondence: A Letter of thanks was sent by the Wessmans for goodies sent to the Morrison cancer center.

Public Comment:

Approval of the Treasurers Report: Moved by Wryan Wright 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shannon Frink Motion Passed

Bank balance: \$11303.15

Approval of Bills to be paid: Moved by Noel Nienhueser, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shannon Frink Motion Passed

Bills Paid: Tribune insert, \$100 down on bus for county camp, Copier service.

Staff Reports:

Ron Seymour: Written report and county fair wrap up.

Beth Janning: Written report and county fair wrap up.

Other Board Reports:

Ag Society:

Extension Board Report: Katie Tranel left extension, and a new youth program aid is needed.

Jr. Leaders:

Committee Reports:

Auction:

Budget:

Fair-Ag Society:

Fundraising 2013:

Leaders Banquet:

Livestock:

Nominations: Twyla Bankson, Noel Nienhueser, Todd Lay, and Rebecca Owen are going off the council.

Static Committee: needs to meet.

Other:

Unfinished Business:

Auction Items from Committee:

Adams County 4-H council scholarship: Twyla has taken care of sending them.

Other: 2014 calendars next meeting

New Business: "I Work For You" shirts could be gotten for the soup supper.

County Fair Animal Champion Signs: Council will change the sign to reflect the new class names on the 2014 budget.

National 4-H week: Oct. 6-12<sup>th</sup> T-shirt day, Decorate windows downtown, and Monday at AC wear 4-H

TSC Fall Paper Clover Promotion: Oct 9-20

November Pajama Party: Nov 8<sup>th</sup> Sewing something: at the council room 5-9pm

Beef Weigh In: January 11, 2014

Adjournment: Moved by Brett Mohling, 2nd by Bryce Katzberg Motion Passed

Fair Evaluation Notes: Static Entry: Needs to run more quickly with easier late (day of) entries. The project website is very hard to navigate and needs better drop down menus.

Dog Show: It was suggested that we add the rally then go to agility for the 1<sup>st</sup> years. Also need to increase the number of events. The judge needs to input what rules will be used, AKC or 4-H.

Livestock: Horse need to combine minis and ponies. Need to remove the working pleasure class from the horse show. It is not an approved 4-H class.

Keep the Round Robin protocol. Have the judge discuss for the public what the round robin is about and what species are shown.

Need to change the Sunday schedule changed. Have church then get into the round robin right away so the animals are fresh.

Have the water fight in the afternoon when it is hot so all the kids can go.

Fair needs its own goat panels.

Ag society needs to look at the PA system so the horse arena is hooked up.

Respectfully submitted:

Wryan Wright; Secretary

## 2013 Adams County Fair Evaluation Comments

### Static Committee

1. Static Entry Day:
  - a. Reduce wait time for entry tags
  - b. Change time of Food Sale: Possibly 1 pm to 5 pm
  - c. In the workshop & Theatre arts area - get a judge in static right at 10:30
2. Fairbook:
  - a. Horticulture and floriculture: delete the maximum number of classes that may be entered in flowers, container grown plants, and vegetables. Maintain maximum of one exhibit per class. Pages 131, 134, 135 of fair book
  - b. Be An Art-A-Cake: Include a recipe on icing. If purchased, state the brand.
3. Special Recognition for County Exhibits

### Livestock Committee

1. Substitute Showman:
  - a. Add the words “Adams County” so that the showman must be an Adams County 4-H youth. (pg 19 in 2013 Fairbook)
2. Sunday Night Release of Animals:
  - a. Have a set time to check-out with Livestock Superintendent. Time Frame?
3. Rabbit:
  - a. Doe & Litter Concern:
    - i. Insert “**Rabbit Class: Doe and Litters to be checked in with show superintendent prior to rabbit show and release them following the show.**” into the 2014 Fairbook. It was voted on 6/7/10 by the 2010 Adams County 4-H Council.
    - ii. Doe and Litter removed from the show.
    - iii. Concern of litter’s nursing or not (a requirement)
  - b. Rabbit Showmanship – Rabbit must have been shown by same Adams County 4-H’er in rabbit show earlier in the day.
4. Review Packer Bids versus having a set location before county fair.
5. Pigs
  - a. Hormel Evaluation:
    - i. If do Hormel, need to invest in tattoo’s.
    - ii. Thought it went well
    - iii. It was a good option for our family.
    - iv. Thought Hormel paid a fair price for the pigs and the check was in the mail quickly. I also liked the fact that they will take the heavy weight hogs.
  - b. Panels from Hog Barn to Alley Way no longer fit. Pigs could crawl under the panels.

