**Otoe County 4-H Council**

**February 16, 2017 Minutes**

The Otoe County 4-H Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Mike Wieckhorst. Those attending: Kelsey Ahrens, Jeff Chambers, Natalie Sturm, and Mike Wieckhorst II. Extension Educator present was Sarah Purcell. Members absent were: Anne Bennier, Zach Hartwick, Aprille Johnson, Lori Kirchhoff, Justin Peterson, Lynnet Talcott, Madeline Werner, and Wendy Werner.

Minutes of the January meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Jeff Chambers and Kelsey Ahrens seconded to approve the minutes. Motion approved.

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The checking account balance is $16,953.34. A motion was made by Kelsey Ahrens and seconded by Natalie Sturm to approve the treasurer’s report. Motion approved.

**Unfinished Business:**

**2017 Budget**

A motion was made by Kelsey Ahrens and seconded by Natalie Sturm to approve the 2017 budget. Motion approved.

**4-H Bowling Party**

The 4-H Council estimated needing 20 dozen cookies for the 4-H Bowling Party sponsored by the 4-H Council on Sunday, February 26, 2017, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mike Wieckhorst offered to donate 10 dozen cookies. Jeff Chambers volunteered to pick up 10 dozen cookies from Eileen’s Cookies to be paid by the 4-H Council.

**Otoe County 4-H Fitting Contest**

The 4-H Council reviewed various options for a 4-H Fitting Contest. It was determined that the numbers for a fitting contest at the fair might be low. The council discussed having a fitting clinic instead of a contest. Sarah Purcell will ask Hannah Esch if she would be comfortable teaching a clinic. Jared Niedermeyer would also be an option.

**Otoe County 4-H Foundation Banquet Review**

There was a good turnout for the Otoe County 4-H Foundation Banquet. Representative Fortenberry and Anna Bohlken did a great job speaking and the food was good.

**New Business:**

**2017 Food Stand**

Mike Wieckhorst will talk to Lori Kirchhoff and get a meeting set up within the next couple of weeks. Chuck Porter said he will help again this year. It was discussed that perhaps serving Parker’s BBQ was not necessary due to paying mileage for delivery and the lack of sales.

**Summer Workshop Ideas**

Ideas discussed include the fitting workshop and asking Junior Grotrian to teach a woodworking workshop. Sarah Purcell will send out an email to all council members asking for ideas.

**Premise ID**

All animals that are market will need a premise ID. This is to help track the animal from farm to plate. This is statewide mandate by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

**4-H T-shirts**

We looked at a design for an Otoe County 4-H T-shirt. Natalie Sturm made a motion to have green T-shirts with a white design. Kelsey Ahrens seconded. Motion carried. Shirts will be sold for $7.00 a piece.

The next 4-H Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m. Natalie Sturm made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Kelsey Ahrens seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelsey Ahrens

Secretary Pro Tem