

ADAMS COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER: Todd Lay called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Members present: Jerry Allen, Chris Anderson, Twila Bankson, Glen Bonifas, Monika Bowen, Don Burbach, Todd Lay, Jocelyn Rundle, Troy Vorderstrasse, and Grace Woodward.

Members absent: Carol Chitko-McKown, Noel Nienhueser, Rebecca Owen, Hollie Stark, and Jeanette Uden.

Junior Leader representative present: Cara Crandell

Junior Leader representatives absent: JD Ochsner and Lacey Uden

Chamber of Commerce Representative absent: Doug Nienhueser

Ag Society Representative present: Ken Stein

Ag Society Representative absent: Julie Ochsner

Extension Staff present: Beth Maricle

Extension Staff absent: Ron Seymour

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Troy Vorderstrasse moved to approve minutes from January 3, 2011 meeting and seconded by Chris Anderson, motion carried.

4. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

5. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report was given by Jocelyn Rundle. Motion to approve given by Glen Bonifas and seconded by Troy Vorderstrasse. Motion passed.

6. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

7. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID: Todd Lay presented a bill to cover the cost of repairing sheep shears for \$114.50 (see motions). Twila Bankson presented bill to cover soup ingredients for \$428.93, a bill of \$84.00 to cover advertising the soup supper in the Hastings Tribune, and a bill to Cash-Wa for \$26.60 for soup supper supplies. It was motioned by Monika Bowen and seconded by Cara Crandell to pay bills. Motion carried.

9. STAFF REPORTS:

Ron Seymour was absent.

Beth Maricle reported that much time was spent preparing and administering the 4-H Kick-Off, CWF, Soup Supper, Beef Weigh Day, enrollment packets and council book updates. She presented a program on Leadership to the Watson Elementary School 5th graders, worked with intergenerational groups, foster grandparents and visited the Nebraska Ammunition Depot.

10. OTHER BOARD REPORTS:

Ag Society representative Ken Stein reported that the dog and horse storage building will begin constructions as soon as weather permits. Council members addressed concerns about the shooting sports buildings leaking roof and aging wood posts in the livestock buildings.

Extension Board Report: None

Junior Leaders representative Cara Crandell reported that the Junior leaders are looking for community projects. They continue planning the Fair Dance, and have played Bingo with area senior citizens.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Auction: None
- B. Budget: None
- C. Fundraising: It was stated that the Soup Supper was a success. We did have 4 roasters of vegetable beef soup left over. Approximate expenses were \$500-\$600, and proceeds were \$2500.00.
- D. Leaders Banquet: None
- E. Livestock: None
- F. Nominations: None
- G. Static Committee: None
- H. Other: None

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Action Items from Committee: None
- B. 4-H Kick-Off Ideas: Beth Maricle thanked everyone for helping with the Kick-Off. She reported that 206 individuals participated, and that 20-30 new families filled out interest forms. The Kick-Off was covered by KHAS TV news and was advertised on Twitter, Facebook and through the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Concerns were voiced over time spent putting on the event and actual new enrollment, as well as if enrollment in the 4-H program should be available during the event. It was also addressed whether 4-H should be represented at areas schools during school enrollment.
- C. Beef Weigh Day Volunteers: Thanks to all volunteers who helped at the weigh day. 84 head were weighed and 76 tagged. Concerns were addressed about 1 cow needing doctored and 1 out of county cow being weighed. It was agreed that calves being shown in other counties can not weigh during Adams County Beef Weigh Day. The individual who presented the out of county calf will be written a letter explaining our policy.
- D. Sheep Shears: Todd Lay had the shears repaired.
- E. Other: None

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Update Binders: Beth handed out new pages to be placed in binders.
- B. Committee Listings: Each council member handed in a list of desired committees to Beth Maricle.
- C. Adams, Clay and Fillmore County Camp: Camp will take place the first Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday in June at the Alma, NE camp site for 8-12 year old individuals. The theme is 4H sampler and is open to all children regardless of past affiliation with 4H. Organizers would like to charter a bus to pick up campers in various locations starting in eastern Nebraska and ending at the camp site. Each participating county 4-H Council is being asked for \$200.00 to help fund the bus and meals. It is desired that the cost for the camp remain <\$100.00 per participant. This item will be addressed during the next Budget Committee meeting.

- D. 4-H Month Event: February is Nebraska 4-H month.
- E. Spring Tractor Supply Company Promotion: The Paper Clover program runs from April 14-25, 2011. Last year participating counties split the proceeds. Council discussed having each county choose a day to help at tractor supply and keep proceeds from that day. No final decisions were made.
- F. Spring Heart and Hands Youth Development Program: This yearly Youth Development Program will be held on April 12, 2011. The program is open to all spectrums of youth leaders in our community. Fliers are available on the 4-H website and will be handed out at March's Council Meeting.
- G. 4-H Tentative Calendar: Will be presented at March's 4-H Council Meeting.
- H. 4-H Council Representative for Speech/Performing Arts Contest: A 4-H Council Member must be at all contests. The contests will be held Sunday March 20, 2011 at 2 p.m. in the Community Service Building at the Adams County Fairgrounds. We are asking for volunteers.
- I. Other: None
14. ADVOCACY: Please talk to your Senators about the importance of 4H in our community.
15. MOTIONS: Motion made by Twila Bankson to pay for sheep shear repairs and seconded by Chris Anderson. Motion carried.
16. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Cara Crandell and seconded by Twila Bankson to adjourn meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Monika Bowen