

The meeting of the Teton County 4-H Council was called to order on September 9, 2014 at 6:30pm at the Chateau Library. The meeting was called to order by President Abigail Konen. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. Members/leaders present were: Abigail Konen, Hannah Konen, RJ Snyder, Tammy Townsend, Annie Townsend, and extension agent, Jane Wolery.

Treasurer's report was presented by RJ Snyder: income from October 1, 2013 to September 9, 2014 was \$27773.87 and Expenses were \$21674.41. Balance in the business checking is \$12238.55, variable CD \$16732.65 and savings \$11029.94 for a total of \$40001.14. A bill was submitted for \$65 to pay for the 4-H online software. It was moved and seconded and the motion passed. A bill was also submitted for a contribution to the state 4-H horse show. It was moved and seconded to contribute \$50. The motion passed.

A thank you from Chottie Crary for the Anne Wiprud scholarship was read.

Announcements were read regarding the following:

- Montana 4-H Leadership forum to be held September 26-27 at the United Methodist camp on Flathead Lake
- Treasurer books are due to the extension office between Oct 1 and 31.
- Alberta Leaders Forum will be Jan 9-11 in Edmonton. An application is required and MT 4-H council does help with costs.
- Volunteer Excellence webinars
- MIWW – district competition will be held Nov 8 in Great Falls.

Committee reports:

- Livestock – no representative present – meets 9/15/14
- Exchange – not scheduled to meet until next year before beginning of new cycle
- Awards & Fair – no meeting yet
- Budget & Audit – will meet prior to November council meeting
- Textiles – met 9/9/14 and discussed community service opportunities, state awards, and style show
- Record books – quality judging is being completed – winners to be announced soon
- Horse – meets 9/15/14

Other reports:

- Camp report given by Annie Townsend. Was a positive experience for both campers and counselors, and attendance was up.
- Bioscience report was given by Daniel Asselstine. He had a very positive report on the week the bioscience spent in Bozeman. The group continues to meet regularly.

It was discussed that an ambassador coach is needed. Ambassador applications are due September 15. The license plate drawing is complete – the buyer whose name was drawn has declined, so another name will be chosen, and the Crary family won the 4-H family drawing.

Due to changes being driven by MSU, there will need to be a by-law review completed. A committee will be appointed by the November meeting.

Educational plans for the year were discussed, including continuation of the clover classes and project days. It was felt that both are beneficial – the members present especially liked the opportunity it gives for kids from all over the county to be part of them at once.

The 100 year extension centennial challenge was discussed. Everyone is challenged to do things that are for the betterment of their communities – as clubs or as individuals. Activities should be completed by October 10.

It was discussed that all changes for fair next year are due by December 1.

Election of secretary and vice president was held. Individuals are elected for a 2 year period. Marla Holmquist was elected as secretary and Annie Townsend was elected as vice president. Thanks to the nominating committee of Hannah Konen and Watson Snyder. Jane was very appreciative and impressed with their work.

The next council meeting will be November 18 at 6:30 in Choteau. Options for joining the meeting by telephone and video were discussed.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:40.