

4-H Council Meeting Minutes  
November 7, 2007 meeting

Present: Jim Dixon, President; Vyonne Moran, VP; Kristi Cather, Secretary; Tim O'Neill, Amy Smith, Robin Miotke, Stephenie Birgenheier, Janet Hunter, Isaac Hunter, Hailey Hagan, Campbell Barrett, Colleen Terrazas

Board Members Absent: Lucy Clouse, Joey Hennes, Treasurer; and Charlotte Iverson

1. **October 2007 Minutes**

*Vyonne Moran moved to approve the October 3, 2007 4-H Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Stephenie Birgenheier, which carried unanimously.*

2. **Treasurer Report**

A written report was provided by Joey Hennes, Treasurer, and distributed to all present.

3. **Budget**

The Budget Committee of Joey Hennes, Robin Miotke, and Amy Smith worked on a new budget for 2007-2008. Amy explained the changes made:

- a. Decreased donations to a more accurate figure.
- b. No budget for National Trips. If a 4-H member wishes to attend a National 4-H event, we will look at it case-by-case.
- c. No budget for Legislative Breakfast as it is held every other year.
- d. Increased 4-H Congress budget .
- e. No budget for Livestock Judging as the event is supposed to pay for itself.
- f. Decreased Drama Festival budget with the hope that we do not have to rent a facility this year.
- g. Decreased Shooting Sports budget as the Committee felt we over budgeted in that area last year.
- h. Budgeted for Dog Agility equipment as per the Dog Committee request.

*Vyonne Moran moved to accept the budget as presented by the Budget Committee. Kristi Cather seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.*

4. **Financial Review**

The Financial Review Committee of Jim Dixon, Janet Hunter and Joey Hennes met.

Report from Jim Dixon: "Janet and Jim went through ledgers and randomly selected numerous checks. Joey would then provide verification in the form of paid receipts, with the exception of check #6411 written to cash for showmanship awards in the amount of \$485.00, all expenditures were verified. It was later determined and verified that the expense was requested by Colleen via email. Overall the review went extremely well, with Joey exhibiting a degree of professionalism that made our job exceptionally easy!"

5. **Bylaws**

After review of the bylaws approved at the October 3, 2007 meeting, The Board of Directors decided to remove the sentence "An officer may succeed him/herself in office no more than two times". *Vyonne Moran moved to strike this sentence from the bylaws. Robin Miotke seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.*

6. **Horse Project Guidelines**

The guidelines were submitted by the 4-H Horse Committee for review and approval by the 4-H Council at the October 3, 2007 meeting. Due to time constraints and the length of the document, the 4-H Council decided to table this issue for a month. *Vyonne Moran moved to accept the 4-H Horse Project Guidelines as submitted by 4-H Horse Committee. Amy Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.*

7. **Adding Miniature Horse to Round Robin**

The 4-H Livestock Committee reviewed the request by the 4-H Miniature Horse Committee to add miniature horse to the Round Robin Showmanship Contest at the Fair. The Livestock Committee approved the addition of miniature horse to Round Robin because showmanship for large horse and miniature horse are completely different techniques. The Livestock Committee recommended that miniature horse be judged with the small animal group during Round Robin.

*Vyonne Moran moved to add miniature horse to Round Robin, to be judged with the small animal group. Kristi Cather seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.*

8. **Request to Increase Minimum Weight on Hogs**

The 4-H Livestock Committee is recommending that the minimum weight of a market hog be raised from 210 lbs. to 220 lbs. in order to sell at the Livestock Sale at the Fair. The reason for this is to bring our weights in line with what the pork industry is looking for in a market hog.

The 4-H Council was very concerned about eliminating more kids from the Livestock Sale. There were 7 hogs that did not make the 210 lb. weight, and there would have been an additional 5 if the minimum weight was set at 220 lbs.

The 4-H Council does not feel justice is being done by simply increasing the light weight. The heavy weight and the date-of-birth of the hog may have to be changed as well. The 4-H Council felt that more opinions are necessary. While they respect the opinion of Wayne Gipp, MSU Swine Specialist, they would like to see hog industry information from the Midwest.

*Janet Hunter moved to leave the light weight of market hogs at 210 lbs. this year and to find out more on what is going on at the national level of the pork industry before making any changes. Tim O'Neill seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.*

In the meantime, we will start educating the 4-H membership that this is under review and may change in the future.

9. **Dog Agility Equipment**

The 4-H Council is concerned about getting dog agility revived in this county. Vicki Correia, Dog Committee Chair, found a competition quality agility tunnel with braces for around \$180. The next best price out there was \$250. The Budget Committee added extra money to the Dog Project Budget to help with purchasing dog agility equipment. *The money is in the budget; Vicki is to be given the go-ahead to make the purchase.*

10. **4-H Clubs and Fundraising**

A letter was written to clubs who did not participate in either county-wide fundraiser requesting they pay \$5.00 per member to the 4-H Council for State Foundation dues. Clinton Kodiaks have paid. Winchester Dukes have disbanded and spent all their money. *Campbell said he would contact the remaining clubs and ask for a donation if they do not have enough money in their account to pay \$5.00 per member.*

11. **Guidelines for Clubs**

We have so many unwritten rules that it is time to write them all down and create a handout. Some suggestions for this handout are: end of year financial statements, fundraising expectations, volunteer work in the café and exhibit building volunteer work during the Fair, quality assurance training. *It was decided that all Board members would come to the December meeting with a list of those "unwritten rules".*

12. **Quality Assurance Videos**

It was in the newsletter that the Livestock Committee decided not to show the QA videos during weigh in. The Livestock Committee wants kids to have this handled prior to weigh in, and Campbell has dates prior to weigh in set aside to view the video at the Extension Office for those who have not already watched the videos in their club or project meetings. The 4-H Council thinks we need to be more sensitive to families living in the outlying areas in regard to the price of gas, the number of activities and sports that kids are involved in, etc. The 4-H Council thinks we should be more accommodating by showing the video during weigh in and monitoring the process so kids are watching the entire video before being allowed to weigh their animal. During weigh in, the species specific quality assurance video is the one that will be shown.

There being no further business, Jim Dixon adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Minutes submitted by Colleen Terrazas