- i. Boards were made but not near barn anymore. Ag Society will look for them.
6. Showmanship in Program Order:
  - a. Showmanship first then judge animals?
    - i. how do other places do it?
    - ii. Animals get cranky
    - iii. Showmanship first for beef – then do blow and go, and then fit for beef
    - iv. The judge can get read a kid if showmanship is later.
7. Horse Show
  - a. Remove working pleasure from the classes (no longer have the expertise and riders)
  - b. It was nice to have a one day horse show
  - c. Thank Deb Schnase for the concession stand (treats). Ask Council to look closer at an option of a concession stand.
    - i. No other superintendent is asked to do the concession stand.
  - d. Horse shouldn't have to bring their own PA system to their show.
    - i. Maybe use Simmering's equipment
  - e. Clarify for Miniature Horses – where should they go?
    - i. Do they have their own class?
  - f. Horse classes: update classes to the current state list.
8. Therapeutic horse event: add to the dress code that riders should wear 4-H horse show attire or an Adams County 4-H T-shirt. Page 189 of fair book
9. Round Robin:
  - a) Appreciate doing the animals in a row with the kids not switching as much.
  - b) Discuss to the public what the public is to see in each class.
    - o Make it a learning opportunity so the spectators know what to do.
  - c) Pro-Active with parents to find 5 good showmanship horses when kids can't show their own. Make sure superintendent and Beth & Ron are on board with the horses.
  - d) To not have how each exhibitor qualified printed on the back cards. It doesn't seem like that should be there to avoid any possible biasing of the judges.
  - e) Ask the judge to explain to the exhibitors and spectators how each animal should be shown.
10. Herdsmanship: Extend the time of evaluation through Monday afternoon. Make sure to include cleanup on the outside of all livestock barns. Outside clean up should include removal of all hay and bedding. Include that beef bedding should be removed two feet from sides of the building, from around the building poles and from the area between the poles and the sides of the building. Page 20 of fair book
11. Elite champion animals: add to the basis for ribbons and awards section that an elite or overall champion exhibit will be selected from the grand champion winners in each market animal division to include: cattle, swine, sheep, and meat goats. Page 25 of fair book

## 12. Dog Program

- a) Add Rally as a class – walk through stations
  - o Events youth can enter be 2 obedience, 2 agility or 1 Agility and 1 rally or 2 rally classes and 1 showmanship class.
- b) Be able to show more than one dog in Agility
- c) Pee Wee Dog Show – Pam willing to sponsor
- d) include in the advanced graduate novice class description that long down is 5 minutes off leash. Page 201 of fair book
- e) update agility eligibility rules in regard to moving up to a higher level of competition to match state fair rules. Page 202 of fair book

## Contests

1. Concern of lack of interest in:
  - a. Presentation Contest (1 youth)
  - b. PSA & Speech Contests – this has fluctuated in years with Performing Arts
  - c. Sheep Lead Contest (no-one for past 2 or 3 years)
  - d. Carcass Contest (only 2 sheep/2 pigs, 4 beef)
    - i. Done after the live show?

## Discussion for 4-H Council to Guide Office

1. Special Gardening Project – It is recommended to not hand out till after mother's day due to frost date. However, we have not had produce or flowers ready for county fair. Should we hand the seeds out earlier and it is the families' responsibility if they plant them outside and freeze off and die?
2. Schedule Comments
  - a. Change schedule – have Round Robin in the morning. The water fight later in the afternoon when it is hot out. Allow families to attend events.
  - b. Do Round Robin to Livestock Judging and water fight at the end
  - c. Dog and Horse show at same time.
3. County Fair General
  - a. Could Superintendents have a say in Judges

## Fairgrounds Set-up

1. Sheds for bucket calves and goats are set up but it steers the crowd out of the livestock.
2. Time to get goat panels.
3. Parking security: Change the hours to start daily at 4 pm and stay until 9 or 9:30 pm.
4. Parking setup: designate a superintendent to make arrangements for setting up parking during fairgrounds cleanup.

Items for Office to Handle:

1. Requirement of Cultivar or Variety Name on Horticulture or Floriculture Exhibits seems to be difficult for some of our families. Planning on sending a reminder in April to families that enroll in 2014 to keep the tag or seed packet that gives the required information.
2. 4-H Access Discussion:
  - a) Not very fun – families gave up
    - o Is it possible to have drop down menus for projects

Appreciated or good aspects

1. 4-H Council Member Shift in Livestock Office – THANK YOU!!!
2. Superintendents for their organization and dedication to run smooth shows!
3. Everyone did a nice job of cleaning up!
4. Ag Society would like to thank the families.
5. Compliments on carnival, concerts
6. In addition, Roger Wilson should be considered for the 'Friend of 4-H' award as he provided the semi and driver to transport the swine to Hormell (free of charge I believe).
7. Roger Wilson and Larry Jacobitz need recognition. Roger hauled for no cost.

State Fair Comments:

1. Companion Animal – hear the system and zero seating
2. Dog Show – dirt was awful. Heat was awful.
  - a. Can't get food because dogs aren't allowed
  - b. Parking area is an issue with the gate
3. Is it possible to pay for another shirt?