

VALLEY COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MINUTES

April 20, 2010

Valley County Courthouse

President Mandy Bell called the Valley County 4-H Council meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Roll call was, "Your Favorite Spring Flower." The clubs in attendance were Cherry Creek, Four Leaf Clover, Jackalopes, Lucky Clover, Milk River Wranglers, Northern Lights, Stars & Stripes, Tampico Boys and Western Valley. A quorum was declared present. There were 18 people in attendance, including Shelley Mills and Leanne Fontaine of the extension office; roster attached. Extension Agent Roubie Younkin joined the meeting in progress via telephone during the fair schedule discussion. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brady Johnson and the 4-H Pledge was led by Lori Shipp.

Education/Inspiration:

- Shelley Mills presented education/inspiration on the topic of volunteerism and the reasons people volunteer. It is a way to give back to the community, to meet people, and to develop new skills. In Montana, the ratio of adults to children in the 4-H program is 1:5.6. Montana has outstanding numbers for volunteerism.

Minutes:

- The minutes of March 9, 2010, were distributed via mail to all. A correction to the minutes was made to change the name of 'Jeff' Swanson to 'Mark' Swanson. The minutes were approved as amended.

Correspondence:

- A thank you from Linda Lacock was read. Linda was given a gift of appreciation for the work she has done on the Livestock Sale account.

Treasurer's Report:

- The Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Statement and Transaction Detail Reports as of April 13, 2010, were presented. The Healthy Rocks line item was clarified as the After School Program. The Treasurer's Report will be filed with the minutes for audit.

Bills for Allowance:

- LaMae Lacock moved to approve \$850 expense for the United Airlines deposit to be paid by council. The deposit will be refunded after the trip is over. Second by Carla Tihista; motion carried.

REPORTS

- **State Exchange Trip:** Eight 4-H members have agreed to host this summer for the Wisconsin Exchange trip. Please contact the extension office if you are interested in being a host. You can host this summer even if you are not planning to travel to Wisconsin next summer.
- **DC Trip 2010:** Members are working on their citizenship reports. Leaders should contact the extension office by the end of May that they have reviewed the 4-H books of those members going on the DC trip and the books are up to date. The next meeting will be May 17, 2010.
- **Cookbook:** Gina Reyling and Peggy Cornwell have worked on history and photos for the cookbook. LaMae Lacock stated they are in need of fillers (comments) for blank spaces in the cookbook. The recipe portion of the cookbook has been completed.
- **Life Skills Day:** Heidi Johnson reported that Life Skills Day ran smoothly and although participation numbers were down, the presentations were all good. Everyone received blue ribbons. Discussion was held concerning junior member gavel games training and competition.
- **Livestock Committee Report:** The attached Livestock Committee report was presented by Carla Tihista. Recommendations as follows:

1. Dog Projects will be required to show proof of vaccinations prior to exhibiting at the fair.

2. Market Swine tagging deadline is set for May 15. Project members will have to present swine breeder information when they pick up their tags.
3. Market Lamb weigh in will be the first part of June.
4. Market animal harvesting has been set.
5. Lucky Clover had challenged all other clubs to donate towards the cost of awards. Tampico Boys has donated \$50, Western Valley is considering donating also.
6. Carcass Awards: The grand champion beef, swine and sheep carcasses will all be awarded a buckle.
7. Fair Schedule: Presented two options. Brady Johnson moved to take the motion of 3/9/2010 from the table; second by Justin Fuhrmann. Motion on the floor: Jeff Sather motioned to move the 4-H schedule up one day, second by Grace Pankratz. After discussion, President Bell called for votes. A division of house was declared. President Bell called for votes in favor of motion to signify by raising their hands. Votes for: 5. President Bell called for votes against the motion to signify by raising their hands. Votes against: 6. Motion is defeated. The 4-H fair schedule will remain the same as last year.
8. Horse Projects: Carla presented the recommendations including the clarification of the Colt to Maturity Project age requirement to be 12 years and older by October 1 of the current 4-H year. Other horse project items discussed included the formation of a rules committee, to list the point system in the fair book, and the project requirements.
9. Livestock judges for the fair have been confirmed except for the Rabbit & Poultry judge.
10. Nelson/Swanson Scholarship: The scholarship committee recommends eight seniors receive \$400 each.
11. State Horse Show: Instead of purchasing a \$100 ad for the horse show, the livestock committee voted to pay \$100 of expenses for any Valley County members entering the state horse show, to be split equally among those members.
12. Breeding Beef age requirement: Heidi Johnson moved to accept the livestock committee recommendation that the age requirement for breeding beef projects will be any enrolled 4-H member (no Cloverbuds). Second by Elodie Rauscher, motion passed.
13. Pre Junior Showmanship: Livestock committee recommendation to add breeding beef to the pre junior showmanship level. Motion by Gina Reyling to allow yearling and under breeding beef to participate in the pre junior round robin event; second by Carla Tihista. Heidi Johnson moved to amend the motion to include that a mandatory clinic for all pre junior round robin contestants be held the evening before the round robin event; second by Gina Reyling. President Bell called for votes on the amendment; amendment approved. President Bell called for votes on the original motion; motion carried.
14. Seven Activities: Recommendation to revise the seven activity requirement to, "require seven activities to be completed for all animals exhibited to show and sell." Recommendation accepted, will be the same as the horse project requirement.
15. Swine Superintendent: Looking for a new swine superintendent to replace Kurt Voss.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Fair Book Revisions:** Please help finish up revisions so the fair book can be completed.
- **Shooting Sports Training:** Two adults have signed up to take the training in Malta.
- **District 4-H Camp:** Need two teen female counselors for District 4-H Camp.

