

Fall Council Meeting

11/6/2016

Desiree Hoffer called the Fall meeting to order with seventeen leaders, four ambassadors, Jackie Stinnett, 4-H Assistant and Bruce Smith, Extension Agent present.

Minutes of the Special Council meeting held July 20 were read and approved with correction on CD-3,3024.25 (Should be \$3,2024.25.)

Marnie Rau, treasurer presented treasurer's report (copy attached).

Sheets were passed around for leaders to sign up for committees available. Tana reported on the State 4-H Council. They are fading out the leaders college training, planning to have modules available online for new leaders to complete. There are plans to change company that does background checks.

Connie reported sending two sets of insufficient funds/closed account letters to Becca Yarger. Both letters were sent to her personal address and work address. Becca did not respond to either notice. Patty Magalsky moved and Chris Udem seconded to discontinue pursuing this as it was last year and cost to get to court (fees, time involved, possible attorney) could possible cost more than amount owed. Carried.

Lorie Cullinan requested since the fairbook is being redone, leaders form a committee to go through portions of the fairbook, to check for feasible entries. Leaders signed up for this committee. Jackie is going to be doing an online training and she and Tacee are going to redo/amend entries for next year.

Jackie reported giving out new family notebooks along with recordbook binders.

The clipper for sheep has been purchased. Connie will write a thank you to Glendive Veterinary Clinic for purchasing it for 4-H. There are two clippers available now: one for beef and one for sheep shearing. After discussion, Chris Udem moved and Ross Canen seconded to require those checking out the clipper watch the DVD on using the clipper before checking clipper out. Carried.

Discussion was held on the Arts and Craft Fair entries. Lorie explained currently, the entries are for Dawson County Arts and Crafts Project, but there is a State Arts and Crafts project. Lorie explained the State project is more for specific and more detailed entries. Annie Begger moved and Lorie Cullinan seconded to use Dawson County Arts and Crafts entries along with State project. Carried. There is a State Arts and Crafts manual available at the Extension Office for members to make copies of specific project.

January 22, 2017 was the date selected for Demonstration and Speech Day Contest. The event will start at 2:00. It was suggested to have training on giving a speech or demonstration prior to the contest. Those present, felt each club should work with their members. There is a video on giving a demonstration available (Ekalaka 4-H member?) Peggy Iba's name was also mentioned as a resource to provide information on giving a speech or demonstration. Kristy Cullinan also volunteered to contact the high school speech/drama coach about doing a countywide discussion on presenting a speech or demonstraton. Also it was suggested to provide incentives for 4-Hers to come to Contest Day to find out more about speeches and demonstrations. Each club was urged to encourage having 4-Hers give speech/demonstrations at their club meeting, also. It was noted that several 4-Hers did not give a talk or demonstration in their club last year.

It was moved by Ross Canen and seconded by Chris Udem to reimburse Marnie Rau for quickbook training/program and ink for her printer. Carried.

Tana Canen moved to pay state rate for mileage for those who take 3 or more participants to a 4-H sponsored event. Drop 15 cents/mile for 2 participants and an additional 15 cents/mile for just 1 participant. Dean Rau seconded motion. Carried. Mandy Hoffman moved and Jessica Stroh seconded to pay \$100/room or actual cost of room if less than \$100. Carried.

It was moved by Patty Magalsky and seconded by Marnie Rau to add the trip committee to the budget committee. Carried. Requests for travel must be pre-approved by budget/trip committee.

Several checks have not been cashed. The council directed her to rewrite checks listed and include a note to discard previous check. She already reissued State Leader dues check.

Jessica Stroh moved and Chris Udem seconded to increase concession stipend for the foodbooth to \$2,000. Carried. Connie also reported she had contacted Daryl Clingingsmith about coke cooler compressor and he said his

brother Tom Clingingsmith does the compressor work. Connie will contact him in May.

Discussion was held on rental of the 4-H building. It was moved by Patty Magalsky, seconded by Chris Udem to increase rates to \$100/day (additional \$50.00 for use of grill) and a refundable deposit of \$250. On the rules sheet, a signature line will be added so those renting can sign agreement. Carried. Bruce will do monitoring of rental/deposit return. It was decided if there is a fundraising event at the fairgrounds and food vendors are invited to participate, 4-H (either council or individual clubs) will have first chance on using the building for a fundraiser.

Marnie Rau suggested the Livestock Committee have their own budget, to keep more accurate records of that committee. It was moved by Jessica Stroh and seconded by Lorie Cullinan to have Livestock Committee develop their own budget for 2017-2018 budget year.

The council revisited the 2008 policy concerning purchase of literature for individual 4-H members projects. At that time, each member would have one project book per project paid for by the council. Cloverbud's book would be purchased 1 book per club. If the member does not complete the project, they are responsible for the cost of the literature or they must return the literature to the office. Jackie agreed to ask for books if a member drops project. If member does not return books, fruit credits may be used to pay for manuals.

Bruce announced he has been doing the taxes for the council, but feels a professional should do them. They are not difficult, but would be better to be handled by a bookkeeper or CPA. Chris Udem volunteered to talk to River City Associates to see if they would do them for us. We have a budget line item for \$900 to do this.

The State 4-H Leaders Forum for 2017 will be held September 29-30 in Glendive, according to the extension agents' meeting. Glendive would be responsible for finding a venue, possible some tours. More information coming. Tana will contact Josie (Richland County office) for more information. Counties involved in the committee are Richland, Daniels, Roosevelt, McCone, Valley, Sheridan and Dawson County. Possible help with funding for activities, mailings, room rent, etc would be TBID, Caviar Grant.

Patty moved and it was seconded to present the following businesses with "Friends of 4-H" award: Runnings, CHS Elevator and Enchanted Room. Bruce will plaques made.

Patty Magalsky urged leaders to have their 4-Hers write a thank you for awards received during the fair. Jessica has list and will send a copy to all leaders so everyone knows the awards, who gave and addresses.

Bruce may be forced to move his office to the fairgrounds (Amory Building). He is hoping Jackie can stay in the courthouse as it makes it more convenient for people to get information, etc.

It was moved by Jessica Stroh and seconded by Patty Magalsky to approved the budget as presented. Carried.

Currently there is no term for officers. Bruce suggested the executive committee meet and decide and present at next meeting. There are some issues with the bylaws that need to be update. It was suggested by Bruce to have executive committee, review bylaws, make changes or rewrite and present at the next meeting. Desiree suggested to have a winter meeting to review the bylaws, make changes if needed and to work on Leader's Forum.

The following officers were elected:

President: Tana Canen

Vice President: Tanya Gobbs

Secretary: Connie Udem

Treasurer: Marnie Rau.

Meeting adjourned.

Connie Udem, Secretary

Present: Lorie Cullinan, Dean Rau, Connie Udem, Patty Magalsky, Desiree Hoffer, Marnie Rau, Tana Canen, Ross Canen, Jessica Stroh, Tanya Gobbs, Wendy Keller, Mandy Hoffman, Sherrie Sportsman, Julie Walker, Annie Begger, Amber Nentwig and Chris Udem, Ambassadors: Alexis Canen, Kinzey Zeimer, Kristy Cullinan and Makenna Begger; Jackie Stinnett and Bruce Smith