

## Teton County Leader's Council Minutes-November 3

The November Leader's Council meeting was held at the Baptist Church in Choteau. The meeting was called to order by President Cynthia Rice. Members present were: Sally Heuscher, Susan Heuscher, Cynthia Rice, BethAnn Hodgskiss, Connor Hodgskiss, Dianne Bremer, Kaylee Briscoe, Colton Stephens, Terry Stephens and Extension Agents Jane Wolery and Mark Major. Colton led the American Pledge and Kaylee led the 4-H Pledge. Beth Ann moved and Kaylee seconded that we dispense with the reading of the minutes. Beth Ann moved and Colton seconded that we approve the minutes. Motion passed. The treasurer's report was handed out.

### **Correspondence & Announcements**

The Clover will only be sent out every 2 years, so keep it. It is also available on the Teton County website thanks to our outstanding office staff.

### **Committee Reports**

**Livestock-** Terry reported that Nikki Ley is the new President and Danelle Crary will remain as Secretary for another term. The committee has talked to Niko Cantoloupo of eastern Montana about being the judge for the fair. No other major decisions were made.

**Exchange-** Dianne reported that they have 10 members for sure with a possibility of 3 more depending on the age limit that will be discussed later in the meeting. They are going to exchange with Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. They will have to change their schedule so that they can travel this summer and host the next. The finances look good at this point, so that should not be a problem.

**Fair-** No report.

**Awards** – No report

**Budget and Audit-** The committee met prior to the Council meeting and worked out a budget that was passed around. It will be voted on after a second reading.

**Textiles-** Rose Schindler did a workshop on wool. MIWW is the 14<sup>th</sup> of November in Great Falls. Kacey Gollehon attended the MIWW contest in Ronan and won her division, so she has qualified for the state contest.

**Record Books-** Jane read an e-mail from

Jill Martz from the State 4-H Center for Youth Development regarding record book requirements. Members can be required to complete record books as a condition to receive rewards or recognition. If record books are not received by a specified date, the member's year does not have to be counted toward total years in 4-H. Completion of record books can be required for an end-of- year party or celebration.

### **Other Reports**

**Montana 4-H Council-** Beth Ann is the new representative for the Council and Terry has one more year.

**Montana 4-H Foundation-** Jane passed around a flyer that the Foundation has created showing all the activities that they support.

**Mini Congress-** Kaylee reported that she gave a class on teen leadership. It was lots of fun to see all the younger kids getting involved. Susan gave a class on record books that went well. Connor taught about dutch oven cooking, and everyone seemed to like it. 64 youth attended and the registrations covered expenses. A few expenses were yet to be paid. It was very good to have it in Power. The facility worked well, and people from other areas liked that the location was close to the interstate.

**Fall Ambassador Training-** Alisha Breen, Lexi Sullivan, Jena Sinton, Connor, Susan and Kaylee all attended training. Susan said she liked how the state officers taught classes. Kaylee liked the theme which was "Unlock the Treasures of 4-H". She said the icebreakers were great and there was a lot of teamwork. She learned about different leadership styles and learned about communicating. She will be on the selection committee this summer for the State Officers. Sally Heuscher is the district Key Leader.

**Food Drive-** Colton reported that they collected 1700 pounds of food. It was very well organized and there was a lot of help.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Exchange Proposed Age Change-** Jane checked with the State Office and there is no guideline on ages and there probably won't be. After much discussion on safety and maturity of members, Beth Ann moved and Colton seconded that we change the minimum age for Exchange to 12 as of October 1 in the year they join. More discussion followed. Motion passed.

**Enrollment Update-** There has been some concern with the Volunteer Screening Policy. To be certified as a leader, a social security number has to be provided. Once the leader is certified, the SSN portion of the registration is shredded. The forms are kept in a locked box until the shredding takes place. Once a leader is certified, if they stay a leader continuously, they don't have to re-certify. Leaders need to be certified by January 1.

-Curriculum ordering has been delayed because of changes with enrollment at the state level.

-39 members have not completed record books from last year. Jane will send letters to these members.

