

4-H COUNCIL Minutes
Monday January 18, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Cass County 4-H Council was held Monday, January 16, 2016, at the Cass County Extension Office meeting room. President Doug Wehrbein called the meeting to order.

Members present were: D. Wehrbein, H. Brauchmuller, M. Hawks, T. Hawks, D. Heim, B. Lambert, A. McHenry, D. Mills, M. Mills, E. Muntz, L. Penke, S. Penke, S. Schafer, D. Mills, S. Sparks. New member present was: M. Mills
Kim Griffin entered into the meeting late at 7:23 PM.

Members excused were: A. Hawks, W. Koehn, and Reneé Thakur

A. Benes representing the Cass County Extension Office and visitor J. Kavanaugh was present.

D. Wehrbein called the meeting to order at 6:45p.m.

- I. Roll call
- II. Minutes of Previous Meeting
- III. Treasurer's Report
Diane met with Linda Sparks, Sondra Buell and Ashley Benes to get a starting point for the year.
- IV. Old Business: Fair Follow-up
A. No old business
- V. New Business
 - Elections: New officers for 2015-2016:
President: Doug Wehrbein
Vice-President: Renee Thakur
Secretary: Madison Mills
Treasurer: Diane Mills
 - We had a discussion about the 2016 4-H calendar.
 - February is Nebraska 4-H month. Suggestions may be made as to activities 4-Hers and clubs can do.
 - Then we talked about the general 4-H livestock rules and changes. Some of the major changes were in the swine category dealt with direct ship, ear tagging instead of paint, and weigh-in times were adjusted as well.
 - A vote was taken on the changes to the rulebook. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- Then we had an educator report:
 1. Beef weigh-in which was January 2, 2016 and 47 head were weighed in and two of them were Aksarben Calf Challenge Calves.
 2. Then we talked about 4-H online and 4-Hers online. We also talked about the 4-H code of conduct and enrolling in the online code of conduct once you sign up as a 4-Her.
 3. There is volunteer training on February 1st from 6:30-8:30 PM.
- Then we went around the room and introduced ourselves by saying our names, where we are from, and how many years you have been in 4-H.
- After that we ate and then split into our committee groups.

2016 Fundraising Committee members are Kim Griffin, Teresa Hawks, Alexa McHenry, and Harlee Brauckmuller.

June 1, 2016 was tentatively selected as the date for a 5K Run. An entry fee of \$25 was discussed as well as a location of Weeping Water and the Cass County Fairgrounds. Concerns were if the road would need to be closed and if county commissioners would need to be contacted. Supplies such as medals for the top 3 age groups, t-shirts, water jugs and cups we discussed.

Cake Auction discussion focused on putting tables up front for 4-Hers waiting to auction. 4-Hers must be present at the auction to walk across stage. This was not enforced last year and several complaints were received. A suggestion was made that 4-Hers may not auction a baked item unless they have at least one 4-H project entered at the Fair. Other fundraising ideas were the Jerky Factory, a kick ball tournament, and a pancake/ waffle feed.

2016 Budget and Finance Committee members are Doug Wehrbein, Dennis Heim, and Diane Mills.

Discussions included clarifying memorial scholarship money and using reserve funds for new building supplies and new shelving showcases for static exhibits.

2016 Awards and Recognition Committee members are Cindy Penke, Lexi Penke, Megan Hawks, and Brandi Lambert.

It was decided to move to three separate county awards that will align with the State awards. A large poster board will be displayed at fair. They discussed open trophies and will review them again after letters are received back and open slots are reported. Cindy Penke will bring a sample of scholarship protocol that could be modified.

2016 Promotion and Marketing Committee members are Sam Sparks, Madison Mills, Erin Muntz, and Stephanie Schafer.

Discussed 5K Run location being Fairgrounds to Weeing Water or Platte River State Park.

Promotion ideas were informational booths with balloons handed out at the Cass County fair, Limestone Days, and Louisville Days.

A flowerpot design was #1 choice of design for t-shirts. They suggested selling it in different colors(black, red, green, blue).