

Sanders County 4-H Council  
Minutes - February 6, 2007

Those present were Sarah Naegeli, President; Roni Mitch, Vice-President; Karen Dwyer, Secretary; Sharon Brown, Heron/Noxon Explorers; Sally Havens, Trout Creek Mavericks; Meghan Phillippi and John Halpop, County Extension Agents; and Guest Joseph Rocheleau, Sanders County Historical Society.

December **Minutes** were approved as read. **Treasury** is in good shape. **Correspondence** was received from Reiley Winebrenner, Ciara and Bryant Normandeau, and Beca Gunderson.

**Ambassadors** met last week. Mini-Congress for 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> graders is February 18-19 at T Falls Junior High gym. Invitations have been sent; registrations are due February 9.

**State Award** candidates are meeting. Four members are working on applications so far.

Seven 4-H members have signed on for **Business adVentures**, the new entrepreneurship project. Members interested in learning to market a product for themselves or others may join by March 1.

**Shooting sports** members may be asked to pay \$5 each for signing up for a second discipline, to offset mandatory leader training costs. Annual member dues may be raised to \$8 or \$10. Please give us input!

**Livestock** minutes are included in this mailing. Quality Assurance training will be offered at the March 17 Demonstration Day in Plains. Beef project members may meet with Dan Lucas March 17<sup>th</sup>, also. Animal vaccination schedules were given out.

The State recommended **By-Law change** was tabled until the April meeting. Please gather input as to whether assets "in case of dissolution of a Sanders County 4-H Council" will be given to Sanders County Extension Office, or Montana State 4-H office.

**Joe Rocheleau**, member of the Sanders County Historical Society and the National Board for David Thompson Bicentennial, introduced a community service project for 4-H members. A flag can be sewn, or a candle lantern may be crafted as a woodworking project. The patterns will be available in the Extension Office next week. Products will be displayed in the T Falls Library and possibly in local businesses. Folks following the David Thompson trail will go through Canada and end up in T Falls, site of the last David Thompson trading post. Projects will be displayed from mid-May through the next 4 years. Sewing members may work on flags during Fashion Revue. A **kitchen committee** meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30, Courthouse.

**Rec. Lab** attendees will stay in a motel this year. Registration is \$75. Gallatin county hosts April 20-22.

**Leader training** will be February 10<sup>th</sup>, 9-1, Community Church in T Falls. All are encouraged to come work with Cody Stone, Volunteer & Leadership Development Specialist, on communications training.

**Shooting sports leader training** will be held in Dillon March 16-17. *Roni moved that Jolene Dryden be reimbursed \$100 for shooting sports training expenses; Sally seconded. Motion carried.* John will look into having a training offered in Sanders County.

**Stir-Ups** score card has been revised as recommended. Is someone interested in teaching Mineral County about Stir-Ups?

**Demonstration lunch** for judges on March 17<sup>th</sup> will be hosted by Whitepine Happy Workers. Remember, members may demonstrate on March 11<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>, and must contact 4-H Council if this is not workable.

**Camp CIT and counselor applications** have been sent by e-mail and distributed to club leaders.

Information for the 4-H "Learn By Doing" **photo contest** was distributed. Applications are also available on the Sanders County 4-H website.

**Pavilion floor** stripping date is June 12<sup>th</sup>, and finishing dates are June 14-15. Mark your calendars!

Montana Department of Motor Vehicles has changed the recordkeeping system, and 4-H will no longer receive a list of **4-H license plates** distributed. Thank you letters will no longer be sent, but 4-H will still receive the funds generated. We thank all who have purchased the plates!

A "request for rule exception" form was presented; *Sally moved that Sanders County 4-H adopt the form. Roni seconded. Motion carried.* Please use this form when a member is unable to follow a 4-H rule (i.e. cannot demonstrate on county dates, or will be late with an application.)

**Fashion Revue** may be changed to April 22<sup>nd</sup> (Quilt Show is April 29<sup>th</sup>.) Input is requested on the number of items members can enter in Fashion Revue/Patchwork Parade.

**Citrus sales** will not include oranges this year (damage to crops by hurricanes and freezing weather.) Council recommended apple and flower bulb sales, hopefully starting on February 11<sup>th</sup> as planned.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Dwyer, Secretary

SANDERS COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL  
Meeting – April 3, 2007

Those present were: President Sarah Naegeli, Vice-President Roni Mitch, Treasurer Kathy McEldery, Secretary Karen Dwyer, Sally Havens – Trout Creek Mavericks, Meghan Phillipi and John Halpop, CE Agents. Pledges were recited. Minutes of the February meeting were approved as read. Treasury reflects a drop in fruit sale profit; however, total funds available are higher than last year. Several clubs have not paid dues for 2006-2007.

