

The regular meeting of the Cass County 4-H Council was held Monday, March 16, 2015, at the Cass County Extension Office meeting room. President Doug Wehrbein called the meeting to order. Members present were: D. Wehrbein, R. Thakur, L. Sparks, E. Thakur, E. Rice, D. Mills, K. Griffin, S. Schafer, S. Schafer, D. Heim, T. Heim. Members excused were: J. Vallery, N. Nolting, T. Nolting, and W. Koehn. A. Benes representing the Cass County Extension Office and visitor G. Sickman were present.

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

- I. Roll call
- II. Minutes of Previous Meeting
 - Correction to minutes concerning budget and finance committee. Changed to non-profits are not to have access funds.
 - E. Thakur approves minutes as corrected
 - R. Thakur seconded
- III. Treasurer's Report
 - Filed a post card form of 990
 - E. Thakur approves
 - K. Griffin seconded
- IV. Old Business
 - None
- V. New Business
 - A. Committee Reports
 - a. Awards and Recognition: The 4-H Council needs to decide to keep awards or not.
 - Concern about the same kids receiving it every year was expressed.
 - One possibility is to eliminate some awards and possibly more will Apply.
 - Agreed to cut kid of character/rookie of the year
 - Try it and see how it goes this year
 - b. 8 clover kid applicants, 3 regular camper applicants
 - All clover kids will go and pick 2 regular applicants
 - R. Thakur moves to approve taking all 8
 - K. Griffin seconded it
 - c. Budget and Finance: spending \$1,200 more than we take in.
 - E. Thakur made the motion
 - E. Rice seconded it
 - Approved current budget
 - d. Fundraising: E. Thakur stated that the Fair Board members' reactions were not positive. Ashley set up a meeting to discuss ideas.

B. Achievement Party: discussed different ideas than last year such as a carnival. Possibly present some of the other awards another time. Make it more about the kids than the awards.

C. Bornemeiers will sponsor the swine carcass contest trophy.

D. 4-H calendar. ID sheets are online.

E. Fair book: making changes, draft format, going up soon, adding new things, such as a shooting sports kids/contest to be held at the Platte River State Park.

F. Fair Changes: flipping shows, changing the dog show, sheep show in the Afternoon. Community service: no premium, no entry cards just a spreadsheet. Give appreciation. No entry cards for animals, 4-Her's fill out a sheet and cards will be printed.

E. Grievance Policy: followed one from another county and made a few changes. Discussing general fair rules, who is in charge, complaints must be submit within 24 hours along with a \$20 deposit. This deposit will be returned if the complaint is found to be true. The grievance board will consist of 4-H Council executive members, involved species superintendent, Ag Educator, and a fair board member. D. Mills made the motion to approve the grievance policy and E. Thakur approved. With no further discussion, motion was moved.

F. Whitney Koehn's record book was selected to represent Nebraska at the National 4-H Congress.

G. Midwest Coop is sponsoring 3 workshops: Livestock, Equine, and companion animals

H. \$700 dollars of missing checks due to kids' failing to cash them.

I. Other business: G. Sickman approached the 4-H Council to consider purchasing a fan for the livestock barn. The approximate cost would be \$7,000-8,000 plus installment. L. Sparks stated that the 4-H Council's CD's come up in July The 4-H Council asked Gary to come to the May meeting with the actual costs.

J. Erwin Thakur moved to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Ellen Rice seconded it. Motion was moved. Meeting was adjourned.

VI. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 18, at 6:45 p.m., at the Cass County Extension Office.