

Sanders County 4-H Council
Minutes - February 3, 2009

Present were President Sarah Naegeli, Vice President Roni Mitch, Treasurer Kathy McEldery, Secretary Karen Dwyer; Bill and Mariah Naegeli- Whitepine Happy Workers; Ethan Snell, Will and Theresa Fausett, Theresa Nelson - TF Mountaineers; Sally Havens and Greg Misner - Trout Creek Mavericks; Sandi Newman and Michele McGuigan - Little Bitterroot; Sharon Brown and Sharon Palmer - Heron Eagles; County Extension Agents Meghan Phillippi and John Halpop.

Pledges were recited.

Meghan introduced a fun activity, Schwaaa (Power ball).

Sally made a motion to dispense with the reading of the December minutes; Michelle seconded. Motion carried.

Kathy presented the treasurer's report, including a printed check register.

Thank you notes were received from Abram, Charles, and Ben French; from Mariah Naegeli, Will and Theresa Fausett, Ethan Snell and Jeffreyanne Parker; and from 4-H Foundation for Greytak calendar orders.

Roni moved that reimbursement from 4-H council for shooting sports leader training be \$100 per person, based on receipts submitted with requests; Sally seconded. Motion carried.

Current Ambassadors John Garrison, Velita Benton, Abi Mitch and Charles French are facilitating a Minicongress on February 16th at TF Christian Church, for all ages. Registration of \$5 includes lunch, dancing, and workshops on demonstrations, goal setting, etiquette and opportunities outside of Sanders County.

Mariah reported on her trip to National Congress in Atlanta. Workshops included team building, meeting people, leadership, and gourmet cooking. Delegates participated in a community service project and enjoyed tours to see the Aquarium, Coca Cola factory, Turner Field, and the biggest plasma screen TV. Montana sent 17 delegates. Will, Ethan and Theresa reported on Western Roundup in Denver, the Gavel Games competition, ice skating, snowboarding, and visiting the Air Force Academy and the Stock Show.

Members attending Legislative Breakfast were Ethan Snell, Mariah Naegeli, Meghan Brady, Will and Theresa Fausett, and Charles, Ben and Abram French. Highlights were a "rehearsal" dinner with speakers including Flint Rasmussen (rodeo clown), and the breakfast with Representatives Pat Ingraham and Gordon Hendricks, and Senator Greg Hinkle.

Volunteer leader forms and consent forms are needed from several members and leaders. Council agreed that the checklist for member enrollment forms, and consents was helpful.

A strategic planning meeting will be held February 5th in Trout Creek.

Four senior members are meeting with Sarah to fill out State Awards applications: Mariah Naegeli Meghan Brady, Charlene Johnson, and Beca Gunderson.

Livestock minutes are included in the Dispatch. January 12th meeting included a processing overview by Clark Fork Custom meats. Quality Assurance training is available on both demonstration days. Check out Michele's new horse webpage!

A future committee for fundraisers will research what our needs are, a replacement for bulb sales, specific purposes for Achievement day raffles, and new ideas. We'll see how we do on citrus sales before forming a committee.

Bill Naegeli requested financial help for the welding project. High school is not available this year. Request is for \$200 for oxygen/acetylene tanks, a "y" hosing, an additional set of tanks, and rods. *Karen moved that Council loan \$200 to the welding project for startup; Roni seconded. Motion carried.*

At 4-H Agent Update, Meghan learned that a curriculum survey will be done in the future. E postcard (tax filing of the 990-N for non-profits) must be submitted by February 15th by each club. If your attempt is rejected, please forward the information to Jill Martz (or our Extension Office). John and Meghan will check with other counties for the council long form procedure. A "Do not discriminate" form must be signed by organizational leaders.

Flathead County is looking for agents or counties to serve on the board for Darrell Fenner 4-H camp.

Volunteer background checks will be required for the 2009-2010 year. Charge for the background check for non profits will be \$10 per leader. No grandfathering is allowed. Necessary information will be available at the August council meeting. Think about how to fund the background checks for our leaders.

