

## Knox County 4-H Council Minutes – January 6, 2020

A regular meeting of the Knox County 4-H Council was held at the Courthouse Annex meeting room in Center on Monday, January 6, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Matt Fritz, President.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge were recited.

Roll call and introduction of new council members was held with the following council members present:

District 1 – Heidi Ruzicka, Jesse Rader, Cade Rader	(Absent-none)
District 2 – Matt Fritz, Karlyn Condon, Jorgan Condon	(Absent-none)
District 3 – Chad Vanness, Derek Cunningham, Dyson Cunningham	(Absent- Glenda Byerly, Kayla Eisenhauer, Kaitlyn Byerly)
District 4 – Neil Peed, Gage Wickersham	(Absent-Julia Nielsen)
District 5 – Andrew Dennis, Michaela Jessen, Pamela Dennis	(Absent-none)

Also present were Megan Hanefeldt, Extension Educator and the following Shooting Sports Leaders: Kevin Millikan, Bob Thiele, Eric Fuchtman and Larry Kotrous.

### ***Election of Officers:***

The following were elected as officers: Matt Fritz, president; Jesse Rader, vice-president; Kayla Eisenhauer, secretary; and Karlyn Condon, treasurer.

***Approval of Agenda*** – Heidi moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Andrew. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried.

***Secretary's Report*** – Heidi moved to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2019 meeting as sent out. Seconded by Cade. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried.

***Treasurer's Report*** – The treasurer's report was presented with a beginning balance of \$10,109.58 on November 4, 2019 and the current balance of \$10,111.46 as of December 31, 2019. Chad moved to approve the treasurer's report. Seconded by Dyson. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried.

***Officer Reports*** - none

***Committee Reports*** – none

***Educational Program*** – the video on 4-H Council Roles & Responsibilities was not watched.

### ***Unfinished Business*** –

1. ***Round Robin Contest*** – discussion was held. Possible members of the Round Robin Committee are Kari Nilson, Scott Ruzicka, Glenda Byerly and Derek Cunningham. Megan will contact the committee members to meet and come up with information to present at the March meeting. Tabled to the March meeting.
2. ***Discuss & Approve Wood Chips for 2020 Fair*** – discussion was held. Matt will check with Paul at Bomgaars on bags; Derek will check with swine producers on what they would like; and need signs so the dirty mulch doesn't end up in the good mulch pile. Tabled to the March meeting.
3. ***Discuss & Approve Stall/Entry Fees for 2020 Fair*** – Tabled to the March meeting.

4. **Approve the 2020 Budget & Spend-down Plan** – the 2019 actuals and 2020 proposed budget were presented. (see attachment) It was suggested to carry over the 2019 estimates to 2020. Excess dollars will be used for manure dumpsters, poultry cages, and feed bowls and water bowls for the Poultry/Rabbit cages.

#### **New Business –**

1. **Meet with Shooting Sports (SS) Certified Instructors about the SS Program –**
  - a. **Discuss & Approve Policy for Commitment** – discussion followed on setting up a policy for volunteers who attend a Shooting Sports training to become certified. Discussion included how to determine obligation, who is going to enforce, time commitment, and reimbursement for expenses to attend training. Karlyn moved to draft an agreement for a 3-year commitment and to reimburse for registration, lodging (state average rate), and travel to be split between the 4-H Council and the SS Club. The 4-H Council will determine the outcome if the commitment is not fulfilled. Seconded by Michaela. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried.
  - b. **Dates for 2020 Official Contests and Practices** - A list of the 2020 Practice dates and contests was presented to the SS leaders. (see attachment). The dates were approved by the SS leaders. Dyson moved to approve the dates as presented. Seconded by Andrew. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried.
2. **Report on Annual Ag Society Meeting** - Matt & Megan attended the Annual Ag Society Meeting on November 6, 2019. Items discussed with the Ag Society were improvements to the Rabbit/Poultry Barn (feed and water bowls, cages); speaker in the rabbit/poultry area; and more manure dumpsters.
3. **Approve treasurer and additional signers for checking account** – no action needed as there was no change in the signers.
4. **Approve 2019 Scholarship Checks** for Mariah Dather attending Mount Marty College in Yankton, SD and Destiny Fox attending UNO in Omaha. Dyson moved to approve the 2019 scholarship checks for \$250.00 each to Mariah and Destiny. Seconded by Pamela. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried.
5. **Discuss Nebraska 4-H Month** - Nebraska 4-H Month is held during the month of February and an excellent time for 4-H recruitment. Discussion followed on ways for clubs to promote 4-H during the month. Chad moved to add the following to the 2020 4-H Council Proposed Budget: \$250.00 (\$25.00 per club) to promote 4-H; and \$500.00 for an educational workshop or program. Seconded by Jesse. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried.
6. **Discuss and Change date for August 24, 2020 4-H Council Meeting** – since the county fair will end on August 16 and State Fair exhibits will be coming into the office on August 24-25, it was suggested to change the August 24 meeting date. The meeting was changed to Wednesday, September 9 for the Fair Superintendent Meeting and 4-H Council Meeting.
7. **Discuss and Approve Guidelines on Deadline and Dues for 2020 4-H Enrollment** – Discussion followed on the current policy of April 15 as the due date for 4-H enrollment and dues to be paid to the 4-H Council. The following policy change was presented, also keeping the April 15 enrollment date: Youth can enroll anytime during the year, but all

youth must be enrolled with the UNL Extension 4-H Office in Knox County by June 15 and dues paid to the extension office to exhibit at the Knox County Fair or any competitive 4-H events that year. Competitive events include all Pre-fair Contests and Shooting Sports Contests. Pamela moved to approve the policy change with no exceptions and late enrollees will be presented to the 4-H Council for approval. Seconded by Dyson. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried.

**8. Discuss Fair Changes**

- a. **Eliminating the Feeder Calf, Bucket Calf, Sheep Performance & Swine Rate-of-Gain Contests** – Discussion followed on the low number of participants in the Feeder Calf, Bucket Calf & Sheep Performance. (see attached sheet). Dyson moved to keep the Swine Gain Contest as is with weighing at home and eliminate the Feeder Calf, Bucket Calf and Sheep Performance Contests. Seconded by Cade. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried.
  - b. **Add Feeder Class for underweight market goats** – Discussion followed. Jesse moved to leave as written and not add a class for underweight market goats. Seconded by Karlyn. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried.
  - c. **Add Additional trophies if Sponsors are Found** – A list of possible trophies for 2020 was presented (see attached list). At the present time there are no trophies for these. Pamela moved to add the additional trophies if sponsors are found for them. Seconded by Cade. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried.
9. **Discuss and Approve 2020 4-H Calendar.** The 2020 4-H Calendar was presented (see attachment). Dyson moved to accept the 4-H calendar with the change of the August 24 4-H Council Meeting & Fair Superintendent Meeting to September 9. Seconded by Gage. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried.
10. **Discuss and Approve 2020 Fair Schedule** – the 2020 Fair Schedule was presented (see attachment). Gage moved to approve the 2020 Fair Schedule as presented. Seconded by Andrew. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried.

**Other Business:** none

**Announcements:** none

**Adjournment:** No other business, Dyson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Michaela and Matt adjourned the meeting.

In the absence of the Secretary, minutes were recorded by Megan Hanefeldt