

Lake County 4-H Council
Minutes
Tuesday, September 1, 2009
6:00 pm

Call to Order - Trevor

Pledges

Minutes of July meeting - Jennifer

Correspondence

Treasurer's Report – Dawn

Council Checking \$13,163.86

Awards \$384.38

CD \$5,233.81

Savings \$25,535.79

Reports –

State Congress-Michaela Blevins told about her trip. The Livestock Judging team took 7th overall team in the State Contest, Dawn and Kelsie Blevins were both state finalists in the State Fashion Revue. Dances were held every night and several key note speakers were enjoyed. Michaela and Kelsie Clairmont both attended the First Aid/CPR Workshop and received their certification.

Fair-Everyone talked about good and bad things about the fair.

Concession Stand-Jennifer Davis -Everything went well not sure on profit yet as we are still waiting on receipts.

Market Livestock-Craig Blevins - We are at the maximum number of animals that White's can handle but other than that it really well.

Old Business:

Background checks for 4H volunteers for leader certification – Will be mandated to conduct beginning October 1. Cost is expected to be \$10 to \$12 per volunteer. Will Council help pay all or a portion of this fee? Will they provide payment of this fee for those who would have difficulty paying fee (and how would we determine this as a difficulty)? Need support from Council as this process begins. Craig moved to pay the fee for current leaders and all new leaders will have to pay the fee themselves to become a leader. Michaela seconded it and it passed. Current \$5.00 Foundation fee paid by leaders will continue to be paid by leaders or clubs as has been done in the past.

New Business:

Leader Orientations for Organizational Leaders – A general 4-H Orientation will be required as part of the new leader certification process. Orientations for club organizational leaders will be held Thursday, September 17th or on Friday, September 18th, both at 6:00 pm. September 17th the Orientation will be held at the Extension Office. September 18th the Orientation will be held in Polson at Nori's house. A quick easy meal that you can prepare with members at a 4-H meeting will be served and we will also share at least one activity that you can do at a meeting. Organizational leaders, please call the office (676-4271) to reserve

a spot at one of these meetings. Both orientations will conclude by 8:00 pm. Organizational leaders need attend only one of these.

Montana 4-H Centennial 2012 – Individuals interested in working on what events will happen are needed. Quarterly conference calls and meetings may be held at statewide events. The committee is looking for diverse strengths including organization skills, marketing, creativity, fund development and knowledge of heritage and culture. Nominations due in state office by September 14.

Achievement Program –We set this for October 9th from 6:30pm to 9pm. Michaela Blevins moved to have council purchase the meat for achievement night with the rest potluck. Craig seconded. Motion passed.

Montana 4-H Tribute to Excellence Award

This award goes to a leader who is making a unique, innovative, special contribution to our 4-H program, positively affecting the lives of Lake County youth and creating a standard of excellence that helps motivate and encourage others. Would we like to nominate someone? One leader from each district will be selected to receive this award. Application due in State Office September 15th.

Outstanding 4-H Alumni –

Each year a former 4-H club member is recognized and honored for contributions promoting, supporting, and enhancing the benefits of youth and adult involvement in the 4-H program. This person has made a difference for Montana 4-H and is committed to the values and mission of the 4-H program. Nominees should be leaders, mentors and role models for their peers and other community members. Honorees are recognized with a presentation at a state 4-H event and receive a plaque in appreciation for their contributions and accomplishments to the Montana 4-H program. We voted to nominate Beth Blevins.

Little Chief Award – To be given at Achievement Night. Please give application to a senior member from your club you think exemplifies the standards of this award, or nominate someone from your club.

Montana Leaders' Forum – September 25 & 26, Sydney Registration available.

Fruit Sales/Fundraising –Council voted to do the fruit sales again. We also decided that if FFA was to do it again there would be a \$1 handling fee for each box they purchase to cover 4-H handling and sorting boxes. Jennifer Davis is Chairman.

Appoint Budget Audit Committee – Jennifer Davis and Craig Blevins volunteered to do the audit for this year.

4-Health Focus Group

4-H parents are wanted to participate in Focus Group Planning Meeting October 6 5:30 to 8:30 pm & 7 9:00am to 12:00pm. Parents of a “tweens” age 8 to 12 needed, 3 hours sessions with a great meal to talk about the project. Earn \$100 for your time and effort. Call Nori at 676-4271 to reserve a spot.

Proposed Amendments to By-Laws – Michaela Blevins moved to accept the following proposed changes to the by laws. Craig Blevins seconded. Motion passed.

<Addition> Article 9 – Elections – Qualifications

Add the word “certified”. Will read “Candidate must be an adult certified leader of the Council.

<Addition> Article 10 – Representatives to Other Boards –

4-H Council Representatives to other boards, including but not limited to Lake County Fair Board and Fair Market Livestock Committee will be nominated at regular Council elections in September (when needed). Candidates must be an adult certified 4-H leader (voting will be the same criteria as for Council Officers (article 9). Primary duties will be to attend 4-H Council Meetings and meetings of the Committee to which they are elected to be a representative to, or to find a suitable replacement to attend the meeting in their place; and to act as a liaison between 4-H Council and the committee to which they are elected, relaying information from both parties which pertains to 4-H's involvement. These 4-H Council Representatives will not have voting privileges of the committee to which they are elected, unless the committee to which they are elected chooses to allow voting privileges for the Council Representative.

The term of office shall be for two (2) years. Representatives may serve for two consecutive terms to the same office. Any representative may be elected again to the same office after a two year period. Vacancies may be filled at any Council meeting following the announcement of the vacancy.

<Revision> Article 10 – Amendments – Shall become Article 11.

Nomination of Officers- The following individuals were nominated for offices. Election will be held at the meeting held November 3rd. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at that time.

President-Trevor Moticka

Treasurer-Dawn Atchley

Fair Board-Jan Lake and Marla Gullickson

Market Livestock Committee-

Upcoming Events:

Fairboard – September 8 & October 13 7:00 pm, Extension Office

Mission Range Event Complex Planning Meeting – September 16th; 6:00 pm

Ronan Harvest Festival – September 19, all day

Ambassadors/Youth Leadership Meeting – September 23, 6:30 pm (PIZZA!)

Food & Fitness Fair & Run/Walk – September 23, 9 am to 8 pm

End of Year Leader's Information Due – September 25th 5:00 pm

Little Chief Applications Due – September 25th 5:00 pm

4Health – October 6 & 7

National 4-H Youth Science Day – October 7

Colors Training – October 8 6:00 pm

Red Ribbon Week – October 25 – October 30

National 4-H Week Oct 4th thru 10th

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 3rd, 6:00 pm, Extension Office Meeting Room. To add items to the agenda, please contact Nori Pearce 676-4271.