

Knox County 4-H Council Minutes – July 8, 2020

A regular meeting of the Knox County 4-H Council was held on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at the Center Community Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:59 pm by Matt Fritz, President.

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

Roll call was held with the following council members present:

District 1 – Heidi Ruzicka, Jesse Rader, Cade Rader (Absent-none)
District 2 – Matt Fritz, Karlyn Condon (Absent-Jorgan Condon)
District 3 – Glenda & Kaitlyn Byerly, Chad Vanness, Derek & Dyson Cunningham (Absent-Kayla Eisenhauer)
District 4 – (Absent- Julia Nielsen, Neil Peed, Gage Wickersham)
District 5 – Michaela Jessen, Andrew Dennis (arrived at 8:05) (Absent-Pamela Dennis)

Also present were Megan Hanefeldt, Mary Ketelsen, Amy Johnson, Alex Wiebelhaus, Jamie Olson and Kaydee Alexander (arrived at 8:09).

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

Secretary's Report – Glenda moved to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2020 meeting as sent out. Seconded by Jesse. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – The treasurer's report was presented by Karlyn with a beginning balance of \$9,549.35 on May 31, 2020 and the current balance of \$9,532.13 as of June 30, 2020 (see attached). Dyson moved to approve the treasurer's report. Seconded by Kaitlyn. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried.

Officer Reports - none

Committee Reports – none

Educational Program – Megan reported the office is in fair mode.

Unfinished Business –

1. **2020 Showmanship Awards** – no information was received from Julia. Megan will email to council members to vote on the Hoodie with a screen-print of a design drawn by Kaitlyn Byerly and the reserve champion will receive an insulated tumbler.

New Business –

1. **Shooting Sports (SS) Update** – Megan reached out to the SS instructors and reported there will be no .22 Rifle, .22 Pistol, and Archery this year due to close proximity and shared equipment. Shotgun, BB Gun, Air Rifle, and Air Pistol will be have practices and the contests.
2. **Fair Discussion** – Megan, Matt and Derek attended the Ag Society Meeting on July 6. There will be no fair events on Thursday, Bull Riding is on Friday evening, Saturday will be a Tractor Pull and Hairball Concert, no Monster Trucks on Sunday. There will not be a carnival, but DC Lynch may be bringing in food stands and games. There will no gate fee, but admission will be charged to attend the bull riding, tractor pull, and concert. Megan shared that they agreed to pay for the judge's fees and premiums. The bulk of the conservation centered on livestock and what families need to do.

Megan shared that the office would like the livestock shows to be Show & Go. Exhibitors bring their own bedding and no entry fees. There would be less traffic in the office. With school starting the next week, there would be less exposure to kids. Alex commented that the FFA Advisors had talked and would like a Show & Go for multiple reasons also, but willing to do whatever is decided tonight. Jesse commented that whether the fair is 2 days or 4 days, it's still the same people there. Matt is completely against the Show & Go and wants the fair as normal as possible for the kids. More discussion followed. Glenda added that 4-H and FFA need to be united and supportive of whatever decision is made. Megan shared that the Ag Society would like to not set up the Harm & Tulley Event Center, if possible. Derek asked what are you really eliminating with the Show & Go or can some families come and go. Amy shared this would create problems if allow to go home this year and will continue on to next year. Alex and Kaydee agreed.

Draft fair schedules were passed out. Jamie added that even with Show & Go, exhibitors still need to have space to stall their animals and take care of them before showing.

More discussion followed. Matt asked for a motion to stall the entire fair or have Show & Go. Motion by Karlyn to stall the animals the entire fair. Seconded by Dyson. Paper was distributed for voting and all were yes to stalling the entire fair.

Megan shared that if the Ag Society changes their mind, we may need to have another meeting.

Discussion was held on the Livestock Judging Contest and the FFA advisors will do the contest.

Other Business: A thank-you was read from Melanie Vanness.

Announcements: none

Adjournment: No other business, Matt adjourned the meeting.

Recorded by Mary Ketelsen