

4-H Leaders Council Meeting November 28, 2011

Minutes accepted: January 23, 2012 4-H Leaders Council Meeting: motion by Terry Stretesky to approve minutes as corrected and modified, seconded by Anita McCoy, passed unanimously.

Attendance: Anita McCoy, Velvet Hiser, Carol Whitney, Rose Jones, Joyce Kler, Jan McDaniel, Kellie Olson, Vicki Pickett, Darin Rodgers, Geoellen Stretesky, Terry Stretesky, Keith Nachbar, Nancy Fenster, Jenea Goddard, Linda Montgomery, Sue Anderson
Youth Leadership Council: Mackenzie McCoy, Taylor Goddard, Nicole Goddard, Zoey Taucher
Excused absence-Colleen Campbell

Unexcused absence-Deb Matlack

Requested information by Brian Balfour: Livestock Show Committee members at this council meeting: Darin Rodgers, Nancy Fenster, and MacKenzie McCoy. Other show committee members not present at council: Chair-Ben Taucher, Heath Hornecker, Christy Williams, Lisa Andreen, Brock Burch and Colleen Campbell

Guests present-Tom Walters - Fair Board, Tom Jones, Isaac Lockwood, Brian and Susan Balfour, Mike Steffens, Don Pavack: with Natrona Co Farm and Ranch Bureau

Call meeting to order- President Jenea Goddard
Pledges led by Youth Council Representatives

Secretary's report- minutes from September 26, 2011 presented: *motion to accept minutes as read: Geoellen 2nd by Rose, motion passed*

Treasurer's report- Rose Jones. WY 4-H Foundation- \$18,458.19 balance & audit report, WRLF support- done through exec council electronic vote approval - budget report moved to January 2012

Correspondence- Terry Stretesky, Maya Johnson, Elizabeth Kerr, Rachel Kerr

Old Business:

Brian & Susan Balfour-

Keith Nachbar was asked to facilitate and Darin Rodgers was asked to provide information from the Livestock Show Committee.

10 minutes for each side to tell their version and additional 5 minutes for each side

Options that were suggested: "The do nothing", "limit participation to only non-livestock events", "ask them to move to another county"

Velvet Hiser – she was asked at last meeting to speak to livestock show committee members 5 min.

Darin gave a summary of what happened through the fair: July 7th Emily's mother Susan asked for waiver for number of animals the committee discussed the rule and what should happen, discussion led to vote to enforce the rule in the fair book, Colleen and Mackenzie abstained from vote, July 8th 1:00 pm Susan Balfour had registered a protest about the decision on the 7th, she amended her protest of 3 animals per class, noted other members did not follow the rules, group called for vote, protest was denied. July 11th called again at 4:00 pm there was concern about two goats being showed in an animal class. Motion to show dairy goats in showmanship only motion was carried unanimously Rule clarifications at a later date. Animals on grounds that did not have correct id animals needed to be removed from ground, July 12th another meeting, Balfour's asked to reconsider goat removal from fairgrounds, two motions placed: remove animals asap if animals are not removed, the show committee would remove the animals, if any misconduct from Balfour they would be removed from the grounds and not allowed back.

Dr. Duncan stated if these animals were not removed immediately. The entire show would be in jeopardy. Questions: Brian asked if anyone from the show committee was here, wanted to know if anyone else from the show committee at the fair was present at this council meeting. (see attendance)

Susan Balfour came tonight because of things she heard through the grapevine according to her Mr. Whipple they were supposed to be invited, they were not formally invited. If we want her to defend their position she needs time to prepare. Keith responded her comments would be considered by council.

Darin response was yes there may have been a breakdown possibly with notifying the Balfour's but that was not the concern we were talking about this evening.

Velvet said at the last meeting she was asked to speak to members of the Livestock Show Committee: she spoke to Christy Williams, Heath Hornecker, and brand inspector Doug Wilson; they felt everything was blown out of portion and they always saw her helping she should not be kicked out of 4H.

Motion made by committee as a whole:

Natrona County 4H leaders council states that Brian and Susan Balfour are admonished about their actions in the past year, specifically referring to the CWFS directives: failure to remove the goats from the fairgrounds as directed from the meetings on the 11th and 12th of July and that their behavior will not be tolerated and we further recommend if they wish to enroll or volunteer in the future as 4H leaders that the 4H educator deny their applications and participation.

Discussion followed:

Motion passed

Nay: Velvet Hiser,

Keith moved to amend motion: failure to remove the goats from the fairgrounds as directed 2nd Linda, amendment passed

Jenea welcomed the Balfour's back into the room and informed them of the council's decision. Brian asked if that meant he could not help or volunteer and Jenea responded yes and Brian said thank you. After that brief moment Brian stood and addressed the council: Does this mean the entire thing is over and Emily can move on without harassment from anyone in the future. Jenea responded yes. Brian said good because if the past was brought up again and Emily in anyway was harassed he would be visiting with someone from UW.

Anita McCoy- Ideas from Montana 4-H/ livestock—Fair Board is interested in learning more they did attend meeting about interview judging they will pursue, Anita will work on putting expos together to explain

WRLF update—by- Carol Whitney

Town & Country Party: Carol; planning meeting- October 4th at 6:00 PM
December 10th at CWF Arena

Other Old Business:

Dunk Tank for sale \$1,600.00 has some draw backs to big to be stored inside, must keep painted tires need to be maintained, has to be registered as a trailer if moved, safety issue ladders inside bolts with rust, back stop needs to be replaced, seat drop is not guarded well, railing low at top of stairs, no railing behind seat, tires are in bad shape. \$300.00 to \$500.00 to update. New on internet, portable not as well made, you could store inside \$1599.00 and up. Probably worth it but you would have on going expense to continue using.

New Business:

7:45 PM Don Pavack: Natrona County Farm & Ranch Bureau- gave an overview of the impending child labor law

Other New Business: None

Motion to Adjourn: Geoellen, passed

2012 dates for regular 7:00 PM meetings: (Youth Leadership Council from 6-7 PM)

January 23-- budget approval meeting

February 27

April 23

June 25

September 24

November 26

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carol Whitney, Natrona County 4-H Council Secretary

