

ADAMS COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 4, 2011

1. Call to order: Don Burbach called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Members present: Jerry Allen, Chris Anderson, Twila Bankson, Glen Bonifas, Monika Bowen, Don Burbach, Todd Lay, Carol Chitko-McKown, Rebecca Owen, Jocelyn Rundle, Hollie Stark, Jeanette Uden. Junior Leader Representatives: Lacey Uden and Cara Crandell.

Members absent: Noel Nienhueser, Troy Vorderstrasse, Grace Woodward, JD Ochsner.

Chamber of Commerce representative Doug Nienhueser was absent.

Ag Society representative Julie Ochsner was absent.

Extension Staff present: Beth Maricle and Ron Seymour

3. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 1, 2010 MINUTES: Correction to minutes made by Ron Seymour to state that \$5000.00 was received for Highland park to plant more trees. Motion made to accept minutes as amended by Jocelyn Rundle and seconded by Jerry Allen, motion carried.

4. CORRESPONDENCE: 3-Thank you notes sent to the 4-H office were passed around.

5. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report was presented by Jocelyn Rundle. Motion to accept treasurer's report was made by Cara Crandell and seconded by Don Burbach. Motion carried.

6. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

7. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Introduction of members.

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID: Jocelyn presented a bill for purchasing stamps for the soup supper mailings. It was motioned by Glen Bonifas and seconded by Rebecca Owen to approve bill to be paid. Motion carried.

9. STAFF REPORTS:

Ron Seymour reported that in December work was completed on workshops and training programs, as well as, a grant proposal for the Highland Park Tree project. He reported that the dog show section of the State Fair Premium Book was rewritten. In January he plans on presenting Crop Production clinics and a No-Till workshop. He will be helping at Beef Weigh Day and the 4-H kickoff. Ron mentioned the Hastings Chamber of Commerce for 4-H camp scholarships would increase from the current \$150 to \$250 each.

Beth Maricle reported that the Cookie Exchange workshop was a success. Seven children attended and learned about the five different cookie types and how to measure ingredients. She reported that the CWF Fundraising sales of fruit, cheese and meat trays, calendars, cookbooks and poinsettias were received and delivered. She distributed 4-H School Enrichment Flyers to area schools and continues to work on the 4-H Soup Supper, Kick-off and Career Portfolio workshops.

OTHER BOARD REPORTS:

AG SOCIETY:

Ron Seymour reported that discussion was made on whether to have Bull-Riding or Entertainment at the fair. They continue to arrange this and next year's entertainment venue. The new construction of the 4-H Dog and Horse storage building was discussed. It was noted that funds from the current premiums account would be transferred to the 4-H Foundation account to be used for scholarships.

EXTENSION BOARD: Meeting this Thursday, January 6, 2011.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. AUCTION: None

B. BUDGET: None

C. FUNDRAISING: It was reported that 12 roasters of chili, 12 of chicken noodle and 8 of vegetable soup would be made for the Soup Supper. All Council members are required to help with this fundraiser. Sign-up sheets were passed around. We need clubs or independent members to host/hostess serving areas. Fairfield Locker has donated 100 pounds of ground beef, Todd Lay agreed to pick this up. Orange drink mix has been donated. The Fundraising Committee should be at the fairgrounds at 9am Saturday, January 29, to prepare soup. Council members are asked to bring cleanup towels. Advertising has been handled by the Fundraising Committee.

D. LEADERS BANQUET: None

E. LIVESTOCK: None

F. NOMINATIONS: None

G. STATIC COMMITTEE: None

H. OTHER: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A: ACTION ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE: None

B. 4-H KICK-OFF IDEAS: Beth has sent handouts to area schools and the date has been added to the KHAS, KLIN and NTV calendars. It was expressed that activities should be more hands on. Hands-on activities that are possible are from the Vet. Science and Youth in Motion programs. Ron discussed a possible Dog program demonstration. Let Beth know if you come up with any ideas.

C. BEEF WEIGH DAY VOLUNTEERS: Beth Maricle, Glen Bonifas, Ron Seymour, Cara Crandell, Carol Chitko-Mckown, and Twila Bankson plan on helping. Weigh Day is January 15 from 11-1 p.m at the Animal Clinic.

D. SHEEP SHEARS: Todd Lay reported that the sheep shears are being repaired in Denver. The cost will be approx. \$78.

E. OTHER: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADVOCACY: Please spread the news about UNL Extension and 4-H in our community. Many states have had budget cuts in their Extension programs and Nebraska could be next. Pass on your positive experiences to your State Senators. Udens agreed to contact Senator Utter and express why 4-H and the UNL Extension is important to them. We are also challenged to come up with value statements regarding participation in 4-H, which we will present at each Council meeting.

MOTIONS:

1. Don Burbach motioned to elect Todd Lay as President of the 4-H Council and seconded by Cara Crandell. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: It was motioned by Twila Bankson and seconded by Don Burbach that the meeting be adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Monika Bowen