

4-H Council Meeting

Minutes for November 3rd, 2014

Call to Order: Jerry Allen

Roll Call: Present: Jerry Allen, Mike Eckhardt, Shannon Frink, Scott Hinrichs, Brett Mohling, Tammy Johnson, Mike Schukei, Kathy Stromer, Lori Vorderstrasse, Amy Wilson, Wryan Wright

Absent: Bryce Katzberg, Morgan Meyer

Junior Leader Reps Present: Morgan Stromer

Absent: G Robert Binfield, Calvin DeVries

Chamber of Commerce Rep Present: None. Doug Nienhueser, Absent.

Ag Society Rep Present: Twila Bankson

Extension Staff Present: Julie Ochsner Absent: Ron Seymour

Approval of Minutes: Wryan Wright motioned, Amy Wilson 2nd. Minutes approved.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

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

Bank Balance: \$14,092.36

Bills Paid: \$176.65 National 4-H Council, medals. \$26, Achievement Night supplies.

Approval to Pay Outstanding bills: Amy Wilson motioned to pay Ken Stein \$50 (~ \$1 mile) for hauling St. Fair Exhibits to Grand Island. Scott Hinrichs 2nd. Motion Passed.

Deposits: None

Staff Reports:

Ron Seymour: Written Report provided. Assisted with planned tree plantings at Highland Park Arboretum and fairgrounds, with multiple media exposures to promote. Provided programming to Lincoln Elementary School Career Day (3-5th graders) and taught school enrichment insect biology at St. Michaels. Attended Extension District Conference in North Platte. Helped organize a planning meeting for Central Nebraska Extension Educators Network.

Julie Ochsner: Continued work with static and livestock committees. Planning shooting sports leadership certification training to be held in Adams County in March 2015. Organized with Twila and Gwen CWF fundraisers. Planned 4-H promotion event at Tractor Supply. Continue to

work with school enrichment (wheat sciences at Adams Central East) and advocated the program with AC East principal.

Other Board Reports:

Ag Society: Tree grant received and 12 trees planted around fairgrounds. Working on 2015 Entertainment. Building plans continue to progress.

Extension Board: 2 potential Ext Educator candidates to be interviewed this week.

Jr. Leaders: Making posters to promote the 4-H Kick-Off. Helping to re-establish Y-MAT and with summer workshops. Currently, 10 members. 4-H Council Reps: Brenda Tran, Morgan Stromer, Chase DeVries

Committee Reports:

Livestock Committee: Meet for continued discussion of fair review – see report and unfinished business.

Static Committee: Meet once for continual discuss fair review – see report and unfinished business.

Achievement/Leaders Banquet: Ag Society to provide the entertainment. Same menu as previously.

Nominations Committee: One open male and female position. Wryan Wright, Bryce Katzberg, Brett Mohling and Shannon Frink agreed to serve a 2nd term. Lynn DeVries agreed to be female representative. Potential male candidates: Brian Everhardt and Kirk Feeney.

Record Books: Meeting November 12th at 5:30 to review.

Unfinished Business:

Static Committee: Action from fair evaluation meeting/notes:

1. Updated list of Grand and Reserve Champion ribbons with additions for Photography Unit 1, 2 and 3; Entrepreneurship; Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Home Environment; Beginning and Advanced Visual Arts; Forestry and Range Management; Horticulture-Vegetables, Horticulture – Herbs/Fruits/Educational Exhibits; Floriculture Perennials, Educational Exhibits & Houseplants; Special Gardening Project; Mechanical Engineering, Technical Engineering, and Wind Energy. Shannon Frink 2nd motion to accept updated list of static Grand/Reserve Champion areas. Motion Passed.
2. Proposed updated premium list to be in-line with surrounding counties (see report) to be presented to Ag Society for approval. Wryan Wright 2nd. Motion passed.

Livestock: Action from Fair Evaluation meeting/notes:

1. On livestock entry day, a Vet, Vet Tech or other qualified animal health provider check the sheep and goats prior to going on the scale beginning at 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. From 6:00

- p.m. until 8:00 p.m. a walk thru of the swine barn will be held to health check the swine. At 8:00 the beef will be checked prior to entering the scale. A second Vet tech, Vet or other qualified health provider will check poultry and rabbits as exhibitors are unloading at the fair. Wryan Wright, 2nd. Amy Wilson amended the motion to include that if any animal shows signs of external parasites and/or a communicable disease, they will be excluded from showing and must be removed from the fairgrounds. Kathy Stromer 2nd. Motion passed.
2. No packer bids will be taken on beef, exhibitors will be responsible for their own animal. Options will be giving in the livestock letter so that they can take all options into consideration prior to fair. A notice will also be in the newsletter so the families are informed of the changes. Hormel will be contacted again regarding the packer bid on swine and Wilson Trucking will be contacted regarding transport. Sheep and goat packer bids will be continued as in the past. Shannon Frink, 2nd. Motion passed.
 3. Expansion of the Clover Kids program to include a bucket calf and halter lamb project. Clover Kid exhibitors would receive a participation ribbon without premium. These 4-H'ers could not participate in the 2nd year bucket calf project the following year. State Fair rules limit Clover Kids to showing a calf weighing < 350#. Amy Wilson 2nd. Motion passed.
 4. Showmanship participation is required for each species a youth is showing. Brent Mohling 2nd. Scott Hinrichs amended motion to include that showmanship is optional for youth showing Market Broilers and Other Fowl. Morgan Stromer 2nd. Motion Passed.
 5. Three remaining motions from Livestock committee were tabled for next meeting r/t need for the Council to review new information.

National 4-H Week/TSC Fall Paper Clover Promotion: 4-H Promotion at Tractor Supply Co. on October 11th was a huge success with ~ 40 4-H'ers and families participating. Great social media and t.v. exposure during 4-H week.

CWF: Extension Staff to schedule a meeting with participants.

PJ Party: Friday, November 14th, 6-10 p.m. Currently, not a lot of youth signed up. Will promote at Achievement Day.

New Clubs: Three new clubs in Adams County over the past year.

New Business:

Soup Supper Committee: January 11th. Committee to meet this month.

Beef Weigh In: December 6th. Jerry Allen, Scott Hinrichs, Mike Schukei and Wryan Wright to assist Extension Staff.

Ag Society Elections are on November 18th from 7:30-8:30. Twila Bankston and Julie Ocshner are on the ballot.

Proposed Slate of Officers. Scott Hinrichs, President; Mike Schukei, Vice-President; Wryan Wright, Treasurer; Shannon Frink, Secretary. Wryan Wright nominated to cease additional nominations and vote of current slate. Lori Vorderstrasse 2nd. Slate of officers passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Morgan Stromer motioned. Amy Wilson, 2nd. Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shannon Frink, Secretary