

Teton County 4-H Council Minutes

November 3rd, 2010

Attendance: Jane Wolery, Cynthia Rice, Sally Heuscher, Jennifer Ulsh, Jeff Martinsen, Debra Briscoe, Kayla Breen, Terry Stephens, Susan Heuscher, John Gundlach

Unfinished Business:

Organizational Leader meeting/training discussion: Jane has met with all but one club's leaders and has collected the required paperwork from them including Civil Rights form, EIN, EZ990, charters, etc. EIN requirement may be changing in the future.

Shooting Sports: Jason Asselstine was reimbursed \$50 for pistol training. There are some upcoming trainings for shooting sports leaders. There will be one in Kalispell December 3 and 4th, the deadline for registration is November 29th.

Taylor Challenge: Terry Stephens volunteered to organize a Kiss-A-Pig fund raiser at the fair to raise money for Taylor's challenge. All agreed that this would be a good fund raiser and that we should have members of the community outside of 4-H involved.

Food Drive: On October 16th 1400 pounds of food was donated to the Choteau Food Pantry. Kayla Breen noted that the Food Pantry does throw out expired food.

New Business:

Legislative Breakfast: This will be held on Monday January 18th and Tuesday January 19th in Helena. January 18th is Martin Luther King day and the kids will be out of school. This is a highly attended event where children from 4-H have the opportunity to meet with representatives from their district and tour the capital as well as sit in on legislative sessions. Montana for 4-H sponsors this event. They are made up of independent volunteers. Kayla Breen has volunteered to take a group of members, if her schedule allows. Deadline for county contact person is November 12th.

Demo Day: Demo Day is set for Saturday November 20th from 5 to 8pm. Currently there are 5 or 6 members registered. The deadline is November 11th.

4-H Treasurer's Books: These need to be turned in as soon as possible. Several clubs have turned theirs in already.

District Meeting Conference Call: We are part of District 3. In 2012 we're hosting Rec Lab. This is the Centennial year. Fergus County has cancelled their mini congress. Terry Stephens would like to create a Centennial Poster for the legislative breakfast. Each county will be creating a poster. A committee was formed to create the poster. This committee consists of Kayla Breen, Terry Stephens, Cynthia Rice, and Kimball Briscoe. Other creative people are welcome to join the team.

4-H Literature; Record Book Forms: There was a mix up in the office and some clubs or members received old forms which have been replaced by a new 6-page form. The additional page replaces the blue sheet. To order new forms they are \$2.00 a piece which is a great price increase. Currently the literature budget is \$2,000 which also provides for project books. Providing record book forms as well as project books will make meeting the budget a challenge. Three options were discussed. One, extension staff can research having the forms reproduced locally. Two, the record book committee should research our options for next year. Three, research the possibility of recreating forms with just the front page in color to cut printing costs. Terry Stephens moved that we use up the current inventory first and encourage our members to download the forms or complete them online. Record Book forms will be available upon request only from the extension office. Kayla Breen seconded the motion. All agreed.

Project Meetings: There has been a request for photography classes and a knitting class. Jane suggested running an ad in the newspaper for leaders in these areas as there is a better screening process for leaders now. It was suggested that We could appeal to project leaders to hold three one-hour classes each year to get project meetings underway in our county. This topic was a big area for improvement mentioned in the club leader meetings.

Succession Training: Please remember to invite leaders and junior leaders to attend 4-H council meetings.