Judge's gifts for demonstrations are needed. Sewing members will work on making forty 4-H potholders.

Fruit sales begin February 8th. Reminder: Cloverbuds do not participate in fundraising. Half case combinations will not receive a discount price this year. All members selling 8 cases will receive a t-shirt.

Rec Lab will be in Forsyth March 20-22. Contact the Extension Office for more details.

Stir-Ups is offered in both Hot Springs and Thompson Falls, based on at least 3 members participating in each location. State Stir-Ups theme does not play a part in scoring at county or state level.

March 14th Demonstration Day luncheon hosts will be the Heron Eagles.

Fashion Revue Committee includes Meghan Brady, Sarah Naegeli, a photographer, Shelly Anderson, Theresa Fausett and possibly Emily Snell.

Multi County camp registration is \$85 this year. Applications have been sent out. Deadline is March 17th.

District 1 Teen Retreat is requesting a meal and a workshop from each county. Roni plans to attend and will take interested members 13 and older

Michele is serving on the State Horse Committee. Congratulations!

Leadership Forum will be in Sydney.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Dwyer, Secretary

Sanders County 4-H Council Minutes

April 7, 2009

Those attending were Vice President Roni Mitch; Treasurer Kathy McEldery, Secretary Karen Dwyer, Will Fausett and Ethan Snell, Mountaineers; Sally Havens, Trout Creek Mavericks; Sandy Newman, Little Bitterroot; Abi Mitch, Ambassador; County Extension Agents Meghan Phillippi and John Halpop.

Pledges were recited.

February minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's report: License plate gifts have been unused; we need direction on handling the money remaining. Two clubs need to submit citrus sale income

Correspondence included a letter from Blackfoot telephone regarding Blackfoot grants; Marilyn Jurenka, State Leadership Council President; and Alice Dettwiler.

Ambassadors presented a mini-Congress February 16th at the T Falls Christian Church; forty attended. Workshops were on demonstrations, Stir-Ups, 4-H opportunities, community service, and dance. Participants paid \$5 to cover lunch. Ambassador applications for the 2009-2010 year are due May 1st.

Fruit Sales recap: Charlotte Palmer designed the t-shirt. High seller was Casey Chenoweth, with 22 3/4 cases. *Will moved for council to award \$10 Subway cards to members selling 20 or more cases of fruit, replacing the single top seller award in coming years. Abi seconded. Motion carried.* Thanks, Shirley, for designing the new citrus order sheets.

Three contestants participated in Stir-Ups at Hot Springs school. Senior winner was Charlene Johnson; Junior was Amanda Woods. Abi Mitch is willing to visit clubs and present her demonstration on how to do Stir-Ups.

Demonstration Finals winners were Seniors Beca Gunderson (first), Bethany Mack, Will Fausett, and Teresa Fausett. Junior winners were John Gunderson (first), Maggie Riddell, Tristan Riddell and, Joshua Wulfekuhle. One hundred thirty members demonstrated. Format of 3 communities worked well (Hot Springs, then T Falls, then finals in Plains.). Judges gifts were wonderful (potholders made by members.) Sally would like to see members receive results directly after demonstrating. Discussion was tabled.

Kathy Legard has agreed to serve as our fair kitchen cook. Food donations will be accepted.

Strategic Planning group met in February. Three main goals will be presented at the June council meeting. *Will moved to change council meeting time to 6:30 beginning June 2nd, on a trial basis; Ethan seconded. Motion carried.*

Livestock committee voted to support Fair improvements with \$1000 towards powder coating on show arena panels; and to move forward with interior sheep/swine barn painting. Animal science learning kits were discussed. Sheep/Swine Tagging dates are Friday, May 29th (Trout Creek Fire Hall) and Saturday, May 30th (Hot Springs Scales.) Start date for barn patrol sign-up will be July 1st, firm.

Sarah Naegeli is meeting with Beca Gunderson, Meghan Brady, and Mariah Naegeli on State Awards Applications.

