

Minutes
4-H Council Meeting
October 3, 2007

Present: Janet Hunter, Stephenie Birgenheier, Vyonne Moran, Hailey Hagan, Jim Dixon, Lucy Clouse, Kristi Cather, Joey Hennes, Charlotte Iverson, Amy Smith, Sally Tromp, Vicki Correia, Marje Doyle, Colleen Terrazas

Absent Board Members: Robin Miotke, Tim O'Neill, Lucy Clouse, Isaac Hunter

1. **Creating a 4-H Display at the Missoula Public Library**

Marje Doyle, Awards Superintendent, gave a presentation to the group regarding creating a 4-H display at the Missoula Public Library. Marje volunteered to put the display together over the weekend — all she needs is assorted 4-H project material. After Marje gave her presentation, she left the meeting.

2. **Dog Committee Request**

Vicki Correia, Dog Committee Chair, informed the group that the Dog Committee is requesting to charge an additional fee of \$15.00 for the first child in the family enrolled in the dog project, and \$10.00 for each additional child in the family enrolled in the dog project. The money will be used to purchase prizes such as Doggie Olympics and Fun Matches throughout the 4-H year. If there is money left over it will remain in the Dog Sub Account until such time that funds are available to purchase dog agility equipment.

It was mentioned that when the new softball field was built in Bonner, that 4-H was supposed to get some storage space because the 4-H name was used in the fundraising campaign. Vicki Correia said we put our bid in too late and all the spaces were taken. The Board felt that the storage space was a given due to 4-H helping with fundraising. Colleen will try to find communication that took place during the Bonner fundraising effort. After Vickie gave her presentation, she left the meeting.

Janet Hunter moved to approve the additional dog project fees for \$15.00 for the first dog project member in a family, and \$10.00 for each additional dog project member in one family. Vyonne Moran seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Colleen was asked to communicate with Vicki Correia regarding the cost to purchase the materials to make agility equipment as Vicki indicated that someone was willing to build it, what size space is needed to store the agility equipment, and where would the Dog Committee like to store it.

3. **Board Membership**

Board members introduced themselves. Terms were adjusted to reflect four terms expiring in 2010 instead of six.

Terms expiring September 30, 2008

Robin Miotke

Tim O'Neill

Janet Hunter

Terms expiring September 30, 2010

Jim Dixon

Lucy Clouse

Kristi Cather

Joey Hennes

Terms expiring September 30, 2009

Stephenie Birgenheier

Vyonne Moran

Charlotte Iverson

Amy Smith

Youth Representatives until 9/30/08

Hailey Hagan

Isaac Hunter

Colleen will send out contact information on the *new* 4-H Board of Directors.

4. **Election of Officers**

Treasurer: *Charlotte Iverson nominated Joey Hennes for the Treasurer position. Jim Dixon seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.*

Secretary: No one was particularly interested in the Secretary position. Colleen said she would take the minutes if she is in attendance. However, the Secretary would be responsible for the minutes in her absence. *Kristi Cather agreed to handle the Secretary duties one more year.*

President: *Stephenie Birgenheier nominated Jim Dixon for the President position. Charlotte Iverson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.*

Vice-President: *Jim Dixon nominated Vyonne Moran for the Vice President position. Charlotte Iverson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.*

5. **Financial Review Committee** of Janet Hunter, Kristi Cather, Jim Dixon & Joey Hennes will meet at Joey's house on Wednesday, October 24, 6:30 pm.

6. The **Budget Committee** of Amy Smith, Robin Miotke & Joey Hennes will meet soon. Amy prefers Tuesday as Monday and Wednesday do not work for her. Joey will check schedules with Robin and inform the group of a date, time, and place.

7. A Treasurer's Report was provided by Joey Hennes.

8. **September 2007 Minutes**

The minutes were corrected to add "Campbell Barrett, 4-H Agent, recommended Isaac Hunter and Hailey Hagan as youth representatives to the 4-H Board of Directors".

Amy Smith moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Janet Hunter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

9. **Ambassador Program**

Sally Tromp, 4-H Ambassador Key Leader, requested that \$1500 be budgeted for the Ambassadors for this coming year for the Kid Fest event, Rec Lab and the Teen Retreat.

It was noted that the Junior and Senior Ambassadors attend 4-H Congress, but their fees for Congress will be covered in the Congress budget, not the Ambassador budget. This request will be considered by the Budget Committee.

10. **Auction item for State 4-H Foundation Annual Banquet**

The group does not remember being contacted for this before, however, they are willing to provide support. It was suggested we purchase pillows from the Sugar Loaf Wool Mill in Hall, MT. *Janet Hunter made a motion to spend up to \$100 to purchase pillows from the wool mill for the State 4-H Foundation silent auction. Vyonne Moran and Stephenie Birgenheier seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Joey Hennes will make the necessary contacts and write the check!*

11. **Horse Project Recommendations**

The Committee felt the Horse Committee Recommended changes to the horse project be reviewed by all committee members prior to the November meeting. *This item was tabled until November.*

12. **Horse Committee Request**

The Horse Committee requested \$100 for the Horse Judging Contest to be held this month. *After review, it was decided there is money in the Horse Clinic - Judging category of the 4-H budget.*

13. **Bylaws**

The Board of Directors reviewed changes to the bylaws recommended by Campbell Barrett. *Vyonne Moran moved and Kristi Cather seconded the motion to accept Campbell's recommendations with the exception of*

Article IV: Board of Directors

#1 two (2) youth member appointed by the 4-H Agent . . .

Article VI: Meetings

The Board of Directors will meet monthly to conduct the business of the Corporation except for the months of January and February.

Article VIII: Committees

Scholarship Committee

This committee will consist of two (2) adult members of the Board of Directors plus up to two (2) Council members; all members of this committee must be from different clubs.

The motion carried unanimously.

14. **4-H Enrollment Deadlines**

There was a considerable amount of discussion on this issue. *Charlotte Iverson moved to set the re-enrollment date for current 4-H members at December 1st, and leave new enrollments up to the organizational leaders of each club, with the absolute last deadline to enroll in 4-H as May 1st. Joey Hennes seconded the motion, which carried with Vyonne Moran voting against it.*

15. **County Awards**

It was announced that interview judging for County Awards will take place the evening of Thursday, November 8. Volunteers are needed. Amy Smith agreed to judge again, and Janet Hunter will be the "check in" person. Charlotte Iverson will check her calendar.

16. **Letter to clubs who didn't participate in fundraising**

Colleen informed the group that she will be sending letters to the clubs that did not participate in any kind of county-wide fundraiser this year, requesting they pay \$5.00 per member to the 4-H Council. *The letter will state that if they have problems with this, they are to attend the November 4-H Council meeting. The Board approved.*

17. **Potomac Valley 4-H Club Chocolate Fundraiser**

Colleen informed of the group of an unpaid bill of the Potomac Valley 4-H Club. They have not paid the bill for the purchase of chocolates for a fundraiser they held and now Campbell Barrett is being contacted for payment. The group reviewed the invoice. The group is requesting that Campbell conduct further investigation on this, and if he needs assistance, Kristi Cather volunteered to help. Who authorized the purchase of the chocolates in this club? Where is the money that was collected? Why wasn't this bill paid? Why is Kelli Ebbs the "ship to" person on the invoice? The group feels the invoice is unprofessional, and wonders about the credibility of the business selling the chocolates.

Jim Dixon, President, adjourned the meeting at 9:07 pm.

Minutes submitted by Colleen Terrazas.