-There are some new projects, and some projects have been dropped. Check out the Clover for the exciting new projects that are available.

**Demonstration Day Update-**This will be held November 22 at 2:00 at the Baptist Church in Choteau. Help is needed for set-up and clean up.

**Fair- Marketing all projects-** It was suggested that we should give members the opportunity to market projects displayed at the Pavilion. After some discussion, this idea died for lack of motion.

**4-H Treasurer's Books-**Most of these are in. If a club or committee hasn't submitted their books for audit, they need to do so.

**Constitution Review-**Jane Wolery, Terry Stephens, Tammy Townsend and Jill Martz from the State Office reviewed the Constitution and made suggestions for changes. Connor moved and Colton seconded that we accept the Constitution with the changes. The first reading was

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approved and the second reading will take place at the January meeting.

**New Business**

**Youth Leadership**

**Opportunities-** Applications are being accepted to attend National 4-H Conference. Colton has been selected as a member of the National 4-H Conference Program Committee.

We still need a camp director.

**Shooting Sports Training-**

This will be held in Kalispell on Dec. 4 & 5. Leaders can certify in rifle, pistol, archery, muzzle loader, hunting, shotgun and cowboy action shooting. The registration fee is \$50. This is one of the few project areas where leaders have to attend training to lead a project. Terry moved and Beth Ann seconded that Council cover the \$50 registration fee for any leaders attending this training. Motion passed.

**Project Clubs-** Mark would like to have the Cowboy Action Shooting as a project club with a charter and officers. Since many of the Council members had left by this point in the meeting, Terry suggested that there weren’t enough people left to make a decision on this. Mark will bring an update to the next meeting.

**Insurance for Market**

**Animals-** Livestock committee has been looking into insurance for market animals between the time they are sold at the sale and the time that they are supposed to die. The only insurance available would only cover the market price of the animal which is considerably less than what

most of the members receive for their animals. Several years ago, an animal died right after unloading at the packing house and Council voted to set aside \$2500 to cover a replacement animal if this happens again. Jane and Mark checked back in the minutes to verify the amount.

**New Family Orientation-**

No one had registered for this. Jane and Mark are willing to go to clubs to answer questions that families new to 4-H might have or for other educational programs.

**Other Youth Education**

**Events-**Colton is planning to continue his beef club this year. Susan Rice is going to work with Clover Buds. Cody Ulsh is talking about starting something for Swine members. Kaylee is going to work with new members. The next meeting will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup> in Fairfield with the location to be announced.

Colton moved that the meeting be adjourned.

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**2008-2009 Proposed Budget**

	2008-2009 Budget	2008-2009 Actual	2009-2010 Proposed Budget
<b>INCOME</b>			
Boe Brothers	11,500.00	11,359.94	11,000.00
Awards	5,000.00	4,420.90	5,000.00
Fair Concessions	0.00	0.00	0.00
Camp	1,600.00	1,370.00	1,400.00
Interest	450.00	162.07	150.00
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc/Dues	1,500.00	2,054.40	1,500.00
Transfer from Savings	2,000.00	0.00	1,650.00
	<b>22,050.00</b>	<b>19,367.31</b>	<b>20,700.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Awards	2,700.00	3,810.96	3,500.00
Ambassadors	500.00	88.00	500.00
Dues/Donations	1,200.00	2,156.00	2,500.00
Insurance	350.00	324.00	350.00
Judges	600.00	991.50	700.00
Materials	2,500.00	1,374.46	2,000.00
Misc. (Office)	450.00	588.38	450.00
Camp	2,300.00	2,549.87	2,300.00
Youth Education	2,800.00	59.00	2,000.00
Youth Travel	2,000.00	2,069.30	2,000.00
Adult Education/Travel	500.00	40.00	250.00
Exchange	250.00	247.00	250.00
Fair	3,200.00	3,713.01	3,500.00
Other	2,000.00	1,584.05	0.00
Publicity	400.00	306.50	400.00
Programs/Meetings	300.00	0.00	000
	<b>22,050.00</b>	<b>19,902.03</b>	<b>20,700.00</b>