

4-H Council Minutes – August 29, 2017

A regular meeting of the Knox County 4-H Council was held at the Courthouse Annex meeting room in Center on Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

Council members present were as follows: Heidi Ruzicka, Kelly Hanvey, Cody Hanvey, Matt Fritz, Todd Sauser, Kurt Ziegler, Madie Ziegler, Kayla Eisenhauer, Tabatha Nielsen, Neil Peed, Jamie Olson, Tatum Olson, and Jeanine Lange. Absent were: Marty Konopasek, Chaney Konopasek, Evan Ruzicka, Tyson Sauser, Glenda Byerly, and Rowdy Nielsen. Also present were Ruth Vonderohe, UNL Extension Educator, Amy Johnson, Extension Office staff, as well as the following fair superintendents: Hally Ziegler, Dennis Wamberg, Gary Hagge, Dave Cunningham, Dale Ketelsen, Paul Drobny, Lorie Knigge, Derek Cunningham and FFA Advisors Alex Cunningham, Amber Endres and Stephanie Mann.

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

The Livestock Fair Superintendent Meeting was opened at this time to include the Livestock Fair Superintendents in the discussion of the fair and any changes that will be beneficial to make the fair run more smoothly. (see the attached fair superintendent suggestions)

***Items bolded are items the extension office feels the council needs to discuss and take action.**

- a. **Horse Show** – Dave Cunningham shared that the show went well – just need more kids. Discussion followed on allowing the Clover Kids to be involved. Ruth shared that the 4-H Policy Handbook does not allow Clover Kids to participate in the 4-H Horse Project. Jeanine asked if a **stick horse class could be added for Clover Kids**. In regard to Monica Doerr’s suggestion, Dave commented that this year was at the superintendents’ discretion. Everyone thought Maddie Doerr having a clinic was a great idea. The flag at the horse show was a problem. Todd shared that it won’t be hung up next year. Dave thought the sound system was good. Concern about the heavy equipment going through the gate and Kurt and Todd said this was an Ag Society issue. More discussion followed on the declining horse issue.
- b. **Harm & Tulleys Set-Up** – Gary shared the building looked great when done. Kurt said went well. Jamie shared that Dean wants to stay involved and there are a lot of people forgotten who set-up and clean-up.
- c. **Swine Check-In** – everything okay.
- d. **Bucket Calf Check-In** – Hally shared we need to decide if all bucket calves should be weighed or not. The scale was located by the bucket calf pens. Kelly shared the weight is needed for the record book. Discussion was held on when the Clover Kids check-in bucket calves. It was suggested to mark on Hally’s check-in sheet which calves are coming in on Friday. Todd suggested having in the fairbook for Clover Kid animal weights. (the 4-H policy handbook states any calves weighing more than 350 pounds at time of show not be allowed-this is in our county fairbook). Dave suggested weighing any questionable calves.
- e. **Large Beef Check-In** – Kurt said went really well. If feeder calves check-in on Friday, they tell them to come back on Friday to check in.
- f. **Sheep/Goat Check-In** – Paul said all went well, would like to see FFA have sheets for check-in. Alex and Stephanie both shared they know and will work on it. Ruth shared that the same format of check-in sheets be emailed to the FFA advisors.
- g. **Poultry/Rabbit Check-In** – Tabatha shared that another table is needed for the poultry.
- h. **Livestock Judging Contest** – Ruth commented that the contest was good. Stephanie shared that Mike was talking too long and kids left.
- i. **Cat Show** – Kelly thought the Cat Show went well. Neil thought the cat judge was slow.

