

# Teton County 4-H Council Minutes

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The Leader's Council meeting was held on August 24, 2010, at the Pendroy School in Pendroy. The meeting was called to order by President Cynthia Rice.

Members in attendance were Jeff Martinson, Terry Stephens, Linda Grossman, Dawn Sullivan, Kayla Breen and Extension agent Jane Wolery.

Kayla led the American Pledge and Linda led the 4-H Pledge.

Jane read the minutes from the previous meeting.

Kayla moved and Jeff seconded that we accept the minutes as read.

Jeff gave the treasurer's report. Our checking account balance is considerably more than this time last year.

Jane requested that Jeff have an expense report for fair and camp for the budget meeting. Terry moved and Kayla seconded that we accept the treasurer's report.

## Presentations

**Camp-** Dawn and Kayla both said that camp went really well. It was a small group but they had fun. The improvements made to Camp Rotary are very nice. Cynthia would like a group of people to go together to buy a table at the Harvest Howl, which supports Camp Rotary. Linda will check out the date for the event. The Camp Rotary improvement dedication is this Saturday. On the same line of discussion, the Rotary Club is ready for the Townsend memorial money. This will be used for the lights in the open air pavilion. We need a plaque in recognition to go in the pavilion. Jeff moved and Linda seconded that we explore an outdoor plaque in the \$200 to \$250 range to be funded by the council so the balance in the memorial fund can be given to the Rotary Club in its entirety. Motion passed. Jane will look into the plaque.

**Congress-** Kacey Gollehon received her State Award and got seconded in the Fashion Revue, Shelby Beck got 1st in demonstrations and Colton Stephens served on the Tech Crew and got 6th in the WHEP competition. Cody Ulsh, Connor Hodgskiss and Katie Townsend were first year attendees. We had a small delegation, but it was a lot of fun.

**Correspondence & Announcements-** Thank you notes were passed around from Melody Martinson and Julia Stott. A letter about a fund raising opportunity from Hot Stuff Pizza was passed around, as well as a letter from State Foundation.

## Committee Reports

**Livestock-** Terry reported Livestock Committee met on August 19, but she was unable to attend. Only 2 people attended, so no action was taken on any business.

**Exchange-** They had a great time in Pennsylvania. They haven't met since they got home, but will meet in September.

**Fair-** The rental charge on the Pavilion has gone up. Our rent for fair week will increase by \$325. We may have to look at setting up later in the week, to decrease the number of days that we rent the pavilion, or consider the rent as a way to support the facility.

**Awards** – no report

**Budget and Audit-** no report.

**Textiles-**no report.

**Record Books-** Books were judged prior to the council meeting. Susan Heuscher and Connor Hodgskiss received purple ribbons in the senior division; Chottie Crary received a purple ribbon in the junior division; Connor Crary received a purple ribbon in the pre-junior division. All of these members will also receive \$20 from council. (Editor's Note: There may be some further review of record books submitted for quality due to a mix up with some forms.)

## Unfinished Business

**Camp-** The State Congress dates were pushed back 1 week because of the 4th of July. Jane was able to get the camp dates moved to July 19-22. The camp committee needs to look at options to get more members to attend. It would also be good to get a cost per camper break down. Another idea would be to lobby to non-4-Hers to attend camp. Nick and Chuck Dale did a repelling workshop at camp. Kayla moved and Dawn seconded that we pay mileage to the driver in the amount of \$102.50. motion passed. (Editor's Note: Jane contacted Chuck, who drove, and he declined the mileage reimbursement, stating, "It was for a good cause.")

**10 Year Awards-** These are based on years of enrollment, not counting cloverbud years. We will ask the awards committee to look into what the award should be. Another idea was to place an ad in the yearbooks for the members receiving the awards.

**Organizational Leader Training-**Jane is meeting with all the organizational leaders. The meetings are about two hours each.

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Things are changing in 4-H (lower camp enrollment, fewer members at Congress, low attendance at Council and committee meetings). We might need to find a different approach to reach more people and generate more interest in these events. One possibility could be reducing the number of Council meetings, or doing one meeting per year as a conference call.

**Record Books-** The changes for completion and quality were reviewed. It was decided to change the "Community Service" area to "Community Service and other activities". Terry moved and Linda seconded that we dispense with the second reading of the guidelines. Motion passed. Jeff moved and Dawn seconded that we accept the draft with the change indicated for record book policy. Motion passed.

**Shooting Sports-** Brian Bedord attend pistol training. His registration was \$50. It had been previously decided that Council will pay for registration to leader training events. Jane will ask Brian to fill out a request for reimbursement.

Upcoming trainings will be held in Conrad and Helena. Interested leaders can contact Mark for information.

**Volunteer Certification-** Council pays the cost of the background check for new leaders.

**Curriculum Purchases-** There have been a lot of changes to curriculum, with some increased cost of project books. The new Cloverbud book costs \$20. It was agreed that Council should pay for all curriculum for members, including Cloverbuds. Jane will also direct members to the website where they can download curriculum.

## New Business

**Sponsorships-TMC** would like to sponsor the Demonstration Day by providing awards and a healthy snack and possibly doing a presentation on health. Jane has been checking into the policy on businesses sponsoring 4-H events, and has found current practices to be in compliance.

**Taylor Challenge-**State Foundation has been presented the opportunity for the Ruth & Vernon Taylor Foundation to match money that Montana 4-H raises up to \$100,000. All donations have to be designated for the Taylor 4-H Endowment Challenge 2010-2011. Foundation has suggested a "Change for the Challenge" fundraiser for members and clubs to gather change throughout the year to help meet the goal.

**Food Drive-**Mark will be helping with this in Choteau this year. Susan Heuscher has volunteered to be a leader for this as well. Jane will help the other communities in the county if they want to organize something.

**Club Rotations-**Challenging Champs would like to do the Chuckwagon Dinner again. Jane will let them know that they are welcome to contact the clubs assigned this year to see if one of them would like to trade. The Council recommended leaving rotations as they are.

**Voting for Vice-President/Secretary-**Susan Heuscher is willing to serve as Vice-President and Jennifer Ulsh is willing to serve as Secretary. Kayla moved and Jeff seconded that we accept the volunteers. Motion passed.

**4-Heath Program-** This is a study being done in 6 counties in the state. It is for families with members 8 to 12 years of age. 1 parent or guardian needs to attend a pre and post-assessment and 10 ninety minute sessions. The study focuses on several areas including parenting, diet, exercise and healthy lifestyles. Participants are reimbursed for their time. 6 to 10 families are needed for the study. Jane will contact families with members in the age range.

**Make It With Wool-**Terry moved and Kayla seconded that we continue to support the district and state competitions at the same level as previous years. Motion passed.

**Other Youth Education Events-**Demonstration day is scheduled for November 21. The committee needs to meet to organize this.

The next meeting will be in November in Choteau. The Budget and Audit Committee will meet, followed by Council. Jane will Doodle members of both committees to find a time, and organize a place.

