

Knox County 4-H Council Minutes – March 2, 2020

A regular meeting of the Knox County 4-H Council was held at the Courthouse Annex meeting room in Center on Monday, March 2, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 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 – Jesse Rader, Cade Rader	(Absent-Heidi Ruzicka)
District 2 – Matt Fritz	(Absent- Karlyn Condon, Jorgan Condon)
District 3 – Glenda & Kaitlyn Byerly by Zoom, Kayla Eisenhower	(Absent-Chad Vanness, Derek Cunningham, Dyson Cunningham)
District 4 – Julia Nielsen	(Absent- Neil Peed, Gage Wickersham)
District 5 –	(Absent-Andrew Dennis, Michaela Jessen, Pamela Dennis)

Also present were Megan Hanefeldt, Mary Ketelsen, Paul Drobny, Brittani Pospisil and Cauy Drobny.

Approval of Amended Agenda – Cade moved to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Matt. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report – Jesse moved to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2020 meeting as sent out. Seconded by Julia. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – The treasurer's report was presented by Matt with a beginning balance of \$10,111.46 on December 31, 2019 and the current balance of \$9,743.04 as of February 29, 2020 (see attached). Jesse moved to approve the treasurer's report. Seconded by Julia. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried.

Officer Reports - none

Committee Reports – none

Educational Program – Mary will send out information on the volunteer screening.

Kari Nilson arrived at 6:42 pm

Unfinished Business –

- Round Robin Contest** – Kari presented ideas for the contest (see attached).
Derek and Dyson Cunningham arrived at 6:54 pm.
Karlyn Condon arrived at 7:04 pm.
Discussion was held. Suggestions included having the participants take the written test of 25 to 50 questions in the 4-H office on the fairgrounds prior to the live contest. The person receiving the highest test score will receive 1 point, the next highest test score will receive 2 points and so on. Have two arenas for the live contest with the same number of animals in the ring as the participants. Participants would draw a number for the animal to show. The judge would rank them with 1 point for the best and so on. There would be 4 classes of animals: large beef, swine, sheep and meat goat. The contest would be open to the champion and reserve champion of the following shows: horse, feeder calf, swine, sheep, meat goat and large beef. Karlyn moved to make the changes to the Round Robin Contest. Seconded by Dyson. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried.

2. **Discuss & Approve Wood Chips for 2020 Fair** – The swine producers like the finer shavings. Discussion followed on the pros and cons of the bulk mulch and the number of bags needed for the others species. Derek moved to get 60 yards of the bulk cedar mulch from Sawle Mill for the Harm & Tulleys and for the bucket calves and to purchase 7 pallets (40 bags per pallet) for a total of 280 bags at \$5.00 each from Bomgaars and allow 2 bags per pen for sheep, goats and hogs. Seconded by Dyson. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried.
3. **Discuss & Approve Stall/Entry Fees for 2020 Fair** – Dyson moved to keep the stall/entry fees the same as last year: \$12 each for large beef and any feeder calves or dairy animals that stay the entire fair; \$5 each for feeder calves & dairy day of show only; and \$5 each for bucket calves, sheep, goats & swine. Seconded by Cade. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried.

New Business –

1. **Fairbook Changes –**
 - a. **Combine Ducks & Geese into one Division of Waterfowl with a limit of 8 total** – follows state fair classing and asked Caroline Oltjenbruns, Poultry Superintendent and she said “Sounds good to me.” Julia moved to combine ducks & geese into Waterfowl Division. Seconded by Jesse. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried.
 - b. **Changes Recommended as a result of the February 20, 2020 Horse Meeting:**
 - 1) The exhibitor may show as many halter horses as they wish, but limited to 2 horses in each halter class. (Currently, the exhibitor is limited to 2 horses in halter).
 - 2) Add English Equitation and English Pleasure classes.
 - 3) Eliminate the Senior Walk-Trot class. Discussion was that seniors should not be participating in this class, more for beginner level participants.
 - 4) Eliminate all Break-Away Roping and Goat Typing classes due to low numbers.Dyson moved to approve all of the above changes and add to the fairbook. Seconded by Glenda. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried.
2. **Two Dumpsters have been built by the Verdigre FFA, so we now have 4 dumpsters. Is that enough?** Four are good for now, will reevaluate after fair.
3. **Fair Swine Marketing Update** – Garry Young, received a call from Bill Stanzel on February 11 informing him that Smithfield will no longer be buying the fair pigs because of the desire for hogs to be Ractopamine free. The office also received an email from Benny Mote, UNL Swine Specialist on February 7 that the major pork packers will not be accepting show pigs this year. Benny suggested that the show go non-terminal and youth are responsible for taking their pig’s home and finding buyers. Benny will keep us updated if any potential buyers for the fair pigs can be found. (See attached email from Benny.) The council recommended informing 4-H families that the only option right now is to take pigs home after the show. Derek will also check with the Verdigre Salebarn on a Randy Gravely buying hogs and Megan will reach out to other counties on how they are handling this.

4. **Sheep Project** – Paul and Cauy Drobny were present to express their concern about the sheep numbers going down this year. Cauy shared that he has sheep and is willing to lease out to kids and they would take possession on June 1. Cauy doesn't want to sell the sheep and would want them back after fair. There would need to be a separate class for these lambs at the fair. The council suggested putting in the 4-H newsletter to find interest. If interest is expressed, Cauy is willing to sponsor trophies.
5. **Update on Poultry/Rabbit Barn Needs** (cages, name holders, feed & water bowls) Information was shared from Caroline about the additional coops needed and Julie Dather will be contacted about the name plate holders. Dyson moved to approve up to \$700.00 for the purchase of supplies for the Poultry/Rabbit Barn. Seconded by Julia. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried. Jesse shared he has wire for the PA and willing to donate to the Ag Society.
6. **2020 Showmanship Awards** – Discussion followed on the awards for this year and some ideas were a vest, water bucket, lead ropes, feed pans, halter, T-shirt. Karlyn shared that Brunswick State Bank should be given first chance to sponsor this year. Julia will gather information and report back.
7. **Approve Reimbursement of Volunteer Screening Fees and Approve 4-H Club Promotion** – Kevin, Becky and Kaci Millikan have asked for reimbursement of the volunteer screening fees of \$5.00 each. The Lucky Lads & Lassie 4-H Club submitted their 4-H Month Promotion Application for \$25.00. Dyson moved to approve payment of \$15.00 to the Millikan family and \$25.00 to the Lucky Lads & Lassie 4-H Club. Seconded by Cade. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried.
8. **4-H Enrollment Date Clarification – Megan shared the information on the 4-H enrollment process. The information that has been sent out is:** Youth can enroll anytime during the year, but all youth must be enrolled with the UNL Extension 4-H Office in Knox County by April 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. Megan asked about the enrollments between April 15 and June 15 and if she can approve. She also shared that we need something set in stone and stick to it. Matt added that all enrollments after June 15 will need to come before the council and will need a very good reason why they weren't in on time.

Other Business: none

Announcements: none

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

Kayla Eisenhauer, Secretary