

Natrona County 4-H Leaders Council Meeting  
Minutes from September 28, 2009

Meeting called to order by President Darin Rodgers  
Pledges: Nicole Goddard

Attendance:, Carol Whitney, Rose Jones, Genn Taucher, Tammi Onigkeit, Jan McDaniel, Deb Matlack, Susan Balfour, Darin Rodgers, Linda Montgomery, Nancy Fenster, Colleen Campbell, Barb Gale, Jenea Goddard, Terry and Geoellen Stretesky

Excused absences: , Joyce Kler , Kellie Olson

Unexcused Pam McCluskey

Guest: Velvet Hiser, Anita McCoy and Janis Black

Minutes from the June 15, 2009 were read, motion was made by Terry Stretesky to accept minutes as read, seconded by Nancy Fenster, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report was presented by Rose Jones, will stand as read.

Correspondence: Pat Kennedy memorial thank you, thank you cards from Ryan Schwieger and Abbi Faxon were presented and a sympathy card to the Lathrop family in behalf of Homer Lathrop was signed. Colleen will visit with Kent and Gary Lathrop about a one- time award for a member in Homer's name, will report back to council.

Special reports:

Ranch City Party on track for October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Parkway. Colleen has plenty of members and leaders signed up to help for evening and Kolby Fenster and Nicole Goddard will do pledges.

Record Books: Rose reported that 198 separate record books from Converse County were judged by 10 volunteers and 104 Natrona County record books were sent to Converse for judging.

Discussion was opened about members who show up the last day record books are due at 4:20 without record books or thank you cards completed or started, keeping the 4-H staff late to help them complete the books and cards.

For reference: In the Fair Book, General Rules of the Sale: #6, Completed and approved record books (including a project story) and your "Thank You" note along with a stamped envelope to the buyer must be brought to the 4-H Office before checks are issued and to maintain sale eligibility. Each consignor must turn in a completed record book and "Thank You" note to buyer on the animals sold by September 15<sup>th</sup> to be eligible to sell next year. In addition, if these items are not turned in on time, 25% of the sellers net check will be forfeited and given to the scholarship fund.

*Motion was made by Rose Jones to send letters of reprimand to both Wolcott girls and Kaycee Vollmar who were late with records books, seconded by Barb Gale, passed unanimously.*

*Motion was made by Rose Jones to ad time of 4:00 p.m. to Rule 6 in fair book under the Junior Livestock Sale, General Rules of the Sale, seconded by Jena Goddard, passed unanimously.*

Janis Black recommendation: Colleen send letter to Vollmar that being late should not happen again and that Wolcott's should be subject to the 25% and not selling 2010 because the deadline of 4:30 on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September is in the newsletter which supersedes the fair book rule.

*Barb Gale's motion: the 4-H Council approves the recommendation stated by Janis Black, with the Junior Livestock sale Committee, Jan McDaniel seconded, passed unanimously.*

Operation Military Kids: Deb Matlack gave a report on community service project including "hero packs", the mobile tech lab, and the largest deployment in the history of Wyoming

Old business:

Carnival: dates March 27, 2010-western theme and March 12, 2011 – beach theme

Family night: November 7<sup>th</sup>, “Harvest theme” hosted by the youth council and is being catered by Arrowhead Catering

Showmanship banners: lots of positive feedback in recognizing our youth during fair

Susan Balfour: Concerned about communication of Animal Care Committee with members; way of approach with younger kids, kids had concerns when their animals were removed, attitude of Animal Care Committee was not the best or professional with the public.

Response from Colleen: They did exactly what they were asked to do by the sheep committee members. They felt doing it right at the scale was not proper so they went to the pens after weigh in, unfair to call them unprofessional.

Under New business:

Resolution request from the Central Wyoming Fair Board was tabled at Fair Board request.

Policy Decisions: Referring to Page 11 of the June/July Newsletter about Failure to report for guard duty at your scheduled time will result in the loss of premium monies. Some committees have guard duty required and superintendents can enforce this rule.

Beef committee has members choose their own guard duty and they can switch with other members if necessary. Beef committee has fund raising through fair, parking cars or selling programs at the rodeo or they pay \$10.00 to buy out of fundraising.

Susan Balfour responded to a specific issue or conflict at fair that was pursued using the chain of command, meeting was held she was concerned about way things are being enforced, some areas are difficult to enforce and should be handled on an individual basis. Velvet Hiser said in this particular instance that barn duty was signed up for 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at 5:20 p.m. this individual was outside when they were asked about their guard duty and she was asked to stay ½ later because she was ½ hour late getting in the arena. Then the individual left at 6:30 saying they were going to sell rodeo programs and did not show for selling.

Susan was not satisfied with discussion about rules and the goat superintendent was not supported at fair and goat rules were bent. There should be an appeal process for complaints or concerns for members, leaders and clubs. Darin response was in the Council By-laws Article 5, rules can be appealed.

Re-enrollment dates:

*Motion was made by Rose Jones that members need to attend 60% of club meetings, if they don't then they will not be a member in good standing and therefore not eligible for contests and shows. Seconded by Terry Stretesky, passed unanimously.*

Darin Rodgers appointed a sub-committee to review the by-laws: Terry Stretesky, Rose Jones, Darin Rodgers and Deb Matlack

Discussion on current vet check procedures: *Motion was made by Terry Stretesky that all exhibitors will be required to use the designated veterinarian hired by the 4-H Council, seconded by Jenea Goddard, motion passed unanimously.*

WELD, 2012 Western Regional Leaders forum in Wyoming will be chaired by Kim Reaman and co-chair Deb Matlack.

Pathfinder Fun Day: Hopes to be an annual fall fund raiser for the 4-H county wide, since the 2009 Fun Day the monies approx. \$3,000.00 was deposited in the Foundation and a program “Partnership 4-H Project Sponsorship” with interviews for this year on October 21<sup>st</sup>. See the newsletter for details.

Motion to adjourn by Jenea Goddard, seconded by Carol, passed unanimously.  
Respectfully submitted by *Carol Whitney*