Youth Council Meeting – October 24, 2023 (Webster County Fairgrounds)

Adult Members Present: Lance Johnson, Afton Alber, Meghan Anderson, Jana McNeill, Daren Niemeyer, Mollie Taylor, Hans Burken

Fairboard Rep Present: None

Youth Members Present: Libby Macklin, Ellie Mangers, Carter Auten, Dylan Auten

Extension Staff Present: Beth Janning, Alexa Pedersen, Katie Bolte

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm by Lance.

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented. Jana moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting and this meeting. Daren seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s report: Mollie shared that there is $14, 389.65 in the savings account and $24, 681.80 in the savings account. Julie moved to approve the treasurer’s report, Carter seconded. Motion passed. There were no bills to be paid presented at this time.

Youth Foundation Report: The board is trying to figure out how to get more buyers for the auction and have less leave during the auction.

Fairboard Report: Beth shared that they are concerned with the lack of carnival. $3000 from Farm Credit Services will be used to purchase new displays for the static hall. Ribbons will be stored at the fairgrounds.

Old Business:

* Food Stand/Rodeo Passes: Half of this year’s food stand profit went to pay for the rodeo tickets for the youth. The Fairboard will need to set a price for next year before decisions are made on the rodeo passes. Club leaders need to keep track of who works and who doesn’t so we know how many tickets won’t get charged. Discussion of grants for updating our food stand in hopes of 2025. For 2024, the plan is to go with the Methodist stand again, but change from last year with the order, pay, and pick up lines, as well as possibly serving pre-packed items and drinks out of the 4-H stand during the rodeo nights.
* Hard Luck Nominations/Volunteer of the Year Recap: Hard luck winners will be announced at Achievement Night. Kasey and Kortney Allen are the 2023 Volunteer(s) of the Year, and the Red Cloud Chief will be awarded Friend of the 4-H at Achievement Night with plaques and certificates.
* Fair/Survey:
  + Best Dressed Goat: It was moved by Daren and seconded by Dylan to cancel the Best Dressed Goat class at the county fair due to very low numbers. Daren called for Division of the House. 4 yes, 6 no. Jana moved to open it to sheep and goats and put it between both shows. It was seconded by Meghan, motion passed.
  + Webster County will now match the state fair ages of ewe lambs and rams starting 2024.
  + Discussion of Round Robin in places was decided to leave it to 3rd place in all showmanship participants if needed and see how this year goes.
  + Members of the Youth Council will talk to other families to see how they feel about adding horse to the Round Robin competition.
  + Meghan moved to add English as a part of high point, Jana seconded. Motion passed.
* Achievement Night: There are 131 RSVPs for Achievement Night happening November 5th at the BHCC. A sign up was sent out for food for potluck for families to put what they are bringing. The office asked for YC members to help set up the day. Families have volunteered.

New Business:

* Archery: Details will need to be finalized with Eric McNeill on if we are going with a club of special interest group as well as prices for targets, etc.
* Member Terns/New Members: Daren, Cody, Samantha, and Kassi will be going off. A google form will be sent out to YC members for nominations and then to move on with voting.
* Old Sheep/Goat Tags: Now that Webster County uses scrapies tags to identify sheep and goats, the office can now get rid of the old tags.
* T-shirts for 2024: Youth will be able to submit a new design, and a google form will be sent out to families to order t-shirts for 2024 instead of on 4-H online so there isn’t a ton of left over shirts like there has been in the past.
* Weigh-In Dates for Cattle: It will be at RCAH again on December 17th and February 11th, both starting at 2:00 pm. The office is looking for volunteers for both days.
* Afterschool/Programming: The office will no longer be doing afterschool with the low numbers and lack of attention. Instead, they will be doing 2 days at each town when the kids are out of school to do a full day of workshops, the kids will need to pack a lunch.
* 4-H Online Update: The enrollment is now open for 2024. The state has updated the project list to simplify for families and offices. This is Webster’s rotation year to do the volunteer screening (every 5 years) and volunteer orientation video.

Daren moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 and was seconded by Jana, motion passed. The next meeting is TBD, but looking like January of 2024.