Three applications were turned in for the 4-H Scholarship. Investment funds have been going backwards; \$464.62 interest is available. *Karen moved council add \$35.38 to make \$500 available. Sandy seconded. Motion carried.*

Fashion Revue/Patchwork Parade is April 26th; forms are due April 15th; record books are due April 22nd.

District 1 Teen Retreat at Loon Lake will be May 1-3. Ravalli county is hosting. Roni is driving teens and has 3 vacant seats. Applications are due April 23rd. Each county brings 1 meal and 1 workshop.

Shooting sports – Ben French placed fifth in state competition and may attend national competition as an alternate (Nebraska). Congratulations!

Camps – Cloverbud is June 19-20. Multicounty camp is June 23-26. Operation Military kids will be there and will pay for military kids to attend.

Counselors and CIT's from Sanders County are John Garrison, Ethan Snell, John Gunderson, Dalton Nelson, Kyle Cox, and Dallas Davis.

Gavel Games – National competition includes teams with 6 members. Will is coordinating a new team. Will has offered a Parliamentary Procedure workshop for any club in the county – call 827-4119.

WHEP (Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Program) – Roni would like to get a team together. Letters of interest from members are due to the office by May 1st.

Congress – Letters of interest will be requested from interested members in the Dispatch and on e-mail. Roni will check on a price quote for a charter bus, to be shared with neighboring counties.

Foundation Fundraiser – Clubs are reminded of the request to donate \$4 per member, \$40 per club, and \$400 per county in honor of the 4-H Foundation's 40th birthday celebration.

Ethan moved to adjourn the meeting; Will seconded. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Dwyer, Secretary

Sanders County 4-H Council
Meeting Minutes, June 2, 2009

Vice President Roni Mitch called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. Others present were Sally Havens – Trout Creek Mavericks; Michele McGuigan – Little Bitterroot; Ethan Snell – Thompson Falls Mountaineers; Sharon Brown, Anja Watson, Heron-Noxon Explorers; Sarah Naegeli - President; Meghan Phillippi, John Halpop – Extension Agents.

Minutes were moved to be accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Annual 4-H Foundation donation of \$5 per member will be sent. Profit from citrus sales is roughly 24% of total income, down because of higher fruit prices, but still a good fundraiser.

Old Business

• **District One Teen Retreat** was attended by Amanda Woods and Abi Mitch (chaperone Roni Mitch); 35 members and 6-7 adults came from all counties. Workshops included; activities for a group, creating stained glass crafts, 4-H as an after school program, characteristics of different age groups, cake decorating, and team building w/Campbell Barrett. Community service projects were building a fire ring, washing mattresses, and cleaning nurse's cabin.

• **Fashion Revue/Patchwork Parade** was good; including embroidering and sewing worked well.

• **State Awards** - Meghan Brady, Mariah Naegeli, and Beca Gunderson completed applications.

• **Livestock Committee** met May 5th. Sheep/Swine barn has been prepped for painting. Animal science learning kits are available (view at the Extension Office - these are really neat!). Fair judges are lined up. A market hog is being donated for 4-H Foundation fundraising. Sheep/Swine tagging was done in Trout Creek and Hot Springs.

• **Scholarship** winners were John Garrison, Caleb Matthew, and Alex Saint. Available funds were low this year; First Security Bank made an extra donation, as did a few private donors. Many thanks!

• **Ambassadors** – Charles French is the incoming Senior Ambassador and plans to run for a state office. Will Fausett is the incoming Junior Ambassador. Prospective Ambassadors had no applicants. Next year Ambassadors may visit clubs a month before applications are due, to promote the program.

New Business

• **Livestock raffle** ticket packets have been given to each club (the majority of sales happen at Fair). A quilt, quilt rack, and hog have all been donated by Heron-Noxon Explorers 4-H Club. Thank you!

• **Elks Club** is sponsoring a dinner June 27th; proceeds go to Montana 4-H Foundation. Helpers from clubs are needed.

