

4-H Council Meeting

Minutes for December 4, 2023

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Michele Burnham at 7:08 pm

Roll Call Present: Michele Burnham, Heather Mohling, Kiley McCoy, Jamee Bockerman, Paul Bankson, Tamara Ceerle, Terry DeVries (via Zoom), Jennifer Hartman, Thomas Johnson, Dan Klammer, William Rathje, John Scheideler

Absent: John Copple, Andrea Marker

Junior Leader & Youth Reps Present:

Absent: Mikeayla Samuelson, Kassie Kimle, Abigail Klatt

Chamber of Commerce Reps Present:

Absent: Rebekah Moeller

Ag Society Reps Present:

Absent: Patrick Niles

Extension Staff Present: Elizabeth Janning, Julie Ochsner (via Zoom)

Absent: Ronald Seymour, Lynn DeVries

Others Present: Twila Bankson

Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

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

Jennifer Hartman motioned to approve the consent agenda items as received. Dan Klammer seconded the motion.

Ayes – 12

Nays – 0

Motion carried

Correspondence: Thank you card from Kassie Kimle.

Public Comment:

- A. Helen Keiser and Mackenna Edmondson presented on their opportunity to attend the Western Stampede National Contest and represent Nebraska in the national contest. They requested funding to help offset the cost of the trip.
- B. Jamee Bockerman informed the council that a group of parents will be presenting at the next Ag Society meeting on improving the safety of the fairgrounds for all 4-Hers and their animals.

Additions to Agenda:

Horse Bowl funding request under New Business

Committee Reports

- A. Achievement Celebration Committee – Beth reported that the achievement celebration was successfully held in November and thanked everyone who participated.
- B. Ag Society Committee – no report
- C. Budget Committee – The committee met and is working on the proposed budget. It will be presented at the January meeting.
- D. Event Planning Committee – Paul reported that the Soup Supper committee met last month. The Soup Supper is scheduled for Sunday, January 14, 2024 at the fairgrounds. Merchant solicitation letters are being sent out and posters are available for hanging. The Fairfield Butcher Shop donated 50 pounds of ground beef – thank you! Twila will send via email a sign-up for individuals to donate staple supplies. A big thank you to Twila and Kiley for helping secure new roasters to give us a total of 34. Paul let council members know that a sign-up sheet for them to work will be available at the January meeting.
- E. Nomination Committee – The committee recommended Jodi Kauffman for the open council position. Jennifer Hartman and Will Rathje have decided not to serve another term. The committee will contact Bekah Moeller and Neel Keiser to see their interest in filling those positions. The presented the slate of officers as:
President: Michele Burnham
Vice President: Dan Klammer
Secretary: Jamee Bockerman
Treasurer: Kiley McCoy
Executive at large: John Scheideler and Tamara Ceclre
- F. Promotions Committee – Beth reported that 4-H Kickoff is scheduled for February 3, 2024 at the Extension Office.

Old Business:

- A. Committee Action Items
 - a. Achievement Celebration – no action
 - b. Budget Committee – no action
 - c. Nomination Committee –
Kiley McCoy motioned to accept the nomination of Jodi Kauffman to 4-H Council
John Scheideler seconded the motion.
Ayes – 12
Nays – 0
Motion carried
Will Rathje motioned to accept the slate of officers as presented.
Jennifer Hartman seconded the motion.
Ayes – 12
Nays – 0
Motion carried

- d. Promotion Committee – Beth informed the council that February is Nebraska 4-H month, and they are always looking for new ways to promote 4-H in our area. She reminded everyone of the incentives that were done last year, and after some discussion, it was decided for them to remain the same.
- B. Sheep/Goat Tags – Sheep and goats are required to have a scrapies tag and a county tag in their ear. A question was raised at the November meeting whether the county tag was needed. A discussion was had, and it was decided to leave the rule as stated for sheep and goats to have both a scrapies tag and a county ribbon tag.
- C. Breed Class Rule Discussion for Sheep, Goats and Pigs – It was questioned whether the change in the beef rule (see November minutes) needs to be applied to other animals. This was tabled to the January meeting.

New Business

- A. 2024 Council Meeting Dates – Beth handed out the proposed schedule of meeting dates for 2024.
John Scheideler motioned to approve the proposed 2024 4-H Council meeting dates.
Thomas Johnson seconded the motion.
Ayes – 12
Nays – 0
Motion carried
- B. 2024 4-H Calendar – Beth handed out the 4-H Calendar and reviewed dates and changes with council members.
- C. Other – Horse Bowl Funding
Heather Mohling motioned to give \$800 to the Horse Bowl team (3 participants & 1 coach) for their expenses at the National Stampede contest.
John Scheideler seconded the motion.
Ayes – 12
Nays – 0
Motion carried

Other Board Reports

Jr. Leaders – no report given

Extension Board – Michele reported that the next meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2023.

Ag Society – no report given

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 by Michele Burnham.

Minutes submitted by Jamee Bockerman