

Saline County, NE
4-H Council Meeting
January 15, 2023 6:30 pm

Present: Becky Vales, Melanie Kunc, Eric Stehlik, Theresa Vernon, Tanya Brown, Cindy and Jackson Brandt, Shedera and Lena Gropp, Cindy and Amber Kotas, Sandy Krivohlavek

The 4-H council was called to order by Vice President Cindy Kotas; the pledges were recited. There were no formal minutes from the October 16, 2022 meeting but notes were read by Eric Stehlik and approved.

The financial report was given by Becky and Melanie, see attachment. There was not a report available for the Edward Jones account, Eric will work with staff on gaining access to that account. An additional issue is the current staff no long have access to a credit card for purchases. Per state by-laws we are not allowed to have a credit card, however many counties continue to use a CC. We will table this discussion until our new 4H assistant is on staff.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Work Shop ideas

It was suggested we do something related to shopping in style and sewing.
Continue to think about ideas for possible workshops.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) New 4-H Assistant update

Madelyn (Maddie) Werner has been hired and will start February 3, 2023

2) Senior Scholarships

We discussed increasing the amount of scholarships given, We will determine the amount given when we know how many applicants we have. Applications will be due by March 15, 2023.

3) Spring Camp Scholarships

After a discussion on dollar amount of scholarships we will provide, a motion was made by Cindy K that we give \$30 for both Renegade and Venture and \$175 for the other camps for the spring of 2023 requests, Theresa V seconded the motion, motion passed.

Another motion was made by Theresa V to add another \$100 to the 4 current applicants for the misc. camps and to pay in full the current applicants for the Renegade and Venture camps, motion seconded by Cindy B; motion passed.

4) Recognition Program

March 5, 2023 was set for the recognition program, 3-4:30 will be used for recruitment and 5-7 will be the recognition. The Council will provide pizza and drinks. Families can bring individually wrapped cookies or bars. 4-H clubs will be invited to set up a table with a community service project.

5) Fair Theme

Summer Days and Country Ways won the survey.

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- 6) Jr. Leader Financials
There is a concern that there is a lack of “checks and balances” for the Jr Leader account. The account pays for supplies for the food stand and Focus trip. After discussion Cindy V made a motion to add Sandy K as a second signature person in addition to Diane O’Neil and have Mike N removed as signature person; Jackson B seconded the motion, motion passed.
- 7) Lottery Lamb/Lottery Goat
There was a discussion on the lack of participation of these to lotteries. Jackson B made a motion to discontinue the lamb and goat lottery, Amber V seconded. Motion passed.
- 8) Lamb & Goat Weight Date of Rate of Gain
After discussion, Theresa V made a motion to discontinue the weigh day for lambs and goats, Cindy B seconded. Motion passed.
- 9) Favorite Foods Show
After discussion Cindy B made a motion to have the Favorite Food Day on Tuesday, food judging day of the fair and then leave the displays up thru the fair, Cindy V seconded and motion passed.
- 10) Organizational and Project Leader Training
Ideas are needed to get leaders to attend training
- 11) Fair Awards for Showmanship
There were complaints about the banners that were given last year. Several exhibitors expressed interest in trophies and the metal cutouts. Belt buckles were also mentioned but it was determined that they are too expensive. Theresa made a motion we give the metal cutouts for champion and reserve champion showman, Tanya seconded, motion passed.
We also discussed the other awards. Theresa made a motion to give trophies to horse, static and trap shooting and banners to all others, Tanya seconded, motion passed.
- 12) Volunteer Gifts
Portable phone chargers were suggested, the price would be \$9.95 each. Tanya made a motion to purchase the chargers and Jackson B seconded, motion passed.
- 13) Camp Jefferson Improvement Donation
After discussion, Theresa made a motion to donate \$100.00 and Cindy K seconded, motion passed.
- 14) Kids Zone at the Fair
The Ag Society approved an area to use for a “Kids Zone” during the fair. Suggested time of operation is 1-7 pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Ingrid is working on a plan for activities, donations are being pursued. It was suggested to reach out to local FFA Chapters and see if they would be able to staff the area. Once Ingrid has a plan in place she can reach out to the 4-H Council for a donation.

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15) New Council Members

We need to fill Adrienne Wells spot as well as a vacancy. A motion was made by Cindy B to accept Shedera and Lena Gropp as new members and to have Jackson Brandt replace Camryn Brandt as board members, Cindy V seconded, motion passed.

16) Election of Officers

President: Cindy K made motion to retain Sandy K as President, Theresa V seconded. Motion passed

Vice-President: Cindy B made a motion to retain Cindy K as Vice President, Amber seconded. Motion passed

Secretary: Theresa V made a motion to retain Tanya B as Secretary, Cindy B seconded. Motion passed

Signature: Cindy K made a motion to retain Sandy K and Sonya S as signers. Cindy B seconded. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be March 19th with time to be announced at a later date.

Cindy K made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Cindy B; meeting was adjourned by President, Sandy K.

Secretary,

Tanya Brown