

4-H Council Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2006 meeting

Present: Robin Miotke, President; Joey Hennes, Treasurer; Kristi Cather, Secretary; Stephenie Birgenheier, Jim Dixon, Janet Rose, Vyonne Moran, Erin Demerle, Jerry Marks and Colleen Terrazas

1. **October Minutes**

The minutes were corrected to read "**Gene McClure moved to nominate Tim O'Neill to serve a one year term as Vice-President.**"

*Jim Dixon made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected.
Vyonne Moran seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.*

2. **Treasurer's Report**

Joey Hennes gave the report. Joey mentioned that previously we discussed depositing into the Country Fair sub-account any money made from the satellite café operated by Maria Freeman. That amount is \$235.82, which Joey will transfer into County Fair. See detailed report for further information.

3. **Ambassador Report**

Erin Demerle, Senior Ambassador, thanked the 4-H Council for paying for the trip for five 4-H members to attend Ambassador training at Fairmont Hot Springs. Erin said the training provided the opportunity to meet others in the same positions, and to meet the State officers. She said the Ambassadors are coming up with a budget for themselves, and will make a recommendation to the 4-H Council regarding Ambassador expenses for the year.

4. **Premium Money**

At last month's meeting we discussed making a recommendation to the Fair Board regarding the payment of premium money to 4-H/FFA members.

The 4-H Council had a month to think about what to recommend. *Vyonne Moran made a motion that the 4-H Council asks the Fair Board to pay premium money per entry in all project areas. Stephenie Birgenheier seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.*

5. **Showmanship Checks vs. Cash**

Joey Hennes wrote 46 checks for showmanship and Round Robin. From the 2005 Fair, eight checks still are not cashed. Stephenie stated that checks are not the ideal way to pay children as they may not have bank accounts and the parents have to do it for them.

Jim Dixon moved that we pay cash at the 4-H café up until Sunday of fair week for showmanship and round robin prizes at the 2007 Western Montana Fair. If the members do not claim their prizes by Sunday, the money is forfeited. Janet Rose seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Colleen will make sure notification of this change is noted in the fairbook.

6. **4-H Agent Hiring Update**

Jerry Marks informed the group that two candidates will be interviewed. One is from Virginia, Campbell Barrett, and the other from California, Amy Amend. On the evening of November 20, they will give a presentation to anyone interested. Tuesday, November 21, the actual interviews will take place. Jerry said he is looking at having a new agent in place by the beginning of the year.

Colleen was asked to remind the 4-H community that we need volunteer assistance to coordinate the events for the year. Without volunteers, the events may be eliminated from the calendar.

7. **4-H License Plates**

Missoula County received three \$35.00 scholarships from the State 4-H Foundation that can be used only for the purchase of 4-H license plates.

Vyonne Moran moved that we hold a drawing. Those interested in having 4-H license plates on their vehicle can submit their name for the drawing which will take place on Wednesday, December 6. Jim Dixon seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Colleen was asked to advertise this in the next newsletter and to provide a tear off sheet that people can turn in for the drawing.

8. **Goal Setting Meeting and Fundraising Review**

The Council is very concerned about retaining a 4-H Agent. It was decided that right now goals and objectives must be set for the short term. This will take place on **Wednesday, December 6**. Jerry Marks was asked if Lisa Mills could facilitate long-term strategic planning at a future date, and Jerry was open to that idea.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 6, 6:00 pm - food provided
It is crucial that all members of the Board of Directors attend.**

6:00 pm brief meeting to approve budget & drawing for license plates

6:40 pm Audrey Peterson to present new fundraising ideas

7:00 pm the brainstorming begins

9. **Legislative Breakfast**

Colleen asked for direction on this event. Do we open it up to all 4-H members to attend? Colleen said that she believes the Ambassador group of five kids plan to attend. It was decided that this event should be advertised in the newsletter stating anyone can attend. Legislators like speaking to the kids. The 4-H Council will budget some scholarship money. However, anyone is eligible to go at their own expense. Anyone interested are to send an email to Robin Miotke, or call her.

10. **Committee meetings scheduled**

Budget Committee: Thursday, November 16, 5:00 pm at Joey's house

Audit Committee: Monday, November 13, 6:00 pm at Joey's house

11. All Board members were asked to identify what personal information they wanted advertised to the 4-H community such as phone numbers and email addresses as it will appear in the next newsletter.

At 8:45 pm, Jim Dixon moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Joey Hennes and Vyonne Moran, which carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Colleen Terrazas