- j. **Dog Show** – Derek thought the Dog Show lasted too long, doesn't allow to attend the Bull-a-Rama. Suggestion to start Dog Show earlier. The judge can't get here any sooner than 5:30. Tabatha suggested Reynold do the Cat & Dog Shows.
- k. **Friday Shows (Bucket Calf & 4-H/FFA Feeder Calf & Cow/Calf Show)** – Paul would like to see the show start at 8 am, have someone else judge the record books, and move the sheep to Friday. Discussion continued on the schedule for Friday and Saturday. Hally suggested do species day with 4-H & FFA, would be easier on the judge. Hally also suggested combining 4-H & FFA showmanship. Ruth commented that each organization wants to keep ownership. Discussion followed. **Jamie suggested a committee be set up to discuss the combining of the 4-H & FFA showmanship.** Amber commented that FFA members are disappointed that not included in the Round Robin Contest.
- l. **Dairy Goat & Dairy Shows** - Matt thought went well. Need to increase the numbers – was about the same as last year. Amber thought leave the 4-H & FFA Dairy the same as this year.
- m. **Sheep & Meat Goat Shows** – Lorie shared the sheep barn needs to be cemented and herdsmanship be explained more because of many new, young 4-Hers. Discussion followed on herdsmanship and the disposal of the wood chips. Amber asked who's paying for the 2 manure dumpsters. Kurt shared that whoever wants to pay around \$850 each and will get their name on it. Ruth explained there was some miscommunication about the clean-up policy after fair in the Sheep/Goat Barn.
- n. **Swine Show** – There were a few pens that were not cleaned out. More discussion continued on clean-up, herdsmanship, and quality assurance. **Discussion followed on the check-in of hogs on Wednesday night. Ruth suggested open to all. Jamie said need to put definite time and stay with it. Derek suggested it needs to be in black & white. The item will be discussed further.** Derek commented that the holding pens worked well. Having the FFA Swine Show later was an issue. Alex shared the FFA Advisors already discussed this issue also. There was also an issue with the pigs being sold that were loading out at 5 pm. Discussion followed on the check-out time and people leaving early. Stephanie thought we need a top weight for swine in the Bonanza.
- o. **Other Suggestions** –
 - Different class for home raised vs club cattle. Todd commented a calf is a calf. If not a purebred, go commercial.
 - Discussion continued on the clean-up. Jamie said that a skid loader is not allowed to clean up in the H&T building and the 4-H Council will be buying sand soon. A skid loader can be used in the Sheep/Goat Barn. 4-H'ers need to pull pens and put panels against the outside and brush the wood chips away from the fence. Derek commented the Friday only pens be addressed.
 - Discussion continued on the wood chips. There was not enough this year and where to get next year.

Minutes from the August 29, 2017 meeting

The August 29, 2017 meeting of the 4-H Council was held after a lengthy Fair Livestock Superintendents' Meeting. It was called to order by President Jamie Olson. Pledges were recited before the livestock meeting. Council members present were: Heidi Ruzicka, Kelly Hanvey, Cody Hanvey, Matt Fritz, Todd Sauser, Kurt Ziegler, Kayla Eisenhauer, Tabatha Nielsen, Neil Peed, Jamie Olson, Tatum Olson, and Jeanine Lange. Absent were: Marty Konopasek, Chaney Konopasek, Evan Ruzicka, Tyson Sauser, Madie Ziegler, Glenda Byerly, and Rowdy Nielsen. Also attending were Extension Office staff Ruth Vonderohe and Amy Johnson.

Motion by Matt to approve the minutes as read. Tabatha seconded. Minutes approved.

Kurt presented the treasurer's report. Motion by Kelly and seconded by Jeanine to approve. Motion carried. A bill from Monica Doerr for \$75.00 for supplying calves & goats for the Horse Show was presented. Checks for the Ag Society and the Nebraska State Fair were presented. The list of the fair-related bills was presented. Ruth reported she purchased the headset for the Poultry/Rabbit Barn. Motion by Cody to approve the bills presented. Seconded by Tabatha and motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 2018 Fair Livestock Judge. Kurt suggested Kelly Bruns as the top candidate. Heidi asked about all species and Kurt said yes. Jamie said to contact Kelly with Nate Jelinek as the next suggestion. Jamie added that John Broders will help with suggestions.

Bedding for 2018 Fair was discussed. Kelly doesn't want everyone responsible for bedding. Kurt suggested make everyone pay for woodchips in person at fair. Motion by Kelly & Heidi and seconded by Kurt to table the bedding issue to the next meeting. Motion carried.

Todd presented a bill for \$87.92 for speaker repair in the Harm & Tulleys building. Motion by Kelly to pay Todd. Seconded by Tabatha and motion carried.

The next 4-H council meeting will be held November 7, 2017. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly Hanvey, Secretary