• A **quilting class** is offered for all 4-H members basically quilting or wanting to quilt, with their own machine, held August 8th from 8:00am-noon. Pam Clark, nationally renowned teacher will give a kit, brochures and lots of valuable information to 10-15 members.

• Fair Board is sponsoring a **raffle** to raise money for Sanders County Cancer Network, with a lawn tractor as the prize. Council agreed to put a note in Dispatch for families wishing to sell tickets to contact the Fair Office.

• **Camps** – Currently Cloverbud camp has no registrations from Sanders. Multi-county camp registrations are starting to come in. Due to insurance concerns, rope swings have been removed and water activity safety is being improved. Sarah moved that council send \$150 to Loon Lake Camp account for water activity equipment or whatever else is needed.

Motion passed. Ethan made a motion for council to donate \$50 for S'Mores at camp; motion passed. The new Ravalli county teen camp is at the end of July. Contact the Extension Office for info.

• **Congress** – The bus is from Revier in Plains; Roni will drive. Other counties pay \$24 per person. Sanders County has 16 delegates: Gavel Games – Jeffreyanne Parker, Ben Dryden, Charles French, Abi Mitch; WHEP – Velita Benton, Meghan Brady and Ethan Snell; Demonstrations – Beca Gunderson, Will Fausett, Theresa Fausett, Bethany Mack; Quilting – Mariah Naegeli; Fashion Revue – Darcy Ryan; Stir-Ups - Charlene Johnson; Ambassadors John Garrison and Alex Saint. Chaperones are Sarah, Bill Saint, John, Meghan and Karen. Delegate orientation is June 4.

• **Relay for Life** rummage sale is June 27th; anyone wishing to help is welcome. 4-H team will include any members interested; contact Sarah Naegeli. Relay is August 7th and 8th.

• **Welding members** received a Rural Grant for \$225 (equipment, plus supplies for 3 auction donations.) Mariah Naegeli and Nicole Ribeiro received a \$250 grant from Blackfoot (to build bee and bat houses.) \$80 donation to 4-H is coming from Mariah and Nicole, sharing babysitting funds. Thanks!

• **Make It with Wool** contest materials are available. New is a \$3 testing charge for each fabric.

• **Award applications** for Leader of the Year, Junior Achievement, and Little Chief are due August 19th and are available at the Sanders County website (no recent updates have been done; no access.)

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Dwyer, Secretary

Sanders County 4-H Council
Meeting Minutes, August 4, 2009

Those present were President Sarah Naegeli, Vice President Roni Mitch, Treasurer Kathy McEldery, Secretary Karen Dwyer, Tina Wood – Heron-Noxon Explorers; Michele McGuigan and Sandy Newman - Little Bitterroot; Abi Mitch, Shannon Schaff - South Side Sparks; Sally Havens – Trout Creek Mavericks; and Meghan Phillippi, County Extension Agent.

Roni moved to dispense with reading of June minutes and to accept as presented; Abi seconded. Motion carried. Kathy presented a written treasurer's report. Checking account balance is \$4000 lower than last year at this time; we need to spend carefully. We may consider a budget for the 2009-2010 year, especially for Congress expenses. Correspondence was received from Ben French, Montana 4-H Foundation, Mariah Naegeli, and Multi County 4-H Camp (supplies for S'Mores at camp.)

Congress was a great experience this year. Super workshops were campus based and fairly well received. Alex Saint retired as Ambassador Officer; Charles French and John Garrison served on the tech team. Gavel Games team placed 3rd, Mariah Naegeli's quilt was 3rd, Meghan Brady placed 3rd individually in WHEP competition, Beca Gunderson was 3rd in demonstrations, and Beca and Mariah received state awards in sheep and leadership, respectively. Bus passengers paid for transportation.

An MSU-Bozeman nutrition research project is beginning the week of October 5th. Parents of 9-12 year olds are being sought to participate locally for a few hours, and will receive a good meal and a \$100 stipend.

Cloverbud Camp included hikes and outdoor/nature activities, plus presentations from Operation Military Kids (i.e. flag folding with Guards.) Multi-county camp was well attended by Sanders County members, both campers and counselors. The rope swing is gone.

