

August 30, 2023 Minutes

The meeting of the Knox County 4-H Council and Livestock Fair Superintendents was held Wednesday, Aug 30, 2023. The meeting was called to order by President Derek Cunningham at 6:03 pm at the 4-H Exhibit Hall, Bloomfield. The Pledge of Allegiance and the 4H Pledge were recited upon the start of the meeting.

Roll call was held with the following council members present:

District 1: Ben Vellek, Janelle Fuchtman, Jorgia Fuchtman

District 2: Absent: Jordan Kuhlman, Kelli Wolverton, Taylor Nilson

District 3: Rayde Ripp, Tami Kuhlman, Emma Kuhlman, Derek Cunningham, Dyson Cunningham
Absent: Travis Mlady

District 4: Absent: Dennis Hanzlik, Jemi Nielsen, Chloe Hanzlik

District 5: Michaela Jessen Absent: Jamie Olson, Callie Olson

Also present was Megan Hanefeldt, Extension Educator, and Kristine Kumm, 4-H Assistant, and Amy Johnson, Office Assistant

Motion was made by Michaela, seconded by Dyson to approve Agenda. Ayes: All. Motion carried

Motion was made by Michaela, seconded by Rayde to approve April 24, 2023 minutes. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Tami reported beginning balance of \$10,805.69. We had some bills and deposits. Ending balance of \$17,778.32. Motion was made by Ben, seconded by Dyson to approve treasurer's report. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Officer Reports: none

Educational Program:

Megan and Kristine reported they are gearing up with stuff to present at schools.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

1. The design is getting finalized for Showmanship Hoodies & T-shirts. Need to discuss for next year if want to keep Hoodies/T-shirts or try a different type of award.

2. Livestock Fair Superintendent Suggestions: The following items will be discussed at Oct meeting.

Horse show-discuss if trophies can be given to top placement even if it's not a purple ribbon. Trophies are donated but not always given out. Need to consider raising horse premiums and the size of horse trophies.

Sheep/Goat – lots of companion goats, is it a problem or not. Down on sheep/goat #'s with FFA, and need to work on check-in process. The superintendent should not have to track down families to make sure they check in.

Livestock judging contest- can we improve participation.

Poultry show- Miss hearing the kids present for showmanship. Possibly have a picture-winner banner with zip ties up in poultry barn. Maybe use banner from horse show. Need to work on better shade for waterfowl.

Round Robin- discuss if participants use own animal or not

Static building- need to add more tables to help display items.

3. Need to ask Mark Miller what he does with good woodchips. From his response we will decide how much woodchips to get for next year.

Next 4-H council meeting will be October 30, 2023 at 6:30pm at Extension Office, Center

Motion made by Dyson, seconded by Ben, to adjourn meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried at 8:04pm

Recorded by Janelle Fuchtman