

**VALLEY COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**January 19, 2010**  
**Valley County Courthouse**

President Mandy Bell called the Valley County 4-H Council meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Roll call was, "My Favorite Christmas Memory." The clubs in attendance were 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 13 people in attendance including Shelley Mills and Leanne Fontaine of the Extension Office; roster attached. Michelle Teichrow led the Pledge of Allegiance and Gina Reyling led the 4-H Pledge.

**Education/Inspiration:**

- No education presented for this meeting.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the 11/10/09 regular meeting and the executive council meetings of 11/19/09 and 12/30/09 were distributed via mail to all. The minutes were approved as submitted.

**Correspondence:**

Glasgow Area Chamber and Two Rivers Growth Banquet on Thursday, January 21, 2010.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Balance sheet and Profit & Loss Statement as of January 19, 2010, was distributed to council members and filed for audit.

**Bills for Allowance:**

Expenses from 11/11/09 through 01/19/10 were presented to the council.

<b>Account</b>	<b>Check Numbers</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
4-H Council Checking	5879-5897	
Livestock Checking	423-426	
DC Checking	401	
	<b>Total Amount of Checks</b>	

The budget for the new fiscal year, which began 10/01/09, has not been approved. Motion by Gina Reyling to approve expenditures as listed, second by Michelle Teichrow; motion approved.

**REPORTS:**

- **Wreath Sales:** This year's profit is \$2,711 for Valley County 4-H Council and \$2,784 for the county clubs.
- **Beef Tagging:** Shelley Mills and Jeff Sather reported that 30 steers were tagged at Hinsdale, 25 in Glasgow and 1 in Opheim for 30 market beef members. The number of steers tagged includes the alternate steers.
- **Executive Committee Report:** Mandy Bell reported on the two executive committee meetings. The first meeting was spent working on the council budget, goals and duties; with a second meeting held to discuss ways the council could provide assistance to the extension office.
- **State Exchange Trip:** Jeff Sather stated there will be 17 members arriving from Wisconsin July 1 and departing July 6. One of the events will be the Hinsdale rodeo. The extension office has received seven applications for host families. Leaders are encouraged

to recruit potential host families. This year, background checks will be mandatory for all adults 19 and over living in the host families home.

- **D.C. Trip 2010:** Mandy Bell reported that plans for the DC trip are moving forward. Reservations for travel and hotels are being made for 14 members and 3 adults. There are three more fundraising events – 2 in March and 1 in May. The date for the trip has been set for June 2 to June 16. The next meeting will be at 1:30 pm on January 31.
- **Valley County 4-H Cookbook:** Gina Reyling and LaMae Lacock discussed the cookbook status. They are still in the edit phase and have not set a completion date. The cookbook committee plans to meet in February.
- **Winter Fun Day & Officer Training:** Michelle Teichrow commented that the workshops were good and the ice skating was fun. Mandy Bell reported 28 members went ice-skating. She also said the Caitlyn Dennison, state teen ambassador, attended and took home some great ideas.
- **Horse Helmet Training:** Horse Helmet Training was provided by Shelley Mills at Winter Fun Day. Shelley reminded everyone that wearing a helmet during speed events is mandatory.
- **Livestock Committee Report:** The next meeting date is set for Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 6 pm. Since there has not been a meeting for some time, there was no news to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Designation of Club Duties for County Events:**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Event</b>
Four Leaf Clover	Wreath Sales
Tampico Boys	Awards/Recognition Day
Jackalopes/Highlanders	Winter Fun Day/Officer Training
Western Valley/Stars & Stripes	Life Skills Day
Northern Lights/Green Clover	Food Festival
Milk River Wranglers	Sewing Camp
Tampico Boys/Cherry Creek	Summer Project Day
Lucky Clover	4-H History

- **Fairbook Revisions:** Council members signed up to review certain project areas by matching the project books to the fairbook. Leaders are encouraged to contact the extension office to help with this fairbook revision, as there are new projects and new materials this year. Revisions are due in the extension office by the end of February.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **2009 – 2010 Valley County 4-H Council Budget:** The proposed budget was distributed via mail. Total proposed expenditures of \$46,111.00 and expected revenue of \$42,333.52. Motion to approve the budget by Amy Aune, second by Gina Reyling; motion approved.
- **Lucky Clover Club Challenge:** Lucky Clover 4-H Club has issued a challenge to all other county 4-H clubs to help sponsor county 4-H awards. The Valley County Fair Commission pays fair premiums and purchases the ribbons; 4-H is responsible for buckle sponsors, plaques and Quonset awards. For the last few years, Lucky Clover has been

one of the \$50 showmanship sponsors and would like other county 4-H clubs to become sponsors. Leaders will take this challenge to their clubs.

- **Fund Raising Policy:** Shelley Mills reviewed the fund raising policy. A copy of the policy is available at the extension office and in the policy manual.
- **Life Skills Day:** The date for Life Skills Day is set for Sunday, April 18. The 4-H Clubs of Western Valley and Stars & Stripes will host this event.
- **Community Service:** The sponsors for the Younkin Family Benefit have asked for assistance from volunteer 4-H members willing to help with setting up and clean up. The date is February 6 and there will be a sign up sheet at the extension office.
- **Northeast Montana Fair:** Doris Ozark from the Valley County Fair Commission presented the council with a list of scheduled fairground events. This year's fair will be Sunday, August 8, through Tuesday, August 10. Other events include Spring Derby May 15; Mud Bog June 12-13; Kids Rodeo/Jackpot Roping/Businessman's Roping August 7; and High School Rodeo September 25-26. Doris invited all interested parties to attend the fair commission meetings held on the first Monday of each month.
- **Ag Day Contest:** Doris Ozark brought information on an essay contest for 7-12 grade students. The theme is, "American Agriculture: Abundant, Affordable, Amazing." The deadline is February 12; applications and official rules are available at [www.hpj.com/agdayessay](http://www.hpj.com/agdayessay).
- **IFYE Delegate:** This year's IFYE delegate is from Havre, Montana, and has just returned from Botswana. He will be in Glasgow on February 9. Tampico Boys will host.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

<b>January 15</b>	<b>State Exchange Application Due</b>
<b>January 15</b>	<b>DC Trip \$500 Deposit Due</b>
<b>January 21</b>	<b>Livestock Committee Meeting, 6 PM</b>
<b>January 31</b>	<b>DC Meeting, 1:30 PM</b>
<b>January 31</b>	<b>MAQA Certification, 2 PM</b>
<b>February 1</b>	<b>People Partner Grants Due</b>
<b>February 9</b>	<b>IFYE Delegate Here</b>
<b>February 27</b>	<b>"Girls For A Change" Bozeman</b>

As there was no further business to come before the council, meeting was adjourned with the next meeting set for Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dora-Jean Beil  
Council Secretary

Date Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Amended as Follows: \_\_\_\_\_