

4-H COUNCIL Minutes
Monday January 5, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: D. Wehrbein, T. Hawks, D. Heim, S. Schafer, L. Sparks, R. Thakur, J. Vallery, K. Griffin, S. Schafer, D. Mills, E. Thakur, T. Heim, S. Schafer, S. Sparks, N. Nolting, T. Nolting, M. Murdoch,

Members Absent:

Members Excused: W. Koehn

Visitors: C. Bley, S.Platt

D. Wehrbein called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m.

I. Roll Call

II. Minutes of Previous Meeting
Minutes were approved as read.

III. Treasurer's Report
L. Sparks shared the CWF trip information. The group is asking for \$100 to support travelers in 2017. E. Thakur moved to donate \$100 and R. Thakur seconded. Motion was carried.

IV. Old Business

A. Livestock Meeting

Changes will be up to the superintendents of each area.

Dairy would like to have the dairy show in the morning with sheep show in the afternoon.

Discussion was held concerning dairy (possibly early release, improve herdsmanship, responsibility) and will stay the same.

V. New Business

2015 Elections were held.

President: Doug Wehrbein

Vice-President: Renee Thakur

Secretary: Savannah Schafer

Treasurer: Linda Sparks

A. Committee Reports

a. Fundraising: Erwin Thakur proposed an idea to have a barn dance at the beginning of the summer at the fairgrounds. There will be an entry fee, selling food and beverages.

b. Budget and Finance: Linda Sparks there wasn't much of a difference from year to year except to fruit sales. The budget this year is a similar budget as last year.

i. Nonprofit organizations are not to have \$15,000 in CDs.

Some money needs to be spent.

c. Awards and Recognition: Mail out letters to past sponsors for trophies, follow up with another letter if not returned by June 1st. Send out application forms for State volunteer awards and present at the Cake Auction. Do more of a scholarship for Cass County 4-H Seniors, use some of the extra money in the account. Get more of the kids from the outer part of the county involved. A criteria needs to be presented for this scholarship.

d. Promotion and Marketing: Taylor Heim presented goals to increase 4-H membership by 5% by August, hang posters in surrounding schools for February. Set up a meeting to make posters.

B. Achievement 2015: Do not have a location set. Talked about last year's feedback. First Sunday in November still works for everyone. Youth members will have a meeting sometime in the future.

C. 4-H Calendar for 2015

D. February - Nebraska 4-H Month: Activities via facebook, email, and newsletters

E. Educator Report

a. Beef Weigh-in – Dec 27, 2014: Actual number wasn't available

b. 4-H Online: Enter and change things.

c. 2015 Changes: 4-H online, quality assurance is \$5 per member. Ashley will offer several free sessions to members.

d. 2015 Livestock Judges Update: All 2014 judges are returning.

F. Other Business: Natalia Nolting moved to adjourn at 8:12, E. Thakur seconded. Motion was moved.

V. March 16, 2015 at 6:45 p.m. Meeting Room, Cass County Extension Office