

Teton County Leader's Council Minutes

September 1, 2009

The September Leader's Council meeting was held at the Pendroy School in Pendroy. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Kacey Gollehon. Members present were: Karen Gundlach, Sally Heuscher, Cynthia Rice, Diane Gollehon, Kacey Gollehon, Beth Ann Hodgskiss, Connor Hodgskiss, Colton Stephens, Terry Stephens and Extension Agents Jane Wolery and Mark Major. The pledges were recited. Beth Ann moved and Cynthia 2nd that we dispense with the reading of the minutes. Diane moved and Beth Ann 2nd that we approve the minutes. Motion passed. Diane handed out the Treasurer's report. **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- Mark reported that the committee wants to extend the power in the hog barn to outside and under the awning. They got an estimate that he will discuss with the livestock executive committee so that work can be done before winter. The possession date for pigs has been moved to 2 weeks before the entries are due to avoid confusion. Animal fair entry late fees have been reduced to \$5.00. The separate pig weigh-ins worked well, but the time range will be shortened. The horse committee wants to keep the showcase and was happy with the new schedule. The next livestock meeting will be October 8 at the library in Choteau.

Exchange- Karen reported that they went to Minnesota and everyone made it home. They had a good time. The organizational meeting will be Sept. 13 at Karen's house. Dianne Bremer is the new leader with Tammy Townsend assisting.

Fair- Colton reported that the fair seemed to go well. There were very few comments in the comment book. Sally mentioned that the new schedule made it more difficult for those running concessions. They had to pull all the food out of the Weatherbeater kitchen after the horse show and then to move it all back in on Friday. Food isn't left unattended for very long because of mice.

Awards – Terry reported that the chairs were a hit. Jane said that we have 15 chairs left over because lots of members chose the trophy option.

Budget and Audit- We need an outside audit before the new treasurer takes over. Several people who could do this were mentioned. Jane will find someone.

Textiles-Cynthia said the style show went well. Beth Ann misses the sewing workshops that were done throughout the year. Cynthia and Kacey are willing to start these again. Kacey will call Rose Schindler to see if she would be willing to do a wool workshop. Jane still has wool for member to exchange.

Record Books- Beth Ann reported that the committee met and Abby Smith and Connor Crary received purple ribbons in the pre-junior division; Madison Martinson, Chottie Crary, Sarah Hodgskiss and Alyssa Selander received purple ribbons in the junior division; and Lena and Susan Heuscher received purple ribbons in the senior division. All of these members will receive \$20 awards for their excellent work.

Other Reports

Montana 4-H Council- No report because Terry has missed the last 2 meetings.

Montana 4-H Foundation- Terry reported that she missed the last meeting but they are still doing their 4-40-400 fundraiser.

State Livestock Committee- Mark and Colton will go to the meeting on September 12.

4-H Congress- Colton reported that it was a lot of fun. Colton and Shelby Beck both received State Awards and Shelby won the demonstration contest. They will both be attending National Congress. Joy Ostberg was the chaperone.

4-H Camp-Connor reported that the numbers were about the same as last year. It was lots of fun and went well. Jane said that reducing the age for the counselors went well. Beth Ann suggested that we change the requirement to say that counselors have to have graduated from 8th grade. Jane will look into this.

Cowboy Action Shooting-Mark reported that they hosted the State shoot in Simms on August 29. The only other club in the state is from Bozeman and they came up. They have lots of support from the cowboys in Simms. It is lots of fun. They concentrate on authentic dress and guns, and are scored on accuracy and timed shooting. There are about 11 kids at each shoot.

Unfinished Business

Volunteer Screening Policy- The state has enacted a volunteer screening policy that will start this year. All leaders will need a background check. A social security number will have to be supplied for the check. The cost is going to be about \$12 per leader. Diane moved and Karen 2nd that Council should pay for the cost of the screening. Motion passed.