Fruit sales were good, just not as profitable. Apples quality wasn't good. If a member has trouble collecting money from fruit sales, the club pays council. Flower bulb sales are going well.

Stir-Ups: 2 seniors and 3 juniors participated. Abi Mitch won junior trophy, Charlene Johnson won senior trophy. Near 135 members gave demonstrations at the county level. Judges will be reminded to award no ribbons on finals day, just certificates, medallions, and trophies. The club hosting lunch will be reminded! Congress demonstrators will have a practice day prior, with volunteers and evaluators, and videotaping for future use.

The new kitchen cook is Kathy Legard, with co-cook Julie Yonkers. Council pays for a Food Safety Class and necessary immunizations. All kitchen workers must have hair "contained." We can use more aprons (contact Meghan.) Committee is looking for donated turkeys and sirloin beef roasts (contact Meghan again.)

Livestock committee supports a policy for helmet use by horse members during 4-H events, added to the Livestock Rules. Council agrees. A few livestock members are still in need of Quality Assurance training; please contact John. Several leaders and members attended a very good showing and fitting clinic in Missoula.

Ambassador mini-Congress went well and members had fun, in spite of low attendance. Prospective and Junior Ambassador selection interviews will be May 16<sup>th</sup>. A new key leader will be chosen. Interested? Contact Meghan. *Sally moved the proposed By-Law change be accepted; Roni seconded. Motion carried.* The By-Law reads thus: If, for any reason, any Sanders County 4-H Club shall be dissolved, any remaining assets will be given to the Sanders County 4-H Council. If, for any reason, this council shall be dissolved, any remaining assets will be given to the Sanders County Extension Service or the Montana 4-H Leaders Council and/or the Montana 4-H Foundation."

Two members will attend Rec Lab in Bozeman. Dates have been changed to April 20-22, which conflicts with cross country and Environthon, eliminating several interested members.

Scholarship interview date will be based on availability of applicants. Our goal is to base our awards on interest already earned rather than projected earnings.

District 1 Teen Retreat is May 11-13, \$10 per member, with 1 or more chaperones per 10 teens, age 13 by May 13. Sanders County is responsible for snacks, supported by Council.

Fashion Revue will be held at T Falls High School at the close of FlatIron Quilt Guild Show, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Quilts are entered in the show for \$3 each by April 26<sup>th</sup> for display and construction judging. We will arrange to transport quilts from Plains and Hot Springs. Record books are used only for reference (but must be up to date in quilting.)

Council encourages sending more than 1 quilt to Congress if the quality is good.

Mineral County is in charge of multi-county camp. CIT's and counselors have received letters with meeting dates. A film (video) track is offered at Congress. Council asks for a letter of interest from any interested senior members by the end of April. Members will work with MSU film students and will be videotaping Congress scenes. We may send 5 members with the Gavel Games Team; the extra member will help with running the contest. A Wildlife Habitat and Environment Project (WHEP) contest is offered this year.

Council agreed to list award donors in local newspapers prior to the Fair, as last year.

Poultry and Rabbit clinic is May 12<sup>th</sup> in Ronan, 9:30-4 at the Extension Service Building. Don't bring your animal. Dog Show at the Montana State Fair in Great Falls is Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm. Registration is due May 11<sup>th</sup> to Cascade County, along with proof of vaccinations.

Sanders County Horse Expo is May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Fairgrounds, and may include helmet training.

Montana Range Days are June 18-20 in Conrad.

Rural Community Development Grant applications are available, a Dept. of Ag Grant for 4-H and FFA members.

People Partner Grants have been awarded to Trout Creek Mavericks (Whitepine Cemetery project); Mariah Naegeli card stamping project; and to John Gunderson and Jacob Naegeli (cutouts for light poles in town).

Read your Dispatch for information on International Foreign Exchange (IFYE) opportunities and information on a Goldman-Sachs award of up to \$10,000.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Dwyer, Secretary

**Sanders County 4-H Council**  
**Minutes - June 5, 2007**

Those present were Sarah Naegeli, President; Roni Mitch, Vice-President; Karen Dwyer, Secretary; Sharon Brown, Heron/Noxon Eagles; Shirley Kinkade, Margaret Storoy, Extension Staff; Ambassadors Alex Saint, John Garrison, Abi Mitch; Meghan Phillippi and John Halpop, County Extension Agents.

Pledges were recited.

April minutes were changed to read "track" rather than "cross country." Treasury shows a balance of \$2000 less than last year; some bulb sale receipts are outstanding. Market stock account is funded by a member fee on market animals (\$35 swine, \$40 beef, \$20 lamb) and pays to administer the sale, purchase buyer thank you ads, fund fair improvements, etc. The fund usually requires more than receipts provide; council makes up the difference.

