

The regular meeting of the Cass County 4-H Council was held Monday, September 21, 2015, at the Cass County Extension Office meeting room. President Doug Wehrbein called the meeting to order.

Members present were: D. Wehrbein, R. Thakur, K. Griffin, S. Schafer, D. Heim, D. Mills, J. Vallery, L. Sparks, S. Sparks.

Members excused were: E. Thakur, E. Rice T. Nolting, M. Murdoch, S. Schafer, N. Nolting, T. Heim, T. Hawks and W. Koehn.

A. Benes representing the Cass County Extension Office and visitor Gary Sickman were present.

D. Wehrbein called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m.

I. Roll call

II. Minutes of Previous Meeting

D. Mills motioned to accept minutes and L. Sparks seconded. Motion passed.

III. Treasurer's Report

L. Sparks reported that the computer and new Quicken program were not compatible. Several items were over budget due to numerous changes in staff and identifying expenses in different categories. There is a need to be consistent in reporting expenses. Trophies were one area that was over budget. In the future, a financial committee might be formed to look at expenses in the months when a meeting isn't held. L. Sparks is planning to sit with Sondra and settle accounts.

IV Old Business: Fair Follow-up

- a. A. Benes shared the 2015 Participation Report. She thought the fair went smoothly and the Grievance Policy was not used.
- b. D. Heim reported on the auction. Checks were recently mailed out.
- c. D. Heim discussed getting ear tags for pigs that ship for easy identification and clarity. More will be discussed during the Large Animal meeting in November.

V New Business

- A. 4-H Leader Award – two applications were received and voted on by Council. Nominating Committee for 4-H Council Election – Online voting will be opened And close approximately a week before achievement party.
- B. Achievement Party will be held at the Weeping Water Ball Park if available.
- C. Start thinking and recruiting of people; need to let the office know by the middle of October.
- D. Large Animal Committee Meeting will be November 16, at 6:00 p.m.
- E. G. Sickman asked why the Agricultural Society pays a portion of the swine scanning costs. A. Benes thought that the Society pays due to being a contest and D. Heim said possibly due to the cost of the scanner. If the Fair Board chooses to stop involvement, A. Benes asks that she has adequate notice to find a new sponsor.
- F. J. Vallery would like to see the sponsorship of awards done differently. D. Wehrbein suggested placing a deadline on sponsorship. One problem is that sponsors will

verbally agree to sponsor but then fail to pay. A. Benes did say dispersing trophies needs to be consistent throughout all species and contests.

K. Griffin moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. R. Thakur seconded it. Motion was moved. Meeting was adjourned.

- IV. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 16, 2015 at 6:45 p.m., at the Cass County Extension Office.