

4-H Council Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2006

Present: Janet Rose, Lisa Mills, 4-H Agent; Margi Thurston, Joey Hennes, Council Treasurer; Isaac & Janet Hunter, Council Secretary; Robin Miotke, Council VP, Yvonne Moran, Gene McClure, Amy Smith, and Roger Christopher, Council President

Board members absent: Jim Dixon, Jim Salter, Tim O'Neill
Roger Christopher, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
Isaac Hunter led the pledges.
Janet Hunter took the minutes.

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- *Joey Hennes moved to accept the minutes for the February 2006 meeting. Yvonne Moran second the motion, which carried unanimously.*

4-H Camp for 2007

- Followup discussion on 4-H Camp for 2007. Missoula County has the opportunity to sponsor a youth camp one week before the current one and open it up to other counties.
Joey Hennes moved to go ahead and try to reserve the third week in June 2007 for camp with Missoula County 4-H being in the lead county in charge of camp. Janet Rose seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Country Fair

- Joey Hennes brought up the fairgrounds space issue of not having enough room for all the animals, and the need for outside tents. Two 60'x60' tents are needed. Joey proposed that the Fair Board purchase one tent and the 4-H Council purchase one tent. Cost of a tent is just over \$14,000 new or \$7,000 to rent. The 4-H Council owned tent could be used for other events during the year like the dog shows, horse shows, the Extravaganza, etc. **Janet Hunter made a motion to front the money for a new tent up to \$15,000. Robin Miotke seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

Montana 4-H Foundation Endowment Fund Establishment

- The Board further discussed depositing a certain amount of money in the Montana 4-H Foundation, which would be matched by the Taylor Foundation, and then we would earn the interest on the total amount as an endowment fund. The interest income could be pulled out annually, but not the principal, and the income could be used to support 4-H ongoing. The Board discussed using the money we already have deposited with the Montana 4-H Foundation as the money we would use to match with the Taylor Foundation monies if this is possible (nearly \$25,000 is in that account). Janet Rose and Joey Hennes both offered some suggestions on amounts they thought would be desirable to contribute from Council funds for an endowment that would then be matched dollar for dollar by the Taylor Foundation. Information was requested regarding using the current foundation funds for this purpose, as well as what Taylor match is still available under the current challenge grant. Lisa is going to do some research on this and provide the information to Council. A special meeting (possibly a phone vote) will be called if there is a time factor for a decision due to the availability of the matching grant funds.

Monthly Budget Report

- Joey Hennes, Treasurer, covered the monthly budget with the Board. Not a whole lot has changed since last month, but it is still very early in the 4-H year.

Audit

- The audit committee of Joey Hennes, Jim Dixon, Lisa Mills and Robin Miotke, met and performed the audit, which went really well. There was difference of \$1.75 in the dues. Joey Hennes has done a very good job with checks and balances. Checks were verified with the receipts. It turned out great!

Financial Assistance Fund

- Lisa suggested creating a Financial Assistance Fund for Low Income 4-H Youth. There is a business in town that would like to donate specifically to the establishment of this fund. Guide lines and who qualifies need to be determined. Further discussion was tabled. *Vyonne Moran moved to accept the money from the Blue Mountain Bed and Breakfast for the Financial Assistance Fund designating Lisa Mills, 4-H Agent, to use the money at her discretion. Janet Rose seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.*

Phonathon Committee Formed

- The Board set up a committee to help get the Phonathon going and get new ideas for this event. A suggested time was the last weekend in April. Roger Christopher, Vyonne Moran, and Isaac Hunter are on the committee, and Colleen Terrazas and Lisa Mills will help from the Extension Office. ***The committee will provide a full report on the organization of the phonathon by the next meeting.***

Adjournment

- Vyonne Moran moved to adjourn the meeting. It was second, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.