

4-H Council Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2008 meeting

Officers present: Vyonne Moran, V-P; Kristi Cather, Secretary; and Joey Hennes, Treasurer

Other Board members present: Isaac Hunter, Hailey Hagan, Charlotte Iverson, Lori Zeiser, Janet Hunter, Jeri Delys, Stephenie Birgenheier, and Roy Handley

Others present: Campbell Barrett, Colleen Terrazas, Laura Hagan, Cindy Arnott, Missy Miller, Denielle Richardson

Absent Board members: Amy Smith and Jim Dixon, President

Due to the absence of Jim Dixon, President, Vyonne Moran, Vice-President called the meeting to order.

1. **September 3, 2008 meeting minutes**

Charlotte Iverson moved to approve the September 3, 2008 4-H Council meeting minutes as presented. Lori Zeiser seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

2. Joey Hennes, Treasurer, has been out of town on business, therefore, did not have a Treasurer's Report to present.

3. **Audit Committee Formed**

A committee was formed to audit the financial transactions of the 4-H Council.

Janet Hunter and Charlotte Iverson will audit the books with help from Joey Hennes, Treasurer.

4. **Budget Committee Formed**

A committee was formed to develop a budget for the 2008-2009 4-H year.

Kristi Cather, Lori Zeiser, Campbell Barrett and Joey Hennes are members of the budget committee.

5. **4-H Agent Report by Campbell Barrett**

- Missoula County sponsored the State 4-H Horse Show for the second year in a row and it turned out great.
- Tom Andres, FFA Advisor, will provide names of potential livestock judges from the college circuit at the next Livestock Committee.
- Adding a miniature steer class at the 2009 fair will be developed for final approval by the 4-H Board of Directors.
- A shooting sports meeting is scheduled for October 15. We have several new and enthusiastic shooting sports leaders.
- The Dog Project does not have a county-wide leader. Joni Bush and Vicki Correia have managed this project for many years and need a break.

6. **County Awards**

Interviews for County Awards will take place on **November 6**. The Council was asked if anyone was interested in helping out. **Janet Hunter** and **Lori Zeiser** volunteered to help, but not judge. It was suggested that Amy Smith be contacted to line up judges as she did a great job with it last year.

7. **Raising Minimum Hog Weights**

This issue was originally discussed at the June 2008 4-H Council meeting when the Board of Directors voted to raise the maximum weight for payment on market hogs to 290 lbs based upon a recommendation from the Livestock Committee. It was decided then that we would address the minimum weights for hogs after the fair.

There were more underweight hogs this year than in 2007 due to some being born late and weighing 15-20 at weigh-in in April. Most of these hogs were FFA hogs. Tom Andres has brought in all new breeding hogs to the FFA program this year.

Roy Handley moved to follow the Livestock Committee's recommendation to raise the minimum weight for market hogs to 220 lbs. Charlotte Iverson seconded the motion which carried with Janet Hunter opposing.

8. **Memorandum of Understanding**

Campbell Barrett developed a Memorandum of Understanding so committees know the relationship between them and the 4-H Council. This document was mailed to all committee members. As members of the Horse Committee, Cindy Arnott, Denielle Richardson, and Missy Miller requested clarification on the proposed MOU.

The 4-H Council Board of Directors does not want to micro-manage committees. The Board of Directors wants to be informed about what is happening at committee meetings by receiving a copy of the meeting minutes and want to be given a heads-up on controversial issues. After reviewing the committee minutes, if the 4-H Council needs further clarification, a committee representative will be asked to attend a 4-H Council meeting to explain the issue. The 4-H Council Board of Directors will not over-ride a committee decision without first discussing the issue with the committee. In addition, if there is a large event a 4-H committee wants to undertake, and/or 4-H Council money is needed, the committee must go before the Board of Directors before making a commitment.

Charlotte Iverson moved to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding with the revisions mentioned above. Stephenie Birgenheier seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

9. **Bylaws**

The bylaws were revised at the September 3, 2008 4-H Council meeting. The 4-H Council Board of Directors has had the opportunity to review the bylaws with the revisions.

Roy Handley moved to approve the bylaw changes. Kristi Cather seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

10. Pig Raffle

Colleen Terrazas provided the 4-H Council with a document showing clubs that participated in the pig raffle and the amount of money they raised.

- **Fact:** the pig raffle and the 4-H Café are the fundraisers for Missoula County 4-H.
- **Fact:** half of the money brought in from the phonathon is used to pay our State 4-H Foundation dues which are \$5.00 per member. The other half of the money can be used by the phonathon participants to pay their way to 4-H activities, events and trips.
- **The expectation is** that every 4-H member sell five raffle tickets. The clubs can elect to pay \$5.00 per member out of their club treasury, or elect to sell pig raffle tickets.
- **The bottom line is** that 4-H clubs are responsible for \$5.00 per member.
- Clubs who did not sell pig raffle tickets or write a check to the 4-H for \$5.00 per member will be billed. This fee must be paid before they are given 2009 4-H materials.
- Recommendation: in April or May 2009, mail a letter to all organizational leaders explaining the expectation and include the amount of raffle tickets that would equal five tickets per member.

11. Out of County Label

Janet Hunter suggested identifying 4-H members as "out of county" be eliminated from the pen cards and from the announcements made at the livestock sale. Janet feels it is a negative treatment of children which is unacceptable. The 4-H Council agreed with Janet. *Colleen Terrazas will take care of the pen cards and a request will be made to the Livestock Sale Committee to refrain from identifying children as "out of county".*

12. Horse Judging Event

Denielle Richardson, Horse Committee member, announced that the State 4-H Horse Show was a great success. Missoula County has sponsored it the last two years. Missoula County will hold a 4-H Horse judging event on October 19th, at Flying H Stables in Missoula, and the Horse Committee is considering a 3-day regional horse judging clinic after the 2009 fair.

13. National Reining Horse Association

Hailey Hagan gave a brief explanation on what reining is . . . controlling every movement of the horse. She mentioned that she is applying for a scholarship through the association and provided website information for those interested in obtaining additional information.

<http://www.nrha.com/>

There being no further business, Stephenie Birgenheier moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm. Hailey Hagan seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Colleen Terrazas