Constitution Review- Jane and a committee went over the old constitution and some changes were made. This draft was sent home for the members to review. Also included were guidelines for reimbursements.

Yearly Theme-Sally moved and Cynthia 2nd that we should go with one theme for the entire year. There was a lot of discussion about the motion, mostly about whether the camp committee would be happy with not being able to choose their own theme. The motion was amended to say that the Camp Committee will choose a theme and that theme will be used for the next year. Motion passed. The Circus Theme that was used for camp this past year will be suggested to the fair committee.

Mini-Congress- Jane is going to take the lead, as the committee structure has been challenging. It will be a one day event on Oct. 15. Diane suggested that Jane try to use the Power School for the event. We need people to teach classes and a cook. This event is for members 9-14 years old.

PA System Policy-A policy was drafted for use of the system. Karen moved and Connor 2nd that we adopt the policy, as presented. The policy allows for use of the smaller PA system with a check-out process. The larger PA system will be used only for 4-H and Extension events. Motion passed.

New Business

MIWW Donation- Beth Ann moved and Connor 2nd that we continue to donate \$100 to the district contest and \$30 to the state contest. Motion passed.

Food Drives- Colton, Connor, Kacey and Susan Heuscher will head the Choteau Drive.

Youth Leadership Opportunities- There are positions open for State Council, Foundation and Youth Cabinet. Colton is serving on the Youth Cabinet and they need more members. Colton has applied for the National 4-H Conference Program Committee.

Montana Leadership Forum- This is in Sidney Sept. 25th & 26th. Diane moved and Colton 2nd that we donate a 4-H chair to the silent auction. Motion passed.

Camp Director/ Exchange Leaders-We want to open up leadership opportunities to more people. Even though we have had a great camp director, she is ready to hand the position over to someone else, so we really need someone to step into this position.

Fall Ambassador Training- This will be held the 15th and 16th of October at Fairmont. Sally is the key leader. Susan and Kaylee are planning to attend. We can send prospective ambassadors if we want to. Jane will see how many want to go and how many we can send.

Demonstration Day- It was suggested to hold Demo Day the 22nd of November in Choteau. Jane will contact the committee to see what they would like to do for planning.

National 4-H Week- This is the first full week in October. Beth Ann, Sally and Cynthia thought it might be fun for the clubs to combine and do a float for Choteau's homecoming parade. They will work on this. Jane will also put a thank you ad in the paper.

Exchange- Karen would like to lower the age requirement to include members entering 7th grade. After much discussion, it was decided to table the decision until the next meeting. Jane will send a letter to all members that the decision would affect inviting them to the organizational meeting on Sept. 13, and letting them know that they could possibly have this opportunity.

4-Health Program-Jane signed the county up for this. It is based on healthy living. The first meeting will be held on Sept. 30 and will be a 2 hour focus group for parents of members between 8 & 12 years of age. She needs 5-6 people.

Dance Class-This was held on Aug. 1. The Bitz Family from Big Sandy taught between 55 and 60 people. Terry moved and Cynthia 2nd that council pay for the expenses associated with this event. Motion passed.

Fair-In some counties, they have a market class for all projects (cakes, quilts, etc.). Members can enter a project in the class, and then it is sold in a silent auction type format. The decision on whether to offer this was tabled.

Treasurer Books-All club and committee treasurer books were due in the office on Sept. 1 for review.

Election- Beth Ann was nominated for president and Jeff Martinson was nominated for Treasurer. With Terry being the Secretary and Kacey being the Vice-President this would have made all officers from Spring Creek 4-H Club. Terry suggested Cynthia be nominated for President to avoid a one-club monopoly of offices. Beth Ann withdrew her nomination, leaving Cynthia for President and Jeff for Treasurer. Diane moved and Terry 2nd that we accept the nominations. Motion passed.

Other Youth Education Events-Colton is planning to continue his beef club this year. Mark said that at Livestock committee the response to Colton's meetings was great and they would like more members to offer similar opportunities.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3 in Choteau.