Will Fausett is Junior Ambassador; Charles French is Senior. If members are interested, Prospective Ambassadors may apply and interview at the Fair (none applied in Spring.) Battle of the Barns is being planned.

Livestock Committee coordinated a small group to paint the sheep barn. Next meeting is August 6th.

Roni moved to allow sno-cone machine rental to 4-H and non 4-H groups for \$15 plus the cost of supplies. Non 4-H groups will pay a \$25 refundable deposit for returning the machine in good condition; Abi seconded. Motion carried.

Kitchen committee suggested charging fifty cents per cup or \$1.00 for filling a travel mug to fairgoers requesting only coffee in the dining hall; council agreed. Pavilion needs a good commercial refrigerator with sliding doors; Fair Board has offered to share the cost. A donation box at the fair may help. Kitchen needs wire mesh moveable shelving, plastic containers, etc; Tina will check at a restaurant supply store. Monetary donations for dining hall food are still needed. Kitchen supervisor orientation is scheduled for noon on Fair Readiness Day. Work schedule has some empty spots. Members/leaders serving a second shift will receive chances for 4 drawings for \$20 each.

Judges' helpers are needed for Thursday afternoon at Fair. Remind members to attach entry tags to exhibits in a manner that will show their names and to leave claim checks on entry tags. Contact Extension Office if you are willing to narrate the Fashion Revue/Patchwork Parade and/or write narratives for some entries.

Fair Readiness Day is August 29th; bring tools (shovels, rags, etc.) Little Chief Award interviews will be at 9:30am.

Achievement Day is November 8th (Sunday), potluck at Plains if available, T Falls if not, including a Silent Auction. Host club will be South Side Sparks in Plains, Heron or Trout Creek Mavericks in T Falls.

Montana Leadership Forum is September 25-26th in Sidney.

District 1 may ask for snack donations for Ambassador Fall Training, October 16th.

After a motorcycle accident, CEA John Halpop is recovering in Spokane and will come home next week.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Dwyer, Secretary

Sanders County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes - Oct. 6, 2009

Those present were Pres. Sarah Naegeli, V.P Roni Mitch, Treasurer Kathy McEldery, Sharon & Raven Brown, Raoul & Nicole Ribeiro, Ethan Snell, Abi Mitch, Sandy Newman, Michele McGuigan, Teresa Nelson, Sally Havens, John Halpop, Charles French, William Fausett, Meghan Phillippi, & guest Polina (exchange student from Central Russia).

Roni moved to dispense with reading of August minutes and accept as presented; Charles seconded. Motion carried. Treasurer's report was presented by Kathy M. We have a shortfall of approx. \$6623. We need to watch expenses and do some fundraising to make up the difference. A Budget & Finance Committee was formed to look into the matter. Mariah N., Ethan S., Raoul R. volunteered for the committee.

Correspondence was received from Abi Mitch & Bethany Mack.

Polina, the exchange student from C. Russia said she is available to visit 4-H clubs and talk about her country.

Club Treasurer's records are due, should be submitted to Kathy M., along with the annual financial summary.

Fair Wrap-Up: the dining hall netted \$1249 this year. Kathy, Scott, and Sharon agreed to manage the kitchen for the 2010 fair.

Names were drawn for the \$20 prize, from a pool of people who worked extra shifts in the dining hall. Winners are: Travis Legard, Stephen Clinkenbeard, Morgan Legard, and Payton Fields.

John H. gave a report from the Livestock Committee in regards to the fair.

New Fair Entry guidelines will go into effect for the 2010 fair. Briefly, the changes include: enforcement of deadlines, judges authority to determine "any other" duplicates, requirement of description for "any other" entries, and a suggested limit of "any other" lots to 5 per class.

Charles (Sr. Ambassador) introduced our new ambassadors: Nicole Ribeiro, Prospective Ambassador; and Will Fausett, Jr. Ambassadors. The ambassadors will attend Fall Training on Oct. 15-17. Meghan will accompany them.

