

# Teton County 4-H Council Minutes

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**January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Attendance: Jane Wolery, Cynthia Rice, Sally Heuscher, Jennifer Ulsh, Jeff Martinsen, Kayla Breen, Susan Heuscher, Janae Ruckman, Dawn Smith-Sullivan

**Unfinished Business:**

Organizational Leader meeting/training discussion:

Consensus is that although attendance is low at Council meetings, leaders are generally satisfied with the decisions that are being made.

Taylor Challenge: This is a program that allows 4-H to raise funds and the Taylor Challenge will match our efforts. A few options were discussed to raise money as follows: Kiss a Pig at the fair, challenging all clubs in the state to donate, bake sales. Members are encouraged to talk to their clubs regarding Taylor's Challenge.

4-H Treasurers Books: As of the meeting, the following clubs need to turn in their Treasurer's books: Falcons, Golden Prairie, Teton Wranglers, Exchange Club. The tax reporting for clubs is likely to change as National 4-H does not want clubs to be lumped as one. On a positive note, our county's yearly audit of accounts has made reporting much easier.

Budget Review: There was a second reading of the proposed budget. Kayla Breen moved to accept it, Jeff Martinsen seconded the motion.

Shooting Sports: As the shooting sports division is not a standing committee, it might be worthwhile to add it next time the constitution is reviewed. Mark Major appreciates the council's support of the program.

Record Book – printing options: Jane received quote from local printer which she has available for review. No decisions have been made as of yet and the topic is still open for discussion. It was decided to talk to the record book committee about what they would like and whether or not the forms should be in color.

Centennial Display: A Centennial display was created by Terry Stephens and committee. The name of the display is Weaving through the Generations. It will be on display in the Capitol building in April.

Project leader recruitment results: 4 or 5 articles were published looking for possible project leaders. There were 4 to 5 adults that responded with interest but have not filled out leadership paperwork as of yet. Currently we have knitting, food, shooting, and sewing meetings going on. There is possible interest among leaders to help in small engines and photography if there is interest within the clubs.

**New Business:**

Rec Lab 2012: District 3 (our district) will host in 2012, an invitation will be sent out during the 2011 Rec Lab which is in Shelby April 1<sup>st</sup> thru April 3<sup>rd</sup>. A committee needs to be formed to organize this event. The last one held in our district was in 2004 in Choteau. Rec Lab is an event for 13 to 18 year olds that is geared towards camp counselors and leaders in 4-H. 4-H Ambassadors have been working on this a little and are considering a theme based around the Centennial.

State Awards: Susan Heuscher plans to apply, anyone else?

Friends of 4-H nominations: The council is accepting nominations for this award. Recipients will be announced at the fair.

Nominating Committee (President and Treasurer): These positions will end in August of this year. It is a 2 year term. Beth Ann was nominated to the nominating committee.

Succession Training: Please remember to invite leaders and junior leaders.

Other Education Events: The state Horse Livestock judging competition will be held in Helena this weekend.

**Committee Reports:**

Livestock Committee: This committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday at 7:00 in Choteau.

Exchange Committee: Students will be arriving sometime between July 21-31<sup>st</sup>. T-shirts are being designed.

Fair Committee: Jane will help organize meetings via Doodle polls. The Disney theme from camp will be continued at the fair. There are some sections in the fair book that have changed. There has been a Dairy Cows section added and the Photography project books have changed the curriculum.

Awards Committee: No report. Have not met yet.

Budget & Audit: The budget was reviewed and approved.

Textile Committee: Have not met yet.

Record Books: No report. Forms need to be reviewed.

**Other Reports:**

Montana 4-H Council: Is designing a brochure for 4-H. Working on Taylor's Challenge.

Montana 4-H Foundation: No report.

Next meeting time/place : Meeting will be in Power, date and time to be determined. Possibly April 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30.

Submitted by Jennifer Ulsh, council secretary