

4-H Council Meeting Minutes May 7, 2008 meeting

Present: Jim Dixon, Roy Handley, Lori Zeiser, Yvonne Moran, Amy Smith, Janet & Isaac Hunter, Laura & Hailey Hagen, Charlotte Iverson, Kristi Cather, Stephenie Birgenheier, Campbell Barrett, Colleen Terrazas

1. March 2008 Minutes

The last time the 4-H Council met was March 5, 2008. **Vyonne Moran moved to accept the minutes as presented. Lori Zeiser seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

2. Treasurer Report

Joey Hennes, Treasurer, was unable to attend the meeting. However, a written report was provided for the Committee to review. **Charlotte Iverson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Vyonne Moran seconded the motion which carried unanimously.**

[Vyonne Moran added that she was in Diamond Bar Meats recently and was told we have an outstanding bill for the 4-H Café. Colleen followed up and sure enough we do! Jay is going to mail us a copy of the invoice.]

3. Sponsorship of a Trophy

In previous years the Fair Board sponsored the Carroll Nelson Memorial trophy for the Grand Champion Breeding Beef. The Fair Board is disbanded and Carroll Nelson was a Fair Board member many-many years ago.

It was suggested by Eunice Misbe, Fair Office, that this award be changed to honor Earl and Bertha Pruyn. Colleen suggested the 4-H Council sponsor the award because the Pruyn family does so much for 4-H/FFA.

"In honor of the long-standing support of 4-H and FFA by Dr. Earl Pruyn and the late Bertha Pruyn, the Missoula County 4-H Council sponsors the Earl & Bertha Pruyn Trophy to be presented to the recipient of the Grand Champion Breeding Beef award".

The cost of the trophy is \$25.00.

Roy Handley moved to accept the recommendations of Eunice Misbe and Colleen Terrazas and have the 4-H Council sponsor the Dr. Earl Pruyn and the late Bertha Pruyn trophy. Charlotte Iverson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. 4-H Congress

Clarification is needed on how the 4-H Council wishes to allocate the funds budgeted to pay for 4-H members to attend Congress. \$3,000 is budgeted and the fee for each member is \$195. The past history is that we paid for those members who qualified to attend Congress based upon competitions held at the county-level, who will then go on to compete at the state-level, and the current 4-H Ambassadors.

What we already know we are responsible for:

- ▶ Horse judging team of Hailey Hagen, Megan Oostdyk, Lindsey Bauck, and Florence Miller
- ▶ Livestock judging team of Roy Handley, Sam Zeiser, Tyler Marr, and Kirby Everson. Abby Mytty, is the alternate.
[Sam Zeiser has decided to compete in the illustrated talk portion of public speaking at Congress, so Abby Mytty will attend Congress as part of the livestock judging team.]
- ▶ A chaperone, (Sally Tromp) at \$195.
- ▶ Roy Handley was the purple ribbon demonstration and won a spot on the livestock judging team. He wishes to compete on the livestock judging team.
- ▶ Sam Zeiser was the purple ribbon illustrated talk, and won a spot on the livestock judging team. Sam wishes to compete in the illustrated talk area at Congress.

At question is:

- ▶ The Junior (Sarah Bush) and Senior Ambassadors (Mariah Rys-Sikora) are required by the State to attend Pre-Congress which is an additional \$40 each. Are we paying for this additional fee?
- ▶ The incoming 4-H Ambassadors are Sam Zeiser (Senior), Kylie Tromp (Junior), and Jacob McLaverty (Ambassador Prospect). Is the 4-H Council willing to pay the way for Kylie and Jacob to attend Congress? Sam Zeiser is already attending because he will be competing in illustrated talk.
- ▶ We were informed by the State that **blue** ribbon speeches, demonstrations, and illustrated talks may also compete at Congress. There was one eligible blue ribbon speech contestant. Do we want to pay for this person to compete at State 4-H Congress?
- ▶ It was suggested that Missoula County 4-H Council youth representatives attend 4-H Congress, and the 4-H Council should pay for their attendance. [Hailey Hagen is already attending as part of the Horse Judging Team. Isaac Hunter is the youth representative on the 4-H Council.]

This item was tabled. Campbell is to check with all kids who have won competitions to see who is actually going to attend 4-H Congress.

5. **Hog Raffle**

Charlotte Iverson made a motion that the first hog from the livestock sale that goes to resale will be the raffle hog for this year. The winner can have the hog cut according to personal specifications. Lori Zeiser seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. **Phonathon**

Campbell Barrett informed the group that approximately \$3,000 in pledges was received this year.

7. **2009 Fundraising**

- Campbell Barrett asked if there is a need for more fundraising in addition to the hog raffle and the phonathon. Do we need more money than what these two fundraisers provide? If there is a need, it should be identified to a specific purpose such as purchasing rifles for the air rifle program, for example.
- At least two members expressed an interest in dropping the pig raffle. They said selling hog raffle tickets is not an easy sell.
- Suggestions for new fundraising:
 - a. Jim Dixon said one of the most lucrative raffle ticket fundraisers is rifles.
 - b. Charlotte Iverson said she purchased Idaho baking potatoes as a fundraiser. They were beautiful and delicious.
 - c. Isaac Hunter suggested a carnival where each club would be in charge of a booth geared toward small kids.
 - d. Colleen Terrazas suggested a pancake breakfast like Kiwanis does every year.
 - e. Adam Rys-Sikora suggested a bowling party when speaking with Colleen on the phone one day. Colleen called Five Valley Bowl and was told the shoe rental would be free and the charge to bowl would be \$2.50 per game. At the end of the bowling party Five Valley Bowl would split the game fees collected 50/50 with 4-H. Westside Lanes had not been contacted.

8. **Change in Hog Weights**

Jim Miotke was not present to explain the hog weight changes recommended by the Livestock Committee. **This item tabled until next month.**

9. **4-H Record Books**

Some leaders are saying they are having difficulty getting members to turn in 4-H record books at the end of the 4-H year. It was suggested by one of these leaders that members be required to have their record books reviewed and signed off on Fair Interview Day since members have to have their livestock forms up-to-date by that date. **The Committee agreed that all clubs need expectations which are signed by the leader, member and parent. The expectations must state that a completed 4-H record book is due by September 30 every year, and failure to turn the record book in means they cannot re-enroll in 4-H.**

10. **Shooting Sports**

Jim Dixon announced that Missoula County 4-H is a member of the Civilian Marksmanship Program through NRA. This enables 4-H to purchase supplies at a discount.

11. **Quorum**

The Committee discussed whether or not the quorum identified in our bylaws needs to be changed. **It was decided that all the Board members should be responsible and take their Board position seriously by attending monthly meetings 9 times a year. Jim Dixon asked all members to respond to the email announcing the next Council meeting by saying whether or not they will be in attendance.**

The next 4-H Council meeting will be the second Wednesday in June.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 11, 7:00 pm, Extension Office.

Minutes submitted by Colleen Terrazas