Achievement Day will be Nov. 8 at 3:00 PM in the fairgrounds pavilion. Polina volunteered to talk about Russia. The Ambassadors agreed to do an icebreaker. Will F. proposed having a parliamentary procedure presentation. The South Side Sparks will host the potluck event. There will be a silent auction.

Several dozen seed packets were donated by Ace Hardware, to the 4-H council. It was moved and seconded to use part of the packets in the Achievement Day silent auction, and give some of them to each Cloverbud group.

Will Fausett reported that he is available to give parliamentary procedure lessons to any club that wants it.

The Hot Springs Wranglers Club is going through dissolution procedures. The members from that club may join the Little Bitterroot club, if they wish.

There will be a Rec Lab planning meeting in Polson on Oct. 10. Roni and Meghan are attending. Rec Lab will take place somewhere in District 1. Place and date is TBA.

It was moved and seconded that the current slate of officers continues in their prospective roles for one more year: Pres. Sarah N.; V.P Roni M.; Sec. Karen D.; and Treas. Kathy M.

The 2010 County 4-H calendar was discussed. The following dates were decided: March 7 for demonstrations in Hot Springs; March 13 for demonstrations in T-Falls; March 21 for demonstration finals (place TBA).

Members are reminded that People Partner Grants are due soon. The possibility was discussed to apply for a grant in order to purchase/update the poultry pens for the fairgrounds. Charles agreed to work on the grant application.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted

Roni Mitch

Sanders County 4H Council Meeting Minutes – Dec 1, 2009

Those present were Pres. Sarah Naegeli, V.P Roni Mitch, Treasurer Kathy McEldery, Ethan Snell, Abi Mitch, Sandy Newman, Michele McQuigan, Sally Havens, John Halpop, William Fausett, Meghan Phillippi, Elizabeth Riffle, Theresa Fausett.

Roni read the Oct. minutes and they were accepted as presented, with the exception to the reference that the Hot Springs Wrangler Club is dissolving. The HSW is NOT dissolving, but rather will continue and be co-lead by Stacy Torgerson and Susan Woods.

Treasurer's report was presented by Kathy M. We have a shortfall of approx. \$7014. We still need to watch expenses and do some fundraising to make up the difference. The revised profit for the Fair Dining Hall is \$930. We did net \$378 in the Achievement Day silent auction. Checks have been mailed to members who sold market animals.

The Budget Committee will meet soon – TBA.

Club Dues were discussed in relation to money collected versus workbooks ordered. Clubs who order their own workbooks must report to Kathy McEldery the following: Total dues collected and total cost of workbooks ordered.

Moved and seconded that each club will continue to annually submit to the 4H Council the following: \$10 per leader. This is in effect regardless of whether the club collects the \$10 from the leader, or pays the \$10 out of the club assets.

John H. gave a report from the Livestock Committee in regards to the fair. **Steer Tagging** will take place on Jan. 2 at 10 am in Hot Springs, and at 2 pm in Trout Creek.

Ambassadors – Will Fausett reported that Fall Training “rocked”. Charles French, Will, and Nicole Ribeiro attended with Meghan P. as chaperone. The Ambassadors may hold a mini congress in 2011.

Club Year Plans and lists of club officers are now due and should be submitted to the Ext. Office.

Display Case Schedule: The following clubs have signed on to provide items for the display case: Dec/Jan: Thompson Falls; Feb/Mar: Plains; Apr/May: Whitepine HW.

Moved and seconded to accept the New Fair Entry guidelines as presented.

There will be a record book training on Jan. 21, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm at the State Bldg. in Tfalls. This is designed for leaders, parents, and teen leaders. Procedures and expectations will be clarified.

Project Animal Journals have been updated. Members with animals still must include the first 2 pages of the project journal along with the animal record in their record books.

A fundraising committee was formed. Theresa & Will Fausett, Beth Riffle, and Sarah Naegeli volunteered for the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Roni Mitch.