

A meeting of the Knox County 4-H Council was held Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, Center, Nebraska. Derek Cunningham called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. at the Extension Office meeting room. The Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge were recited. Those in attendance were: Dennis Hanzlik, Jamie Olson, Ben Vellek. Tami Kuhlman, Derek Cunningham, Michaela Jessen, Dyson Cunningham and Callie Olson.

Jamie Olson moved to approve the agenda seconded by Dyson Cunningham.

Ben Vellek moved to approve the minutes seconded by Dyson Cunningham.

Treasures Report – beginning balance showed \$7,788.91 with an ending balance of \$11,487.54 Dyson

Cunningham moved to approve the treasures report, seconded by Ben Vellek.

Officer reports- none

Committee report- none

Educational reports- Krissy and Megan spoke on school and library programs

### **Unfinished Business**

#### Fair suggestions

##### A. Horse

- a. Horse superintendents can talk to the judge about awarding a purple if they want to. Overall, the 4-H Council decided in order to keep the quality of our show, we will not change Facebook to say that “first” place has to be a purple even if they performed at a blue level quality.
- b. Size of trophies- leave the same.
- c. Hold trophies not given out for the upcoming year and if sponsors are concerned, explain to them that we are trying to improve the quality of our horse show.

##### B. Sheep/ Goat

- a. Add to fairbook and fair schedule “Goat show will be at 3:30 OR following sheep show”
- b. Remind families to check-in with superintendent as it is required

##### C. Livestock judging

- a. Participation really relies on parent encouragement
- b. Will send out text reminder to entire 4-H community during fair
- c. Club leaders- mentor program/incentive

##### D. Picture banners

- a. Charissa Avery is willing to help with banners
- b. Suggested west wall of Harm and Tulley or west of Sheep/Goat building
- c. One by swine, one on west side

##### E. Poultry:

- a. Utilize horse banner or metal sign for poultry backdrop

##### F. Round Robin: Ben Vellek made a motion to approve participants using their own animals, seconded by Michaela Jessen.

- a. Participants CAN use their own animals
- b. Krissy will work on gathering animals Saturday
- c. Try having a fresh group of hogs for the second round
- d. Questions on horse people being at a disadvantage

##### G. Fans in poultry barns

- a. With Dog Show now inside the Round Barn, the need for a fan will be revisited after another fair.
- H. Sound in Harm & Tulley –
  - a. going to investigate hiring 3<sup>rd</sup> party to just come in and set up a sound system for the fair weekend
  - b. Going to ask fair board
- I. Static building
  - a. going to ask fair board for 6 more tables
  - b. Will assign clubs to watch static building during the fair
- J. Woodchips
  - a. Leave the same unless animal numbers are drastically higher or lower. If so, than we can adjust our order but otherwise will plan on leaving it the same.

Other suggestions / things mentioned

1. Live steam for show- Ben Velleck
2. Knox County getting something like the State Fair App
3. Post show orders on Facebook during the fair
4. Charissa Avery - banners (willing to donate?)

**New Business**

1. The following items will be taken to the annual Knox County Ag Society Meeting, motion by Jamie Olson, seconded by Dyson Cunningham.
  - a. 6 tables for static building
  - b. Thank you for continual support
  - c. Sound system – ask about how to improve.
2. Take and Make Kits: Jamie Olson moved to approve \$200 budget for Take and Make Kits, seconded by Ben Vellek.
3. 4-H Council members
  - a. Travis Mlady, Kellie Wolverton, Ben Vellek and Janelle Fuchtmann were all appointed to another term.
  - b. Derek Cunningham and Michaela Jessen's terms have ended.

January Meeting Date: **Monday, January 8, 2024 Center, NE 6:30 PM**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jamie Olson and seconded by Dyson Cunningham at 9:20 PM.

Acting Secretary,  
Krissy Kumm & Megan Hanefeldt