Rec Lab offered good interactions, plus was centrally located and easier to navigate, reported by John G. Dallas Davis also attended; Sue Garrison was chaperon.

District 1 Retreat was attended by Kyle Cox.

Fashion Revue/Patchwork Parade worked very well with Flat-Iron Quilt Show. Jessica Moritz was Senior Quilt trophy winner; Mariah Naegeli won trophies in Junior Quilting and Junior Clothing. Suggestion was to schedule a bit earlier in the day next year. Theresa Fausett was narrator.

Livestock Committee reports that Alan Havens and Carter Farrier were great help with tagging. Horse riding clinics will be Tuesdays until fair. Family access to the horse arena is \$40 per year. Six members attended a successful swine workshop with Matt Havens. Llama Fest is June 16. Committee is reviewing the tie ring situation in the beef barn. Beef wash drain is repaired. Coming up: Rabbit Showmanship Workshop (July 16), Sheep Workshop (TBA).

Scholarships this year were awarded to Alissa Flockerzi and Molly Matthew, for a total of \$1000.

Senior Ambassador Alex Saint introduced Junior John Garrison and Prospective Abi Mitch. Ambassador schedule includes Camps, Congress and Fair. Ambassadors have 400 4-H bracelets to sell, at \$1.50 each. Contact Alex or the Extension Office (great for awards or prizes).

Funds from bulb sales are trickling in. Sharon introduced additional fundraising ideas.

4-H Kitchen schedule shows lots of blanks! Remember, kitchen shifts are mandatory for members, and are also fun! Pavilion floors are scheduled to be stripped on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, and sealed on June 14<sup>th</sup>, depending on folks available to help.

The glass case formerly in the courthouse is now at the Extension Office location in the State Building. Council agreed to have clubs sign up to put together a display, one club every two months. Please call the Extension Office to choose your month. See the new office location at an Open House on Wednesday, June 13, from 11-2 - refreshments will be served.

Camper Abi Croft will attend Kids Camp next weekend. Multi-County Camp will have different themes for each cabin.

Congress delegates will meet at John's house June 7<sup>th</sup> for an orientation BBQ. Twelve delegates will attend; along with 5 chaperons (2 chaperons are responsible for members from different counties.).

It's time to sign up for Barn Patrol (all animal project members except cat, dog, and pocket pets are expected to sign up.)

Fair Cashiers are needed, in addition to traffic help in the Home Ec Barn on entry day, and help with exhibit setup Thursday afternoon and evening.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Dwyer, Secretary

Sanders County 4-H Council  
Minutes - September 25, 2007

Present were Vice President Roni Mitch, Treasurer Kathy McEldery, Secretary Karen Dwyer, Sally Havens - Trout Creek Mavericks; Anita McCoy - Little Bitterroot; Sharon Brown and Sharon Palmer - Heron/Noxon Explorers; Abi Mitch - South Side Sparks; Alex Saint - Senior Ambassador; Meghan Phillipi and John Halpop - County Extension Agents; guest Kathleen Huntley..

Pledges to the U S and 4-H flags were recited.

Kathleen Huntley, a member of the Montana Geographical Alliance and third grade teacher in Noxon, introduced the website "My Wonderful World". United States has funded 9 core subjects for schools, and geography was not included. Our schools are falling behind. Visit [www.mywonderfulworld.com](http://www.mywonderfulworld.com). Ambassador Alex reported that Battle of the Barns had a good turnout and was a success, even though rumors say the beef barn cheated. Wrist bands are still available. Fall Training is October 18<sup>th</sup> at Fairmont Hot Springs.

August minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report included figures on 4-H kitchen and fat stock sale. Leaders, please submit club financial records to Kathy asap for audit.

Correspondence was received from Skyler Kinkade, Allen Havens, and Sanders County Fair Board.

Customers at the Fair kitchen were extremely happy with the food. Shift schedule needs some revisions. Committee may look at raising meal prices in response to inflated food costs. Sharon B. reminded us of the positive social aspect in the dining hall. Winners of the drawing for working extra kitchen shifts were Ben Dryden, Ethan Snell, Anna Snell, and Tristan Riddle. Fair management will furnish paint for the shelves in the Home Ec barn. Silent Auction attracted quite a bit of activity, including a \$20 donation to council. Suggestions were to close the bids at the end of the livestock sale; to display in a location with more traffic (Ag barn?); to offer a choice of either livestock sale or silent auction; and to investigate requiring complete record books.

Quote from former SC Extension Agent Don Nicholson: "Fair is an emotionally significant event."

