

4-H Council Meeting Minutes  
December 3, 2008

Present: Hailey Hagan, Amy Smith, Isaac Hunter, Kristi Cather, Charlotte Iverson, Janet Hunter, Jeri Delys, Lori Zeiser, Yvonne Moran, Joey Hennes, Jim Dixon, Colleen Terrazas and Campbell Barrett

1. **October 1, 2008 Minutes**

**Yvonne moved to accept the November 5, 2008 meeting minutes as presented. Lori Zeiser seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

2. **Budget**

The Budget Committee presented the 2008-2009 budget for approval. Changes were made in the Agent Discretionary Fund, Legislative Breakfast, Shooting Sports and Dog Project areas. **Yvonne Moran moved to accept the revised budget. Lori Zeiser seconded, which carried unanimously.**

3. **Ambassador Report**

Sam Zeiser, Kylie Tromp, and Jake McLaverty attended the Montana Association of Conservation Districts convention and performed a 4-H flag ceremony. In addition, Sam Zeiser attended Fall Ambassador Training. Regarding Club Officer Training . . . Campbell will handle the training and the Ambassadors will be present to promote the Ambassador program.

4. **4-H Foundation**

The Montana 4-H Foundation is kicking off their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary campaign. **This item was tabled until the March meeting.**

5. **Leaders Dues**

Leaders dues are \$5.00, but are optional in our county. These dollars support the Ambassador program, State and National Congress, Citizenship Washington Focus, Legislative Breakfast, Rec Lab, Leadership Forum and more.

6. **4-H License Plates**

Missoula County has three \$35.00 scholarships available for leaders in our county that we received from the Montana 4-H Council. **Charlotte Iverson moved to advertise these three scholarships in the newsletter and all who are interested can call in and give us their name. If we receive more than three names, we will have a drawing. Lori Zeiser seconded the motion which carried unanimously.**

7. **County Awards report from Amy Smith**

This year it was difficult finding judges due to that particular night we were holding County Award interviews. There was a lot going on in our community that night. 34 members showed up for interviews. Amy Smith will develop a judges list for future reference. Campbell reviewed record books and several books were returned to kids to get them up-to-date. Some members of the Council expressed concern that kids were nominated and their books were not up-to-date. Campbell will work on educating leaders on what a completed record book is.

**Informational Reports from Campbell:**

8. **Teen Council**

Campbell is interested in trying to develop a Teen Council in this county with the help of Isaac Hunter and Hailey Hagan. Campbell will invite all teens to a meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> and we'll see where it goes from there.

9. **Drama Festival**

Potomac Valley will host the event on March 7. The event will not be held unless we have at least three clubs participating. We hope to add a "Talent Show" where kids can showcase singing, dance, instruments - a maximum of 4 minutes.

10. **Horse**

- The Horse Committee is in the process of updating Western Games, Large and Miniature Horse Project Guidelines.
- Missy Miller, Horse Committee Chair, is interested in membership on the State Horse Committee and she needs a letter of recommendation. Jeri Delys wrote a rough draft and emailed it to the Council. Campbell said he would finalize the letter on proper letterhead and Jim Dixon said he would stop by and sign it.

11. **Miniature Beef**

The Livestock Committee adopted miniature beef guidelines. Miniature beef must weigh at least 500 lbs., and hip height cannot be greater than 42 inches to sell at the livestock sale. Members must declare at beef weigh in that they are raising a full-size or miniature beef.

12. **Livestock Judge**

A livestock judge has been confirmed for the 2009 Western Montana Fair.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm. The next meeting will be March 4, 2009.

Minutes submitted by Colleen Terrazas