

4-H Council Meeting

Minutes for September 5, 2023

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Michele Burnham at 7:02 pm

Roll Call Present: Michele Burnham, Heather Mohling, Kiley McCoy, Paul Bankson, Tamara Ceerle, Terry DeVries, Jennifer Hartman, Dan Klammer, Andrea Marker, William Rathje, John Scheideler

Absent: Jamee Bockerman, John Copple, Thomas Johnson

Junior Leader & Youth Reps Present: Abigail Klatt

Absent: Mikeayla Samuelson, Kassie Kimle

Chamber of Commerce Reps Present:

Absent: Rebekah Martin

Ag Society Reps Present:

Absent: Patrick Niles

Extension Staff Present: Elizabeth Janning, Julie Ochsner

Absent: Ronald Seymour, Lynn DeVries

Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Bills Presented, Staff Reports

Heather Mohling motioned to approve the consent agenda items as received. Dan Klammer seconded the motion.

Ayes – 11

Nays – 0

Motion carried

Correspondence: A thank you note from Alexa Schneider. A thank you from the Marker family for the contribution to the Memorial of Melvin Marker.

Public Comment: Bailey Hinrichs commented about the beef show. Brody Vorderstrasse and Chance Vorderstrasse were also present.

Thomas Johnson arrived to the meeting.

Additions to Agenda:

Small Animal Progress Show under Old Business

Committee Reports

- A. Promotions Committee – The signs have arrived at the office.
- B. Awards Ad-Hoc Committee – Nothing to report
- C. Ag Society Committee – Nothing to report
- D. Livestock Auction Committee – Nothing to report

Old Business:

- A. Committee Action Items
 - a. Promotion Committee – no action
 - b. Awards Ad-Hoc Committee – no action
 - c. Ag Society Committee – Beth shared that Ag Society reached out to her about having FFA more present at the County Fair. Communication with Justin Wahl and Scott Schneider have started.
 - d. Livestock Auction Committee – no action
- B. Parade Update – Paul reported that there were 59 entries. The hot dogs and water went over well. There was lots of positive feedback and community support – Dan Klammer (Traeger, donated buns), Ken Stein (recruitment of entries), Gary Williams (\$100 donation), TSC (stock tank), Russ's (hot dogs & water), and Ag Society (set-up/tear down). Discussion was had on whether the parade should continue and options for the future.
- C. Lifetime Sports Update – The golf and tennis contests did not happen this year.
- D. Plant Science Contest Update – The Weed ID contest was held at Julie's house. The kids did well at the State Fair.
- E. County Fair Engagement – 4-H Rocks Review – Beth wanted to revisit. Freeze pops instead of something else, no toys. Kylie volunteered to have popsicles in the food booth so it can continue.
- F. Other – Progress Show – Paul wanted to know why it wasn't brought to the Council before the show (See April minutes, New Business, item B). He questioned why Memorial money was used for the progress show. The money came from an anonymous donation (See June minutes, Old Business, item C). Julie is in favor of holding the small and large animal progress shows. Beth will look into possible sponsors in coalition with the Council.

New Business

- A. Post Fair Survey Results – Results were passed out to everyone. 23 surveys were completed and values piece was validated. Each section was discussed. Beth would like to present as a Council to Ag Society to discuss the results.
- B. Kick-Off and Achievement Celebration – The event is set for November 12. Plans will be finalized in October with committees helping to organize.
- C. County Awards – They are due October 2nd. Record Books Committee will meet and encourage the achievement awards.
- D. October Meeting – Committee Meetings – Beth and Julie will email out the meeting schedules. There will be no large Council Meeting.

Other Board Reports

Jr. Leaders – No report

Extension Board – Looking for members for the Extension Board; Michelle went to the past meetings. Ron had helped at the poultry show and he mentioned having the Extension Board help with the fair. The budget was looked at and the Extension employees got an increase in wages.

Ag Society – No report

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 by Michele Burnham.

Minutes taken by Jennifer Hartman and submitted by Jamee Bockerman