Livestock committee will critique fair September 27<sup>th</sup>. Shows, record book checks, judges, barn patrol went well. Camping coordinator and rabbit/poultry superintendent positions need to be filled for next year. Thanks to Roni & Doug Mitch, and Bill Naegeli for helping and cooking at the Wednesday BBQ. Concerns were raised about fairgrounds safety and evacuation.

New 4-H year ads have been placed in newspapers and newsletters, and fliers and posters were printed to display throughout the county.

After discussion, *Karen moved to raise member enrollment fees to \$10 per member (first 2 family members - \$5 each additional) and a suggested \$10 donation for leaders; Sally seconded. Motion carried.*

Check the Sanders County 4-H website for all kinds of new information.

Shooting Sports training was last weekend, attended by Doug Mitch. *Council executive committee approved \$50 registration and \$65 motel in advance.*

Achievement Day is 2:00pm, November 4<sup>th</sup>, Thompson Falls Senior Center. Mountaineers and Whitepine Happy Workers will host. Bring potluck dishes, silent auction items, and project displays.

Sally suggested another term for current council officers. Election will be held in December.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Dwyer, Secretary

**Sanders County 4-H Council Meeting**  
**Dec. 4, 2007**

Present: Sarah Naegeli, Kathy McEldery, John Halpop, Anita McCoy, Sally Havens, Sharon Palmer, Sharon Brown, Charlotte Palmer, Sebrina Palmer, Raven Brown, Roni Mitch, Bina Eggensperger, Meghan Phillippi.

Pledges were recited.

Minutes from Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting were accepted as read.

Correspondence from Judy (H?), and Dinn Brothers Trophy Co. was circulated.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Kathy McEldery. The Council checking account is down approx. \$5000 in comparison to this time last year. Some discussion ensued regarding the reason for the decrease in funds. Council anticipates receiving approximately \$1,800 from scholarship and donor award reimbursements that will make up for a part of the \$5,000.

Livestock Committee met on 11/13/07. Rodney Kott led a presentation on "slick shearing" for lambs. The next Livestock Committee meeting will take place on Jan. 15, 2008 at the FSA Building in Plains at 6:30 PM

Beef Tagging will take place on Saturday, December 29, 10:00 am at Prongua scales and Bill Meadows' Ranch 2:00 pm.

Ambassadors: Roni reported that the ambassadors who attend Fall Training were Alex Saint, Charles French, Abi Mitch, and Roni (chaperone). John Garrison was not able to attend, due to football conflict. Consistency necessary to maintain requirements for Ambassadorship eligibility.

Ambassadors are planning to help the Heron-Noxon 4H Club, and a new club in Ronan.

Club Year Plan and List of Officers are due in the Extension Office.

Fundraisers were discussed. Karen will look into prices for the citrus sales. At the Feb. 5 meeting, council will decide if we should sell citrus. Sharon B. found another supplier to consider for bulbs. Moved and seconded that 5% of the bulb profits (prorated) go back to the individual clubs. Discussed the profitability of the citrus sale, and feasibility of changing products.

2008 Capitol Christmas Tree: South Side Sparks, Heron-Noxon Explorers, Whitepine Happy Workers and Thompson Falls Mountaineers committed to making ornaments totaling 170. Any other club wishing to contribute ornaments should contact the Extension Office.

Shooting Sports: Certification of Leaders was discussed. Moved and seconded to reimburse Joe Brown (Noxon-Heron Explorers) and Greg Misner (Trout Creek Mavericks) \$115 for their attendance at the certification class.

Fundraisers and training for leaders were discussed specifically for shooting sports. John will compile a list of shooting sports leaders in Sanders County. A countywide round table discussion may be helpful for shooting sports leaders.

Cost of Club Officer Pins: Discussion took place regarding which award pins the council should purchase. The council clarified that individual clubs would be responsible to purchase club officer pins (because that is an award that is "club" specific). Kathy McEldery suggested compiling data to show how much the council spent on pins / awards for each club.

#### Officer Elections

The council voted to retain, for one more year, the current slate of officers: Sarah Naegeli, President; Roni Mitch, Vice President; Kathy McEldery, Treasurer; Karen Dwyer, Secretary.

Strategic Planning Workshop: Bina Eggensperger prompted discussion on Leader College. Bina suggested that it would be a good idea to have a Leader College in Sanders or Mineral County (Camp Bighorn?). Bina offered to conduct a Strategic Planning workshop for the council. The council tentatively plans to hold such a workshop on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Roni discussed completion status for members who do not complete a record book. Does the State Office keep records on "years completed"? The state office does not receive that information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Next meeting: Feb. 5, 2008 6:00 PM in State Building Conference Room, Thompson Falls

Submitted by Roni Mitch