

Sweetwater County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2014

Attendees: Dawn Bodin, Kyle Sabourin, Sharon Rieter and Charmaine Eno , Kristy Wardell, Christie Sabourin, Penny Lindell, Courtney McCauley, Savannah McCauley, Kate Dickinson, Patty Burton, Gerda Dickinson, Kenneth Lindell, Rex Wardell and Ian Dickinson.

Agenda:

Pledges

Minutes and Treasurer's Report

Updates from Sharon:

Concerns form discussion with Kandi and last month's meeting.

Meeting with Gail Johnson concerning investments.

Dog Equipment

4f-H Council By-Laws

Scholarship

4-H Council Fundraiser

Working Cow Horse Clinic

Quality Assurance Workshops.

Kristy Wardell called the meeting to order at 6:36 on April 21, 2014. Kate Dickinson lead the American Pledge and the 4-H Pledge.

Gerda made a motion to accept the minutes of March 17, 2014 and Kate Dickinson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The checks that were written were as follows:

1915 in the amount of 74.25 to the University of Wyoming for the food for last month's meeting.

1916 in the amount of 1195.00 to Gladstone- Showworks.

1917 in the amount of 35.51 to Michelle Brady for reimbursement for the Quality Assurance meeting in Manila.

The total amount in the bank is \$35,929.03.

Christie moved to accept the treasurer's report. Courtney seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Sharon gave us all an update on the money situation and investments. She has contracted Johnathon about how we change the names on the account. Johnathon as the head over all the 4-H groups is able to write a letter to Gail Johnson and change the name of the person that oversees the money. He is able to give Sharon the power to control that and if she leaves then it will be her successor.

So once we get that legal document then we can move forward. Courtney asked how long that would take and the answer was as long as it takes to the state office to draft the letter. After we get that letter then we can fix the tax status. In the future there will be protocols in place to account for the money. This will involve the 4-H educator and 4-H office.

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Sharon also said that she is getting a master calendar for the office so that we do not overlap fundraisers. This will take some buy in from the 4-H community.

There was some concerns about the 4-H minutes and if they are available to the public. Sharon addressed this and said that it is her hope that the minutes would be in her office within one week. Sharon will start posting them on the Sweetwater County 4-H website. Then 4-H office will email the minutes to everyone and attach a hotlink in that email. There was a question posed to Sharon. "Can we update the website?" Sharon did say that was on the list but there was some other business that needs to be taken care of before this can happen.

The scholarship committee was the next item on the agenda. There were 6 applications for the 4-H Scholarship and 2 for the Horse committee scholarship. Sharon will doodle poll those people on the committee for the 4-H scholarship. The applications for the Horse committee will be given to Patti so that they can choose the winners at the next Horse Committee Meeting.

Sharon said that she read the Council by-laws as well as some from other counties. She recommended that we do not change them at this time. She believes that we should keep these by-laws unless that is not working. Sharon said she would bring a section of the by-laws to each council meeting and we will review them if we wanted her to do that. Courtney made a motion that Sharon brings a by-law to each meeting so that we can review. Kate seconded the motion. There was some discussion on the by-laws as well as the wording Sweetwater/Dagget County. Motion carried.

Someone asked if the by-laws could be posted on the Sweetwater county website. Sharon said she would get that done.

Courtney was asked by Kristy if there was any progress in getting a list of Dog equipment and prices for that equipment. Courtney said that she has been unable to contact some of the people that have the dog equipment and some dog leaders. She feels like there is not enough communication between all involved. Courtney does not want to make all the decisions and that everyone needs to be on the same page. Sharon suggested we buy equipment and start an office inventory so that we know where it is in the future. We will start building a new inventory. Courtney felt that the things that they need right now that none of the clubs have are the upper level jumps (adjustable jumps), tire jumps and candle jumps. She will get us some prices.

Kristy brought forth the next item on the agenda, the budget and a fundraiser. She was asked what our mission for the fund raiser. She said that the mission is the budget or to afford the thing that we have been funding for years. In order to maintain what we have done in the past we need to make about \$10000.00. Some ideas were discussed. Charmaine said she would check into the side by side. There was some discussion on how many tickets the kids would have to sell. Gerda suggested that there be a completion selling the tickets to give the kids some motivation for selling the tickets. We could maybe so some incentive prizes. Sharon suggested that Charmaine could put something together and present it at the next meeting. Gerda will put the competition together and will report at next meeting.

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There was some final comments. The working cow horse clinic was great. There will be another Quality Assurance meeting the first week in June. Sharon did not know that date yet. This will be so that we can get those transitional kids their training.

Kate made a suggestion that we place a 20 minute limit on discussions. There was some discussions. Charmaine made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kate seconded the motion and meeting was adjourned by Kristy .