

VALLEY COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MINUTES
September 08, 2009
Valley County Courthouse

The Valley County 4-H Council meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM by President Mandy Bell. Roll call was "what is the name of a pet you have?" The clubs in attendance were Four Leaf Clover, Jackalopes, Lucky Clover, Northern Lights, Western Valley and Tampico Boys. County Extension Agent Roubie Younkin was also present. Jeff Sather led the Pledge of Allegiance and LaMae Lacock led the 4-H Pledge.

Education:

- Power Point presentation on volunteer screening process. Please contact Roubie or Leanne Fontaine with any questions.

Minutes:

The minutes of the 07/14/2009 meeting were distributed via mail to all. The minutes were approved.

Correspondence:

Thank you from the State 4-H Horse Show was passed around.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance sheet for 09/08/09 handed out and filed for audit.

Bills for Allowance:

- None

Old Business

- **Nominating Committee:** LaMae Lacock reported the committee has nominated the following people: Amy Aune for VP (1 yr); Dora Jean Beil for Secretary (1 yr) and Lisa Redfield for Treasurer (2 yrs). Because this is a committee report, the second is implied; motion carried.
- **Electrical Bill for Food Booth:** Roubie reported the fair board agreed to deduct half of the G & D Bill (\$380) from our concessionaire's percentage.

New Business:

- **Verlin's Retirement:** Gina Reyling and Roubie Younkin will come up with suggestions for a retirement gift and recognition and report at the next Council meeting. (Recognition to be held during Awards' Day)
- **State Leader Forum:** Roubie reported we need to donate door prizes, and a silent auction item to help defray costs of the forum. Laura Barnes moved and Elodie Rauscher seconded to spend \$50 on these items; motion carried. Mandy Bell will work on obtaining these things.
- **Volunteer Excellence:** Nomination deadline is September 15th. Please consider nominating someone and complete the form on the state website.
- **Alberta Leaders' Forum (Jan 8-10, 2010):** Registration deadline is October 15th.
- **Volunteer Screening Process & Dues:** Tonight's training held after the Council meeting. Further info will be sent to leaders. Background checks are \$12/adult, and we need to decide how this will be paid. Leader dues are currently \$10 per leader with \$5 going to the Leaders' Council, \$1 towards insurance and \$4 to the local council.
- **Wreath Sales:** Lucky Clover and Four Leaf Clover both expressed an interest in chairing this county-wide event. Four Leaf Clover (Geraldene Fuhrman) will be chairing.

- **2011 State Exchange Trip:** Jeff Sather will be on the committee to start planning. We will host in 2010 and travel in 2011.
- **Awards' Day:** Date was set for November 1st. Tampico Boys will organize this county-wide event.
- **Lucky Clover / Quills:** Roubie announced these two clubs are possibly combining for the coming 4-H year on a trial basis. (The clubs have yet to decide whether or not they are doing this.)
- **County Agent:** Roubie announced the Valley County Commissioners approved two full-time agents for Valley County. The new agent's primary duties will be agriculture, horticulture and 4-H. Roubie will no longer be the fair manager, as the fair board will manage the event. The job posting for the second county agent will hopefully go out next week, and will be posted for six weeks.
- **Concept to Consumer:** Mandy Bell reported she attended this training on fundraising, etc for food products. A representative from the Mission Mountain Food Enterprise System out of Ronan gave the training. She has information to share if anybody is interested.

Reports:

- **Show Ring Replacement Funding:** The register showing income and expenses for the Lynn Cornwell Memorial account is attached to the Treasurer's Report. Roubie reported the Livestock Committee or the Cornwell family will cover all additional expenses. Many expenses were donated and Jana Tihista has kept track of those items and sent thank yous to all involved.
- **Interview Judging Committee:** Gina Reyling reported everything went well. A suggestion was made to have 4-H members wear name tags to help find the members when it's their turn to interview.
- **Exchange Trip:** LaMae Lacock and Elodie Rauscher reported. LaMae said the trip went well, and cost before leaving was less than \$240 per person. Elodie said everything was very well organized in Wisconsin. Discussion held about increased travel costs associated with the exchange, and whether or not fundraising should take place. No decisions made.
- **Cloverbud Camp:** LaMae Lacock reported that 11-12 kids attended. Chadaya Christensen and Bethany Lacock helped. Claire Fjeld was the cook.
- **Sewing Camp:** Roubie Younkin reported that 10 kids attended, and they made pajama pants which they all entered in the fair.
- **Food Booth Report:** No final income/expense report yet. Elodie Rauscher reported she will not be applying for this position next year. She said Geraldene Fuhrman plans to apply again, and they both recommend selecting the managers earlier.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting; motion carried.

The next meeting is set for October 13th at 5:30 PM in the Community Room of the Valley County Courthouse.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Barnes, Council Secretary