

Saline County, NE
4-H Council Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2023 6:00pm

Present: Theresa Vernon, Cindy Kotas, Deb Schwisow, Tanya Brown, Becky Vales, Melanie Kunc, Maddie Werner, Sonya Smith, Sandy Krivohlavek, Laura Sysel, Cindy and Jackson Brandt, Stacy Kirchoff and Ashely Benes, Ne Statewide 4-H Coordinator

President Sandy Krivohlavek called the meeting to order. Pledges were recited and Sandy welcomed our guest Ashely Benes, NE Statewide 4H Coordinator. The minutes of the June 26, 2023 meeting were read by Cindy Brandt and approved as read.

Correspondence was read, a thank you from Lena Gropp.

Financial report was given, see attached sheet. A motion to approve the report was made by Theresa Vernon and seconded by Sonya Smith, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1) County Fair:

- A) Great idea for the pledges to be recited before each contest. It was mentioned that the 4-H kids need to know the pledge better.

- B) Static exhibits: Ribbons were covering up exhibits; It was suggested that the judges comments be sealed; sale of left-over food went well with the free will donation, more money was actually collected; Kids zone was amazing, would be nice to be open early, more hours; It was suggested to bring back the “show program”, we will do some brainstorming to see if we can utilize a volunteer and or the superintends for this; Table for Two was really good, bring this back again next year.

- C) Premium Action: Have we thought about doing this online? Example, Fillmore FFA shows a picture of the 4-H’r with their animal, name of chapter, ribbon and bid box. Also suggested do on a Monday rather than a Sunday, more businesses would likely be involved. We will

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Explore different options; hope to form a Premium Auction Advisory Team.

- 2) Camp Scholarships 2024: It was suggested we combine the Renegade and Venture scholarships into one because of a low number of participants. It was also suggested to apply for all camps early in the year with something going out in the January newsletter. A motion to defer the camp scholarships until the first of the year was made by Cindy Kotas and seconded by Theresa Vernon, motion passed.
- 3) Newsletter Funding: Bulk mail permit cost \$290 plus \$45, we need to send out 200 letters, we are sending 40 back to the office to meet the 200. It was suggested, starting in January 2024, we cease the bulk mail permit and push for virtual use, it is anticipated the 40-50 letters will still need to be mailed which can go by regular mail. A motion was made by Cindy Kotas and seconded by Theresa Vernon to follow the suggestion above regarding the newsletter, motion passed.
- 4) Council Audit Report: See Action Report and CPA report attached to minutes. We must elect a treasurer; Theresa Vernon nominated Sonya Smith as interim treasurer, seconded by Cindy Brandt. Sonya was voted in as interim treasurer. A question was posed regarding if there is a policy in place in relation to funds raised for the Washington trip and their use/reimbursement, this is being worked on.
- 5) A recommendation was made that the Council to begin using committees.
- 6) Thank you Notes: thank you notes to people and businesses that donated money for showmanship awards were signed by Council members.

Jackson Brandt moved to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Sonya Smith, meeting adjourned.

Tanya Brown
Secretary