

4-H Council Minutes
Wednesday, March 7, 2007

Present: Robin Miotke, Vyonne Moran, Sally Tromp, Stephenie Birgenheier, Jim Dixon, Jerry Marks, Gene McClure, Tim O'Neill, Colleen Terrazas, Campbell Barrett

Six members of the 4-H Board of Directors were present. No quorum.

1. Campbell Barrett, 4-H Agent, revealed a few things to the 4-H Council that he would like to see happen within 6 to 8 months.
 - ▶ The 4-H Council should go through a strategic/long-range planning process to identify mission, vision, structure, program emphasis, fundraising, bylaws review, marketing, etc.
 - ▶ Discuss the current 4-H enrollment deadline, making sure it is appropriate, consistent, and fair across all program areas.
 - We are turning away kids if they contact us after the deadline of December 1st. We may be losing members by telling kids they have to wait until Oct. 1st.
 - Perhaps we could find out which clubs are willing to accept new members late in the 4-H year, and advise families that they can join 4-H, but can only join a club that is open to late membership.
 - ▶ Work with committees so that all changes are finalized by September 30. Perhaps we can have one document that lists all the information in one place. This would be especially helpful to first year 4-H families.
 - Dog has special rules. They have a March 1st deadline to add dog. They have an additional \$15.00 project fee.
 - The Horse Guidelines have gone through revision after revision to the point that people don't know if they have a copy of the latest version.
 - Develop a special handbook that includes requirements regarding demonstrations and quality assurance.
 - Some clubs have members and parents sign contracts or club expectations. These rules need to be consistent across the county.

- ▶ Discuss ways we can make Missoula County 4-H more "user friendly." Identify things we can do, tools we could create to streamline existing processes and make it easier to join and easier to stay involved in 4-H.

2. Extravaganza

- Set a tentative date of May 10, 5:30 pm, Ag Ed Center
- Workshops would come first, then the barbeque would start at 7:00 pm.
- Open with flag ceremony
- Kids would attend two 20 minute workshops conducted by qualified adults.
Some suggestions for workshops were:
 - have** a vet discuss worms . . .
what they look like, what to look for, how to treat
 - have** another vet discuss how to prepare your animal for the stress of the fair, signs to watch for in an overstressed animal
 - show** the Ohio State DVD on quality assurance
 - have** a basic showmanship clinic
 - ask** Wayne Gipp to speak about raising hogs
 - ask** Mark King to speak
 - have** a carcass workshop
- Small gifts such as 4-H pencils would be available to all present. There would be a drawing for 10 nice door prizes, rather than the usual of having a prize for every child present.

3. Request from El Toro Springs 4-H Club for refunds

The Council requested that Rena Kammerer, organizational leader for the El Toro Springs club, show up at the April 4th 4-H Council meeting to explain this request or to submit a letter of explanation prior to the April meeting.

- 4. Color Copier request from Joey Hennes will be emailed to the Board of Directors for an email vote.

- 5. 4-H Ambassador's request for \$100 for them to "man" a booth at the Kids Fair at the mall will be paid from the 4-H Promotion budget.

Minutes submitted by Colleen Terrazas

The next 4-H Council meeting will be **Wednesday, April 4, 7:00 pm** at the Extension Office.