

Teton County 4-H Council Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Cynthia Rice on February 2, 2010. Members present were Becky LaValley, Joy Ostberg, Anne Rice, Kaylee Briscoe, Jeff Martinsen, Shelby Beck, Colton Stephens, Terry Stephens, and Extension Agents Mark Major and Jane Wolery. The pledges were recited and introductions were made.

Shelby brought her scrapbook from her National 4-H Congress trip and told about the experience. She said it was a wonderful trip with lots of tours, great workshops, community service projects and a chance to meet lots of new people. Colton also talked about the trip, and mentioned that the boys won the clean room award and donated their \$100 prize to the Montana 4-H Foundation. Both members agreed that it is something that all members should try to experience.

Colton also told about his duties on the National 4-H Conference Program Committee. He said that the retreat in November went well, and they worked on a lot of different ideas. Instead of the Clover Cruise, they will be having a Night at the Museum for the closing banquet. He likes working with the different people on the committee. Montana is not sending a delegation this year, so he wants to work on promoting the Conference so members will apply to attend next year.

Kaylee moved and Shelby seconded that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as written. Motion passed. Jeff is the new treasurer. He reported that expenses are up a bit because of paying for the leader certifications. He presented a detail of profit and loss from last year compared to February of this year. Terry moved and Kaylee seconded that we approve the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Correspondence & Announcements: Thank you's from Jena Sinton, Kacey Gollehon, Montana Make It with Wool and the Montana 4-H Foundation were passed around. The Fairfield Demonstration Day will be held March 8 at 7:00. Members need to let Joy know if they are planning on qualifying for Congress with

their presentation. A letter from Heather McCartney requesting help with a welcoming social for the Rocky Boy basketball teams was passed around. No action was taken. The Anne Wiprud Scholarship deadline is March 1. The Boe Brother's and State 4-H Scholarship deadlines are April 1. 4-H Camp Counselor applications are due Feb. 16.

Committee Reports

Livestock- Terry reported that they met on January 25. The only major change made was that the livestock paperwork and ear tag pictures will be due on the same date from now on, with only one late fee applied. There seemed to be too much confusion with the old system. April 16 will be the deadline for swine and sheep. Nico Cantoloupo from Fallon-Carter County will be the large animal judge for the fair this year.

Exchange- This has had a bumpy start because they are switching over to traveling the first year of the project, instead of the seconded as in the past. They have 16 members, and need one more chaperone. It would be good to have 1 male chaperone. They will be traveling to Pennsylvania July 24-30.

Fair and Awards Committees- These 2 committees need to meet. Jane will "Doodle" the members of these committees to set a time and place.

Budget and Audit- no report

Textiles- Kacey Gollehon held a sewing meeting and donated hats and gloves. Jane did a Level 1 project meeting.

Record Books- no report

Montana 4-H Council- Terry is the new district Chairperson and Beth Ann Hodgskiss the new Vice-Chair.

Unfinished Business

Camp- We need a new director. Jane will work with Cindy Luoma (the current director) to get a co-director to work into this position.

State Awards- Any members planning to apply should be working on these. Members looking to apply in the future should talk to Jane about what they need to be doing in their projects to have a good application.

Enrollment Update- Leader numbers are up,

but this is probably due to the certification that was required this year for everyone over 18 in an Exchange household.

Friends of 4-H- We need ideas of people who have helped the 4-H program. Jane will put a notice in the newsletter. She will also look back to see who has received this honor in the past.

4-H Council Budget- Cynthia went over this with us. This was the second reading of the budget. Colton moved and Kaylee seconded that we accept the budget. Motion passed.

4-H Council Constitution- This was presented for a seconded reading. A few minor changes in wordage were suggested. Jane will make these. Colton moved and Joy seconded that we accept the Constitution with the recommended changes. Motion passed.

New Business

Committee Meetings- Jane has discovered a “Doodle” program that allows all members of a committee to be contacted by e-mail with a choice of times for meetings. She will use this to set meeting times.

10 Year Awards- These will be given out at the school award’s assemblies. Cynthia will present the awards in Choteau, and Cindy will present them in Fairfield.

4-H Congress- Members need to let Jane know by April 30 if they are planning on attending. A form will be included in the newsletter.

Ambassador Program- Youth 14 and older are encouraged to apply. The deadline is April 14, and the selection will be made in May.

Shooting Sports- Mark announced that the Sun River Rough Riders 4-H Project Club is up and running. They have 10-12 members and have elected officers. They will hold shoots on the 4th Saturday of each month from March through September, with the exception of June. There will be a Shooting Sports leader training in Fairfield. Jeff moved and Kaylee seconded that we pay the \$50 registration fee for any leaders attending the training. Motion passed.

Club Notice- A letter regarding civil rights was sent out to organizational leaders. All clubs need to sign an agreement that they are

inclusive, not exclusive.

Jane is doing the IRS reporting for all the clubs and committees. It is very important that clubs and committees get their Treasurer’s books into the office for auditing so that Jane can have the information needed to do the IRS reporting.

Nominating Committee- Cynthia and Terry will find leaders willing to run for vice-president and secretary.

Suggestions for the Newsletter- Most people agreed that they like having both the hard copy and Internet option on the newsletter. Let Jamie know if there are any changes that you would like to see with the newsletter.

Youth Education Events- Colton will hold a beef meeting on February 13 in Choteau. The focus of this meeting will be on meats identification. Kaylee is working with new members, Susan Rice is working with the Cloverbuds, Kacey Gollehon is working with the textile members. There are possibly 2 upcoming horse events. Quality Assurance will be held in early April in Choteau and Fairfield.

The next meeting will be held in Power in April. Jane will Doodle members for date and time preferences, and will check with Challenging Chaps about hosting the meeting. Colton moved and Shelby seconded that the meeting be adjourned.