

4-H Council Meeting

Minutes for November 6, 2023

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Michele Burnham at 7:06 pm

Roll Call Present: Michele Burnham, Kiley McCoy, Jamee Bockerman, Paul Bankson, Tamara Ceclre, Jennifer Hartman, Dan Klammer, William Rathje, John Scheideler

Absent: Heather Mohling, John Copple, Terry DeVries, Thomas Johnson, Andrea Marker

Junior Leader & Youth Reps Present: Abigail Klatt

Absent: Mikeayla Samuelson, Kassie Kimle

Chamber of Commerce Reps Present:

Absent: Rebekah Martin

Ag Society Reps Present: Patrick Niles

Absent:

Extension Staff Present: Ronald Seymour, Elizabeth Janning, Julie Ochsner,

Absent: Lynn DeVries

Others Present: Brian McCoy, Twila Bankson

Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

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

William Rathje motioned to approve the consent agenda items as received. Jennifer Hartman seconded the motion.

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion carried

Correspondence: none

Public Comment: none

Additions to Agenda:

Progress Show under New Business

Teaching Kitchen under New Business

Shooting Sports under New Business

Committee Reports

- A. Promotion Committee & Achievement Celebration Committee – The committee met and discussed ways to be present in the community. Kiley McCoy and Thomas Johnson went to some trunk or treats (Spady's & College View) to represent 4-H in Adams

County. Achievement Celebration is Sunday, November 12 at the Fairgrounds with supper at 5:30 and awards at 6:15. Michele Burnham and Kiley McCoy will be at a table to represent 4-H at the Celebration of Lights on November 16 in front of Julie's Xpressions. 4-H Kickoff will be in February at the Extension Office to coincide with 4-H Month.

Paul Bankson said the Adams County 4-H Welcomes You signs are done and ready to be hung. Some locations will need extra supplies to hang the signs. Julie will send an email with notes and the locations to those hanging signs.

- B. Ag Society Committee – The 4-H Committee met with members of Ag Society on October 25. They presented the results from the 4-H Fair Survey which included safety concerns, facilities, and sound system. They agreed to keep communication open and plan regular meetings during the fair.
- C. Livestock Committee – The committee met and discussed topics regarding the beef show including registered animals and moving the cow/calf class. Topics regarding the horse show included switching class orders and what classes receive banners. Round Robin and CVIs for animals were decided to be left as is.
- D. Static Committee – The committee met and discussed the decline in enrollment in the lifetime sports program, especially tennis and golf. They also talked about moving the Speech/PSA/Performing Arts/Presentation Contest to April.
- E. Awards and Scholarship Committee – The committee met and reviewed the scholarship application. They propose changing the due date from March 1 to February 1, adding an upload option for submitting applications and eliminating the wording, “approved by state where enrolled.”
- F. Nominations Committee – The committee met and came up with a list of people to replace outgoing Council members. Heather Mohling has completed her term. John Scheideler, Jamee Bockerman, Tamara Ceacle, and Kiley McCoy have all agreed to serve another 2 year term. Jennifer Hartman and William Rathje will let the Council know next week if they are continuing on.

Old Business:

- A. Committee Action Items
 - a. Promotion Committee & Achievement Celebration – no action
 - b. Ag Society Committee – no action
 - c. Livestock Committee –

John Scheideler motioned to move the following rule: “Breed shows for market and breeding cattle will be held only in classes where there are three or more animals per breed, identified with registration papers and tattooed or tagged to breed association specifications, are entered. Where less than three animals are entered in a breed, they will show together. No breed champion will be named, but the top two purple ribbon winners of each class may return to compete for Grand and Reserve Champion of respective breeding heifer, market steer or market heifer. Move rule (p217, Breeding Heifers, Rule C)” from Breeding Heifers to General Beef Rules. Also, to move the Cow/Calf Pair class (L013919) from Stocker Feeder Calves to Breeding.

William Rathje seconded the motion.

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion carried

John Scheideler motioned to switch the order of age groups in the horse program, so that every class follows the same order, senior, intermediate, junior, novice, in both the fairbook and the program. Also, to switch the banners to be awarded for horsemanship instead of halter.

Jennifer Hartman seconded the motion.

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion carried

d. Static Committee –

Tamara Ceacle motioned to eliminate golf and tennis from the lifetime sports program. John Scheidler seconded the motion.

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion carried

e. Awards & Scholarship Committee –

Jennifer Hartman motioned to accept the scholarship provisions as presented by the committee. Kiley McCoy seconded the motion

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion carried

f. Nomination Committee – no action

B. County Awards Review – 8 applications were received. Thank you to Julie for arranging and explaining to the judges.

New Business

A. Other –

- a. Progress Show – Michele Burnham brought up the Small Animal Progress Show. Council was reminded that it was presented at the April meeting (New Business, item B), and it was voted to use the Memorial money from an anonymous donation to pay the excess expense at the June meeting. (Old Business, item C).

Jennifer Hartman motioned to add a line item to the budget for the Small & Large Animal Progress Show. Paul Bankson seconded the motion.

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion carried

- b. Teaching Kitchen – The kitchen is finished and will be put to good use. Twila Bankson will make a wish list of needed supplies to help it run efficiently and will talk to the budget committee.
- c. Shooting Sports – Brian McCoy presented on adding a small bore pistol class to Shooting Sports. Kevin and himself have become certified to teach it
John Scheideler motioned to add 22 pistol discipline to Shooting Sports for kids 12 and over who have taken hunter safety. Jennifer Hartman seconded it.

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion carried

- B. Sheep Tags (Scrapies vs Special Order) – Beth reported that there was an issue in ordering the ribbon (county) tags, since is now available for purchased. It opened the conversation and questioned if we still need both them and the scrapies tag. Discussion was tabled to a later meeting.
- C. Beginning Clubs – Beth and Julie reported that when new families join, there isn't always a club available for them to join. Julie will begin leading a White Beginning 101 Club that will meet the first Sunday of the month Beth will begin leading a Green Beginning 101 Club that will have a more flexible meeting schedule. The goal is that it will allow new members a chance to network and explore various 4-H options their first year in the program and grow from there.
- D. Afterschool Programs – Revamped with New Facility – Julie is working with the Adams and Clay County Homeschool Association to set up a schedule where she can meet and provide opportunities for their students.
- E. Youth Enrollment & Volunteer Screenings – 4-H Online is now open to enroll for the 2024 year. Project lists have been streamlined in the new system, i.e. Beef includes all beef classes. All state events will now be open to 8 year olds to participate in. Volunteers need to go in and complete the volunteer enrollment, background check and watch a 45 minute video before being approved.

Other Board Reports

Jr. Leaders – Julie reported that they are getting ready for their reorganizational meeting and will be looking at various community service projects.

Extension Board – Michele reported that the by-laws were reviewed at the meeting, as well as looking at the calendar for future meeting dates. Ron Seymour presented on his prairie grass project.

Ag Society – Patrick Niles reported that the people who own the trailers where the woodchips are stored are selling them, so Ag Society is looking for other options. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for 5:30 on November 14. The Annual meeting and voting will take place at 7. There are currently 9 people running for 3 open positions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 by Michele Burnham.

Minutes submitted by Jamee Bockerman