

4-H Council Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2008 meeting

Present: Jim Dixon, Janet & Isaac Hunter, Roy Handley, Charlotte Iverson, Yvonne Moran, Lori Zeiser, Joey Hennes, Tim O'Neill, Stephenie Birgenheier, Kristie Cather, Campbell Barrett, Colleen Terrazas

At 7:00 pm Jim Dixon, Chair, called the meeting to order.

1. **Filling Board Vacancies**

Jim announced that Robin Miotke and Lucy Clouse had resigned from the 4-H Board of Directors. The positions would be filled until September 30, 2008. The vacancies were advertised through a postcard to all 4-H leaders. Two leaders applied, Roy Handley and Lori Zeiser. At this point Jim asked Roy and Lori to leave the room so the Board could discuss filling the vacancies. Yvonne wanted the Board to be aware that both of these individuals are from her club, Rocky Mountain Packers.

Vyonne Moran moved to accept Roy Handley and Lori Zeiser to fill vacancies on the 4-H Board of Directors until September 30, 2008. Joey Hennes seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

2. **November 7, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

Vyonne Moran moved to accept the November 7, 2007 minutes as presented. Stephenie Birgenheier seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. **Treasurer's Report**

Joey Hennes provided a Treasurer Report. Lori Zeiser moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. *Vyonne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.*

4. **Unwritten but Valuable "Need to Know" 4-H Information**

Some people refer to this information as the "secret rules". We know they aren't secret, but sometimes we forget that not all families receive the information at their 4-H clubs. Campbell and Colleen will create a handout to address the valuable information that we could think of at this time. The handout will be updated as we become aware of more helpful hints that need to be added.

5. **Recognizing Outgoing 4-H Members**

Yvonne Moran recommended that the 4-H Council recognize in some way the 4-H members who have "aged out" of the program. Many ideas were tossed around. Isaac Hunter proved once again how valuable it is to have youth representation on the 4-H Board of Directors! *Vyonne Moran moved to recognize the outgoing 4-H members in the sale ring at some point during the fair. At this time a group photo will be taken and Joey Hennes will create a certificate to be given to each member. In addition, they will receive pins for their year in 4-H and a specially designed t-shirt. Janet Hunter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.*

It was further decided to give the teens an opportunity to design the t-shirt, which can be done individually or as a group. A mailing will go to the appropriate 4-H members soliciting designs.

6. **Alumni 4-H Café Shift**

We have a shortage of clubs to cover all café shifts at the Fair. It was suggested that we attempt to bring a group of alumni together to cover a shift. This was well-received by the 4-H Council, however, we do not have an alumni list to draw from. We all need to wrack our brains to come up with contact information for 4-H alumni.

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7. **Phonathon**

More and more we need to rely on relatives of 4-H members and 4-H alumni to keep the program going. Once again, we need a list of 4-H alumni to draw from.

8. **County Demonstration Day**

How to increase attendance was discussed. For a few years we offered to pay one-half of the fees for younger members to attend camp if they participated in the County Demonstration Day. That did not increase participation. *Colleen will communicate with organizational leaders reminding them that a demonstration or speech is required of every 4-H member during the 4-H year. Leaders will be encouraged to require kids to attend County Demo Day if they have not completed this requirement in their 4-H club. As far as increasing attendance, the Council decided it is too close to the event to make any changes at this time, but they will think of ideas for 2009. Item tabled.*

It was noted that Demo Day is scheduled on a Saturday. *It was decided that an evening would be better, so the new date is Wednesday, April 30.*

Possible judges: Jim Dixon, Becky Blanchard, Heather Wills, Joey Hennes.

9. **Shooting Sports**

Seeley Lake Trailblazers sent three leaders to shooting sports leader training and are requesting reimbursement for registration fees, motel, and mileage. Discussion took place regarding the spending of county funds for activities at the club level.

Charlotte Iverson moved to decline the reimbursement to the Seeley Lake Trailblazers 4-H Club as the understanding at the moment is that leaders are helping members in the SLT club, but not helping shooting sports members at the county level. Charlotte stated that she would be more willing to provide funding if the SLT shooting sports leaders attended shooting sports committee meetings and participated/helped on the county level. Charlotte stated that the club

needs to be commended for sending leaders to training. Joey Hennes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

10. **Fair Update**

Campbell informed the committee that the Board of County Commissioners approved a new three-year contract for Scot Meader as Fair Manager. We have been told by Scot that the Fair will take place in the current spot through 2009 and possibly 2010. The Board of County Commissioners is starting a new public input process. They are seeking nominations for committee membership on two committees: (1) what we want our fair to look like committee and (2) best use of fairground acreage committee.

Campbell stated that the ice skating group is already proposing adding a wall on the west side of the open ice rink to block the sun. Eventually that ice rink will be entirely enclosed and where does that leave the 4-H livestock?

A 4-H Fair Planning Committee will meet for the first time on March 26 and everyone is welcome to attend. We are going to document space, pens, water, electricity, etc., etc., etc., . . . all the things we feel are necessary for 4-H to hold a fair.

Joey Hennes encouraged everyone to have an open mind. She understands that people have become comfortable with the routine at the fair and what we think of as tradition. We may have a choice as to where the fair will be located in the future and maybe it will be somewhere that is even better than the existing space. Let's seize this opportunity to explore ways to make the 4-H fair better.

11. **Clubs & Fundraising**

Jim Dixon asked Campbell if clubs who had not participated in fundraising last year had paid foundation dues. Campbell said most of these clubs are barely functioning and he does not see a way to collect from them for 2007. [Note from Colleen: one club did pay the 2007 foundation dues]

12. **Miscellaneous**

- It was mentioned that the hog weights need to be addressed *NOW* if we are planning to make changes for the 2009 fair. Campbell said he would add this to the March Livestock Committee agenda.
- Scot Meader is wondering if 4-H would like to park campers on the fairgrounds. Colleen will get the word out and those interested are to call Colleen.

The next 4-H Council meeting will be Wednesday, April 2, 7:00 pm, Extension Office.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.
Minutes submitted by Colleen Terrazas