

## 4-H Council Meeting

### Minutes for October 6th, 2014

Call to Order: Jerry Allen

Roll Call: Present: Jerry Allen, Mike Eckhardt, Shannon Frink, Morgan Meyer, Brett Mohling, Ange Shipman, Kathy Stromer, Lori Vorderstrasse, Amy Wilson

Absent: Scott Hinrichs, Bryce Katzberg, Tammy Johnson, Mike Schukei, Wryan Wright

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, Ron Seymour

**Approval of Minutes:** Morgan Meyer motioned to approve corrected minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ange Shipman. Motion passed. Corrections: Attendance: Morgan Stromer was present as Jr. Leaders Rep. Unfinished business: Larry Draper scholarship should have read that "Scholarship will be presented to *additional* youth during Achievement Party". New Business: correction to state "Adams County FFA (not Adams Central FFA), and inclusion of Morgan Meyer on the committee.

**Correspondence:** Condolence card sent by Council to Carol Wolfe family, a long time 4-H leader. NCTA sent a letter noting reception of scholarship monies and thank you for supporting their students.

**Public Comment:**

- None

**Approval of Treasurers Report:** Moved by Morgan Stromer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morgan Meyer to accept the treasurers report. Report Passed.

Bank Balance: \$14,092.36

Bills Paid: \$525.00 Hastings Tribune, Souvenir Edition.

**Approval to Pay Outstanding bills:** none

Deposits: \$111, Paper Clover Funds from TSC (1/3 to go to Webster and Clay counties); \$20, Trophy Donation, Sue Brown; \$64, t-shirts sales; \$311.66, fair bake sale.

**Staff Reports:**

Ron Seymour: Viewing Ag facilities for reference for new building. Conducting Farm Bill workshops. Highland Park Arboretum maintenance and plantings. Starting Insect biology school

enrichment programs. Provided workshops at Earth Jamboree (350 area 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders), Youth Science Field Day (at Holdrege, with following Field Days in Kearney and Hastings) and Progressive Ag Safety Day (workshop on Wildlife Safety).

Julie Ochsner: Assisted with planning Progressive Ag Safety Day, approximately 450 youths, 22 sessions. Working with static and livestock committees.

#### **Other Board Reports:**

Ag Society: Wrap Up mtg for years events. Working on 2015 Fair Entertainment. Improvements to the fairgrounds: extended concrete on North side of Activities Building, planting more trees. Building committee met with Architect, city building and grounds committees. Extension office to move to the fairgrounds, new building. Sandy Himmelberg to retire the end of January.

Extension Board: Budget passed. 8 candidates for Extension Educator position, 3 completed preliminary interviews. Final interview to be completed in next couple weeks. NEP needs Extension Assistant. Board approved full-time Ext Assistant for school enrichment and youth. Recruiting for new board members.

Jr. Leaders: Holding a scavenger hunt at TSC during 4-H week activities. Assisting with the 4-H Pajama Party. 5 members strong.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Livestock Committee: Meet twice to discuss fair review – see report and unfinished business.

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

Achievement/Leaders Banquet: Ag Society to provide the entertainment. Same menu as previously. Requesting RSVP and put what award they are receiving in the invite to increase attendance.

Nominations Committee: Meeting tonight after meeting.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Static Committee: Action from fair evaluation meeting/notes:

1. If a project goes to state fair and is not picked up within 10 days after returning to Adams County, it will be donated. Kathy Stromer, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

Livestock: Action from Fair Evaluation meeting/notes:

1. When missing a livestock ID or pre-entry deadline, a \$50 fee per exhibitor per deadline with a maximum of \$150 per family must be paid within 2 weeks of the deadline without addressing the 4-H Council. A 4-H family may file for an excused missed deadline at the next scheduled 4-H council IF extenuating family issues arise. Mike Eckhardt, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Passed.

2. Change on the 4-H Show Rules and Regulations #3 Pre-Fair Entries letter A that "Pre-Fair entries are required on all animals and livestock...." With animal being new wording. Also add "Carcass Contest" to the list of contest at the end of letter A (page 11 in 2014 book). Then add in the Carcass Contest rules that it is required to pre-enter this contest. Morgan Meyer, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Passed.
3. Large market livestock, breeding livestock and pygmy goats are to have health checks no earlier than 10 days prior to county fair and provide health certificates. A Vet tech, Vet or other qualified animal health provider will complete health checks on Poultry and Rabbits as exhibitors are unloading for fair. Shannon 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tabled after much discussion r/t cost to large animal exhibitors v.s. being provided for small animal exhibitors.
4. Treat Quality Assurance deadline as a late entry \$50 period for a two week period and after that they are not allowed to show. Kathy Stromer, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion failed. Morgan Meyer motioned, The Quality Assurance deadline must be met or the 4-H'er is not allowed to show at the Fair. Mike Eckhardt, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed, with Amy Wilson voting against, desiring a grace period allowed to 4-H'ers not meeting deadline.
5. Judge will select an Elite Overall Market Animal in all Market Species. Judge will rank the animals eligible for Elite Overall Market Animal in order of excellence 1-4 (page 26 fairbook). Morgan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.
6. Three remaining motions from Livestock committee were tabled for next meeting r/t time restraints.

National 4-H Week/TSC Fall Paper Clover Promotion: Julie thanked council members wearing t-shirts to support 4-H week. Has a t.v. interview on 10/7 to promote. Tractor Supply promotions – Clay & Webster county 4-H'ers will have a display, several Adams County 4-H Clubs have activities planned for October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Adams County FFA: Ext Staff met with AC Ag teacher, with notation he felt it would take some time to establish a livestock program at their school. Ron will also visit Silver Lake. Committee to meet to develop show structure and criteria.

#### **New Business:**

CWF Trip: Due to youth #'s and time needed to fund-raise, Ext staff proposed moving dates to 2016 and 2019. Bryce Katzberg motioned that the Extension staff, with input from the 4-H families involved, may change the rotation to attend CWF, as needed. Shannon Frink, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

4-H Pajama Party: Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-10 p.m. Jr. Leaders are assisting with activities. Committee to plan activities – Kathy Stromer and Amy Wilson volunteered.

2015 Calendar: Julie handed out proposed 2015 4-H activity calendar for review.

4-H and Shooting Sports Kick-Off: Shooting Sports kick-off will be January 4<sup>th</sup>. 4-H kick-off will be moved to January 11<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Soup Supper. Good exposure to new 4-H families, bring more people to Soup Supper.

Awards Books Committee: Meeting set for October 22<sup>nd</sup>. 19 books to review.

New Club: Creative Kids Club based in Hastings. Primarily static club. Will bring constitution to Council for review.

Addition of more Clover Kid animal shows during fair?? Amy Wilson and Julie Oschner to review and bring to livestock committee.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Brett Mohling motioned. Amy Wilson, 2nd. Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shannon Frink, Secretary