

VALLEY COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MINUTES
February 16, 2010
Valley County Courthouse

President Mandy Bell called the Valley County 4-H Council meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Roll call was, "A Bad Habit I Need to Break." The clubs in attendance were Four Leaf Clover, Jackalopes, Milk River Wranglers and Tampico Boys. There was not a quorum of clubs in attendance so this meeting was declared for discussion only. There were 9 people in attendance, including Shelley Mills and Leanne Fontaine of the extension office; roster attached. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sue Sather and the 4-H Pledge was led by Scott Sather.

Education/Inspiration:

- No education presented for this meeting.

Minutes:

- The minutes could not be formally accepted without a quorum.

Correspondence:

- None.

Treasurer's Report:

- The Profit & Loss Statement and transaction detail were presented and will be resubmitted for approval at the next council meeting. It was noted that receiving the treasurer's report prior to the meeting date was beneficial to the council members for review of current finances.

Bills for Allowance:

- No Bills for Allowance were presented, but noted the expense of theatre tickets for the DC trip was greater than the limit on the DC debit card. Reservations for the tickets will be made with a private card and reimbursed by the DC fund as this is a planned expenditure of the DC trip.

REPORTS

- **State Exchange Trip:** There is a need for more host families for this summer's Wisconsin exchange members. Several new rules are being implemented, including background checks on each individual in the household who is 19 and older; home visits by the extension agents prior to the visit and a recommendation to limit exposure to alcohol, tobacco and firearms in the host homes. These rules will allow Valley County to impose the same rules on the Wisconsin host families next summer alleviating some of the problems recent groups have encountered.
- **DC Trip:** Mandy Bell reported that reservations have been confirmed for transportation and lodging. She is currently working on the activity reservations. There will be a DC meeting in two weeks and a \$500 deposit from members is due at that time.
- **Livestock Committee Report:** The fair will be one day shorter this year, ending on Tuesday. Complications for 4-H involve the date and time of Interview Judging because the commercial building will not be available during Saturday evening. Another area is the current schedule for 4-H livestock events and sale. With the fair being one day shorter, will the 4-H livestock events be shortened by one day or should the livestock sale continue to be on Wednesday? If 4-H elects to host the livestock sale on Wednesday, what will be the schedule for removal of 4-H exhibits – Open Class exhibits will be removed Tuesday evening.

- **Horse Program Meeting:** Shelley Mills reported on the horse project meeting and some of the suggestions from the meeting. These suggestions will be presented to the livestock committee and then the livestock committee will make a recommendation to the council. There was very good attendance for the meeting and good discussion.
- **IFYE Delegate:** The IFYE delegate gave great presentations and was well received. Thank you to Tampico Boys for hosting the evening event and to the Sather and Bell families for hosting the delegate in their homes.
- **Lifeskills Day:** The date has been set but no other plans have been made at this point.
- **Cookbook Edit:** There will be an editing session at the courthouse on Saturday, February 27, at 10 AM to work on the cookbook recipes.
- **Fair Book Revisions:** Fair book revisions should be completed in March so the 4-H portion of the fair book can be prepared. There are many new project areas and new project books.
- **Leader Certification:** Shelley Mills reported she has mailed a letter to all volunteers that need to complete the volunteer certification paperwork.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Age Requirements:** This item was discussed during the Horse Project meeting report and will be submitted to the livestock committee. The livestock committee will present any recommendations to the council for approval.
- **Food Booth Manager:** There is an April 1 deadline for food booth manager applications.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| • February 27 | Girls for A Change | Bozeman |
| • February 27 | Cookbook Committee | 10 AM Courthouse |
| • February 28 | DC Meeting | 2 PM Courthouse |
| • March 1 | DC Deposit Due | \$500 per member |
| • March 26 | DC Fundraiser | VFW Steak Fry |

As there was no further discussion at this time, meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm. All items needing council approval will be presented at the next council meeting set for Tuesday, March 9, at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dora-Jean Beil
Council Secretary