

4-H Council Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2017

Those in attendance: Crystal Labrum, Suzette Morrill, Nicole Simmons, Dawn Sanchez, Mike Bird, Becki Frame and Jane Siegismund

Meeting was called to order by President Crystal Labrum at 6:05pm

American Pledge and 4-H Pledge were done.

The secretary report was presented Mike motions that it be accepted with the date change for achievement night from October 6th to October 23rd, second by Suzette.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved, Motion by Becki, second by Mike

Committee Reports:

County Activities Development Committee: It was decided that the meeting to discuss and set up the county contests and program outlines for the year will be January 25, 2017 at 6pm.

Shooting Sports Committee: Mike will get with everyone on the committee to see what date works for them. It was suggested that maybe try for the same date as the activities development committee. Mike will get back with us on the date and time.

Fair Board: Jane attended the last fair board meeting and gave an unofficial update. The fair board discussed maybe changing the deadline for entries to a week earlier to give more time for changes to be made. Also, discussion was held about doing a late entry charge for market animals if all the other paperwork (vet check and stall application) are done. There was also discussion about the maintenance department has been doing, specifically the pig watering system.

Program Updates:

Enrollments/Project Updates: From the state office the projects will be the same for the upcoming year. However, they will be making some changes to the state contests. There will be an email from the state 4-H office when the changes are complete. At the moment it looks like they will be getting rid of the intermediate division for contests and only have a junior and senior division for teams competing. One change at the State Fair level is that there will be no more breeding sheep showmanship at State Fair. Youth will be able to enter sheep showmanship with either a market lamb or a breeding lamb.

Quality Assurance: This year is a level year, which means that each youth needs to take the appropriate level class. Dates will be announced as they are scheduled.

Old Business:

Miniature Horse Lease: Aubrey Reger was the only applicant for one of the miniature horses. Peggy and Becki did a home visit to the Reger home. There was plenty of room, shelter, food and water for the horse. Aubrey will be taking "Cowboy", he is one of the geldings that has been at the Frame

house. The horse will have its feet trimmed and then will be given to Aubrey. There are still 4 that need to be re-homes. Three of them are at the Sanchez house and 1 is at the Frame house. We will try and recruit more kids to the program. At this time the 4 remaining horses will stay with the Sanchez and Frame's.

Leader Training: The dates for leader training are set for March 19th in Evanston and March 22nd in the Bridger Valley. The topics will be decided at a later meeting, one suggestions for a topic is fair entries.

Catch-&-Show spots: There have been some applications for the open spots. The due date for the applications is November 7th. Once the date is passed the names will be drawn and the animals will be awarded.

Council By-laws: Crystal state that these had been done. She will look for the electronic file and resend to Dawn.

Close Judging Account-Open new account: There is a very old judging account open at the bank. It was money raised many years ago for meats judging to pay for national trips. It was motioned by Nicole to close this account and roll that money into the liability account at the state foundation, so it can make more interest. Seconded by Mike, passed.

It was also motioned by Nicole and seconded by Mike to open a new account that is solely the councils and it separate from the operating money for the 4-H program. It will be changed, and new signature cards will be taken care of in January after new officers are elected. The entire executive council will be signers, also Dawn Sanchez, Kimberley Chapman and Suzy Holmes.

New Business:

Volunteer of the Month: Carter from Smith's was chosen for October.

Achievement Night Recap: everyone felt that it went well. The kids seemed to like the store. There were 118 at the dinner.

Record Books: the feedback from the people that judging record books was mixed. There was some discussion held about doing a little more training for youth on what their record books should look like. A couple of people volunteered to have their record books made into electronic files so that other kids could see what a record book should look like. The state has not done any more work on the record book app, so the record books will be turned in as paper copies and not electronic this year, motioned by Becki, seconded by Mike, passed.

County Fair Suggestions: The extension office is still collecting suggestions from members and will be presented to the fair board at a future meeting. A couple of the suggestions that they have received are that the breeding sheep and goats be allowed to use the horse barn on Friday evening before the Saturday show, another is to swap the show order for the breeding sheep show to start with the wether/sire class first and work backwards, another suggestion is to move the interview back to Monday and to move the catch-n-show contest to another day.

Facebook Auction: The council will be holding their Facebook auction again. It will start after Thanksgiving. Please try to have donations to Dawn by the 21st.

National trip funding-youth request: The request had not been submitted yet, it is coming within the week. The council will vote via email once the request has been submitted.

2018 council dates and times: The council will continue to meet on the first Monday of the month except for January 2nd, April 9th, and September 10th. The times will be 6:30pm when in the Bridger Valley to accommodate officers getting there, and 6pm in Evanston. Motioned by Mike, seconded by Suzette, passed.

Council charter goals: Please think of some new goals for the upcoming year, be prepared to discuss and vote at the January meeting.

4-H Council Scholarship: The council would like to continue with the 4-H scholarship. This year the due date will be Tuesday, April 10th due to spring break being the first week of April. The scholarships will be collected by the High School counselors this year. They will be given an addressed stamped envelope to send the applications to a third party for judging. Crystal will get with the counselors to find someone to send them to.

Announcements:

New enrollment starts for 2018 4-H year on October 1, 2017.

Beef Basic Workshop- November 20, 2017

Any other ideas for workshops, please send them to Dawn.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm. Motion made by Mike, second by Suzette

Minutes submitted by Becki Frame, volunteer leader