

## Teton County Leader's Council Minutes

April 20, 2009

The April Leader's Council meeting was held at the Power School in Power. The meeting was called to order by Extension Agent Jane Wolery. President Krista Briscoe took over when she arrived. Members present were: Karen Gundlach, Leona Summerfeld Deanna Bergmeier, Sally Heischer, Susan Heischer, Krista Brisco, Terry Stephens and Extension Agents Jane Wolery and Mark Major. We dispensed with the pledges. Leona moved and Susan 2<sup>nd</sup> that we dispense with the reading of the minutes. Karen moved and Leona 2<sup>nd</sup> that we approve the minutes. Motion passed. Jane went over the Treasurer's report.

**Bills Submitted**-Shelby Beck submitted her registration fee for Citizenship Seminar. Terry moved and Karen 2<sup>nd</sup> that Council pay 2/3 of her registration. Motion passed.

Janae and Jayelynn Ruckman submitted their registration fees for a regional livestock judging seminar in Idaho. Karen moved and Terry 2<sup>nd</sup> that we pay 2/3 of Jayelynn's registration fee. After much discussion, the motion failed. Leona suggested that Ruckman's bring more information to the next meeting, and that we get more information from the Treasurer on reimbursement of similar events.

Sarah Hodgskiss was the speaker at the Legislative Breakfast and in the past Council has paid a \$40 stipend to help cover expenses for the speaker. Karen moved and Leona 2<sup>nd</sup> that we pay the \$40 stipend. Motion passed.

### Committee Reports

**Livestock**- Terry reported Livestock Committee met in March. They have repaid the loan to the Weatherbeater for the multi-purpose building. It was also decided that members will have to attend either the carcass event at Crossroads Meats in Shelby or the event in Choteau to receive county carcass awards. The Grievance and Policy committees have been set up.

**Exchange**- Karen reported that they had to change the dates of travel to the 16<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> of July. They are going to Minnesota. One member won't be able to go because of a family commitment, and forfeited her travel deposit. The member understood and was fine with this. Karen also pointed out that this Exchange Group is basically done with their term, so any future members and parents who want to be part of Exchange should be planning on working on fundraising projects this summer. These would include cleaning the Pavilion after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, selling concessions at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Rodeo and the cherry sale.

**Fair**- Susan reported that the theme is "Skills Under Construction" There will be a family dance Friday night, and possibly skill builder workshops during the interview judging.

**Awards** – Canvas folding chairs will be given out for Weatherbeater events, and plaques with medallions will be given out at the Pavilion.

**Budget and Audit**- no report.

**Textiles**-This committee will meet at 5:30 Friday, April 24.

**Record Books**- This committee needs to set up a date in August to judge record books.

### Other Reports

**Montana 4-H Council**- Terry reported that they met in January and had a conference call on April 15. All volunteers will be required to have a criminal background check done in the fall of 2010. The cost will be \$10 per person and will be paid by the volunteers or their counties. Rec Lab in Forsyth was well attended and Leaders forum will be in eastern Montana in the fall.

**Montana 4-H Foundation**- Terry reported that Old Agency and Spring Creek 4-H clubs have both done the \$40 club challenge. All clubs that do this will receive a certificate of appreciation and those participating by May 31<sup>st</sup> will be entered in the Party Box drawing at Congress.

### Unfinished Business

**Chuckwagon dinner payment update**- Grammy B's reimbursed us for the overpayment for the Chuckwagon dinner. Council and Livestock committee will split the cost of the dinner this year. Mark put out advertisements for a licensed food purveyor to provide the meat. He has received one bid and has had two other inquiries.

**PA System**-Council had budgeted \$2000 to purchase a new PA system. Jane was able to get a large system and a smaller system for about \$1500. Leona moved and Karen 2<sup>nd</sup> that we put a temporary policy in effect that we keep the system for 4-H and Extension use until a permanent policy can be made. Motion passed. A sub-committee made up of Krista, Diane, Karen and Leona will work on the permanent policy.

**4-H Camp-** The counselors will go on July 14 and the campers will attend July 15-17 at Camp Rotary. Cindy Luoma is the director, and we need a co-director to assist her and work into the director's position. We also have no male counselors.

**Mini-Congress-** This committee needs to agree on a date. Jane will send out ballots with 3 date choices. The theme is "4-H U Fit".

**Cowboy Action Shooting-** Mark has 12 members signed up with 3 more interested. There were 11 shooters and 9 others at the first shoot at the Sun River Rangers Range. Mark had applied for an NRA grant to help fund start-up, but was turned down. Council had agreed to fund \$400 to the project if the grant was received. Mark requested that Council still give \$400 for start-up costs. Leona moved and Karen 2<sup>nd</sup> that we give \$400 to help with the start-up of this project. Motion passed.

**State Awards-** Shelby Beck and Colton Stephens are both applying this year.

**Friends of 4-H-** We will be giving 3 awards at the sale this year.

**Teton County Extension web page update-** If anyone has ideas or suggestions for the webpage, they should contact the office. The fairbooks are on the web page, and by next fall members should be able to fill out forms on-line.

**Club Dues-** One club was one day late with their dues, and one of the new clubs was having trouble getting their bank account set up, so they had called Jane to request time to get their finances in order. Jane made an executive decision to allow the new club to get their account set up then pay their dues. Since we allowed another club to pay their dues 1 day late last year, it was decided that we had to follow suit this year with the other late club. There will be a "no exceptions" clause enforced next year.

#### **New Business**

**10 Year Awards-** There will be 5 of these given out at school assemblies in the county this year. Terry moved and Deanna 2<sup>nd</sup> that Jane purchase awards with a value of around \$10 for these members. Motion passed.

**Yearly Theme-** It was suggested that we pick one theme in the fall, and use that for all events for the year, with the exception of camp. People need to be thinking of ideas to bring to the September meeting.

**Horse Committee-** The Horse committee has been acting as a subcommittee of the Livestock committee. This committee should probably be on independent, like textiles, fair and others. The constitution needs to be reviewed and amended to do this. A subcommittee of Tammy Townsend, Shelby Beck and Terry Stephens will review the constitution and consider adding another standing committee.

**4-H Congress-** Members need to commit to going by April 25. Congress will be held in Bozeman July 7-10.

**Ambassador Applications-** Mark hasn't received any applications yet, and the deadline is Friday, April 24. He may consider extending the deadline and sending out postcards to all members 14 and older. He does have judges lined up.

**Concert in Park-** There is going to be a community concert going on in the city park during the Chuckwagon dinner this year. A request was made that we allow the band to eat at the Chuckwagon dinner. It was agreed to defer to the Livestock committee on this decision. Mark will find out how many extra people will be involved.

**Nominating Committee-** A new President and Treasurer need to be elected at the fall meeting. Krista and Diane will be the nominating committee.

**Volunteer Screening Policy-** Jane read over the upcoming policy for the background checks for leaders.

**Succession Training-** We need to be inviting new people to Council meetings and to fully integrate new leaders and members into council.

**Other Youth Education Events-** Colton's beef meetings are going really well with 12-15 members showing up at each one. He is hoping to have a practice show in May for members to bring their animals to the Weatherbeater to get them used to the environment. He has also arranged for Brandan Annala to do a fitting clinic in conjunction with the Marias and Teton Feeder Show on June 6 at the Weatherbeater. All members are welcome to attend the clinic.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> in Pendroy. Terry will try to get reservations at the Rose Room for dinner for anyone who is interested.