

**4-H Council Minutes**  
**October 10, 2006 Meeting**

Present: Robin Miotke, Lisa Mills, Jim Dixon, Vyonne Moran, Joey Hennes, Gene McClure, Kristi Cather, Stephenie Birgenheier, Tim O'Neill, Adam Rys-Sikora, Margi Thurston and Colleen Terrazas

Newly elected Board members present were Kristi Cather and Stephenie Birgenheier. Welcome!

**1. Election of Officers**

a. President

*Joey Hennes moved to nominate Robin Miotke to serve a one year term as President. Jim Dixon seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.*

b. Vice-President

*Tim O'Neill moved to nominate Gene McClure to serve a one year term as Vice-President. Jim Dixon seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.*

c. Secretary

*Kristi Cather volunteered to serve a one year term as Secretary. Kristie as Secretary was approved unanimously by the Board.*

d. Treasurer

*Joey Hennes volunteered to continue serving as Treasurer. Joey as Treasurer was approved unanimously by the Board.*

**2. Treasurer's Report**

Joey Hennes presented a full budget report.

**3. Budget Committee**

A date had not been set for the Budget Committee to meet. Those developing the budget for 2006-2007 are: Amy Smith, Margi Thurston, Joey Hennes and Stephenie Birgenheier. Due to numerous commitments, and since Stephenie stepped forward to help with this committee, Robin Miotke will not serve on the Budget Committee as stated in the September minutes.

**4. Audit Committee**

Committee members are Jim Dixon, Kristi Cather and Joey Hennes.

**5. Club Annual Reports**

Colleen was asked to obtain annual reports from all the 4-H Clubs which documents income and expenses.

6. **4-H Agent Position**

We said good-bye to Lisa by sharing cake! Applications will be reviewed on October 23 and narrowed down to those who will be interviewed.

7. **Report from Lisa Mills**

- a. Dog Project. There are some tensions with the dog project. However, the Dog Committee is working on minimum requirements for dog project members.
- b. Mini Horse. The Horse Committee is trying to establish clear rules and guidelines for this project.

8. **Premium Money**

This item was discussed at the Livestock Committee Meeting. When it was determined that premium money affects all 4-H members, not just livestock members, the item was referred back to the 4-H Council.

Colleen asked other counties how they paid premium money. No one does it like we do! Every county pays for every ribbon awarded, with the exception of one county that does not pay premium money to market livestock members because that county feels selling their animals at the Livestock Sale more than compensates for any premium money they would receive.

No other county has minimum lot numbers required like we do for foods for example, where 3 lots are required to enter into the Fair.

*The committee was asked to think about a recommendation to make to the Fair Board. This item will be discussed at the November meeting.*

9. **Showmanship Checks**

Joey Hennes stated that numerous showmanship checks were written this year. The cost of the check, printing, and her time is negative on anything less than \$10 or \$15. Maybe we should consider giving cash as every year there are several kids who simply do not cash their checks. She wonders if the small premium money and the small showmanship checks really matter to kids. (Note from Colleen: 52 showmanship checks were written.)

10. The wife of Rob Johnson, Ravalli County Extension Agent, passed away this week. *Joey Hennes moved that the Council send \$25.00 to the memorial stated in the obituary. Tim O'Neill seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm. Minutes submitted by Colleen Terrazas.