NEW BUSINESS

- **TJ Casey:** Doris Ozark presented information from TJ Casey. He does cowboy poetry workshops and Doris was wondering if 4-H would be interested in sponsoring him during the fair. The cost is \$200 plus travel and per diem. For an additional \$500 he would also do a show. Motion by Gina Reyling to consider hosting a workshop by first discussing it with our clubs; second by Lisa Redfield; motion carried.

- **Nelson/Swanson Scholarship Recipients:** Lisa Redfield motioned to accept the Nelson/Swanson scholarship committee recommendation to award eight seniors \$400 each; second by Gina Reyling. Motion passed.
- **Food Booth:** Motion by LaMae Lacock to hire Geraldene Fuhrmann as the Food Booth Manager; second by Heidi Johnson. Motion carried. Elodie Rauscher moved to approve \$1,400 for compensation for the food booth manager; second by Brady Johnson. Motion passes. Motion by Heidi Johnson to purchase two roasters and two crock pots for the food booth, second by Lisa Redfield; motion passed.
- **Fair Dates:** Doris Ozark would like confirmation of Interview Judging dates and the livestock sale timetable in order to do fair advertising.
- **DC 2010 Trip:** LaMae Lacock moved to approve \$850 from 4-H council for the United Airlines deposit. This amount will be refunded after the trip. Second by Carla Tihista, motion carried. BILL FOR ALLOWANCE?
- **DC 2012 Fundraiser:** The first fundraiser for the next DC trip will be May 15 at the Mud Bog.
- **Memorial Park:** Gina Reyling reported that the Tampico Boys 4-H club has memorial money for Garrett Younkin. They are planning to add to the memorial park at the fair. They have received approval from the fair board and are also looking to include memorials in honor of the memory of other 4-H members.

EXTENSION OFFICE REPORT

- **Club By-Laws:** State requirement that each club have a copy of their by-laws on file in the extension office.
- **Annual Financial Report:** Also required by the state is the annual financial report from each club. There are two clubs who have not reported.

EXTENSION AGENT REPORT

- **Livestock Judging Contest:** There will be a livestock judging contest in Chinook on May 8. The cost is \$5. The contest starts at 9 a.m. and is at the Bear Paw Livestock facility.
- **Poultry Judge School:** A training for poultry judges will be held in northeast Montana. Please contact Shelley Mills if you are interested in this training.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| • April 24-25 | District Camp | Counselor Training |
| • April 30-May 2 | DC Fundraiser | Gordon's |
| • May 15 | Swine Tagging | Deadline |
| • May 28 | Project Drop/Add | Deadline |
| • June ?? | Lamb Tagging | Date to be announced |
| • June 2-16 | DC Trip | |
| • June 14-16 | Range Days | Miles City |
| • June 28-30 | District Camp | Pines |
| • July 1-6 | Wisconsin State Exchange | Valley County Hosts |
| • July 6-9 | MT 4-H Congress | Bozeman |

As there was no further business to come before the council, meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm with the next meeting set for May 11, 2010, at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dora-Jean Beil
Council Secretary