

# Mountrail County 4-H Council Meeting

## Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

### In Person/Zoom- Mountrail County South Complex

The Mountrail County 4-H Council meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by President Melissa Vachal.

Meeting Attendees –(In Person Attendees) Lynette Vachal, Heather Tomlinson, Levi Uran, Sadee Uran, Kaley Uran, Grady Uran, Lisa Uran, Bailey Hawbaker, Lukkis Old Rock, Jennifer Old Rock, Trinity Hynek, Amanda Hynek, Holly Hamilton, Jen Hamilton, Jana Enger, Lexch Nelson, Lawson Nelson, Barb DeTienne, Keylie Sem, Cooper Sem, Monica Sem, Luaan Nelson. (Zoom Attendees) Wendy Maurer, Marli Honrud, Kayston Honrud, Aniyah Honrud, Krista Littlefield, Katie Steele, Briar Steele, Gina Steele, Zach Maurer, Alaina Maurer, Hunter Maurer, Ceylon Feiring, Shambre Feiring, Trent Feldman, Eden Feldman, Rochelle Feldman and Laura Fransen.

The Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge were recited by the members and lead by Trinity Hynek.

Secretary's report was read by the members, Trinity Hynek motioned to approve the Secretary's Report, Lukkis Old Rock 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report was read by members, Jana Enger motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lukkis Old rock. Motion Passed

### Old Business:

#### Fundraisers

- Total Income was \$10,577.31 with the report showing a breakdown by location along with the cost to mail out prizes along with a comparison to past years.
- Several comments from community members how they enjoyed the fundraisers as well.
- Barb DeTienne moved to add \$3,173.19 (30%) to the 4-H camp account to have cushion for upcoming years. Lukkis Old Rock 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed.
- 4-H Council reimburses up to 50% of camp registration costs for Mountrail County 4-H members.
- This year we have several more members attending camps than previous years.
- A lot of camps are filling up, so sign up soon if you are interested in attending.

#### Project Expo & Clothing Revue

- Went well hosting in Stanley & allowed for community members to see the event.
- There were two clothing review and seven project expo participants.
- The community members really enjoyed being able to see the projects.

## New Business:

### Achievement Days:

- Dates: Set-up is on July 10<sup>th</sup> and event is 12 & 13<sup>th</sup>
- 4-H Online Animal & Static Project Area Submission Deadline is Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>
  - o Saves time for when registering on Fair Entry later on and will help save time at Achievement Days and be easier to send items onto State Fair
- Fair Entry Registration opens May 22<sup>nd</sup> and closes June 26<sup>th</sup>
- North Dakota State Fair Book (NDSF) Updates
  - o Added within the Animal Science Static Category – Cat/Dog, pocket pet and Llama – these cannot be shown live, but have the ability to do projects about these animals now.
  - o Most updated book will be available online soon, the current printed book (green book) has errors, so make sure to check out the online book.
  - o There has been problems with people registering several projects into NDSF for 4-H, but then not actually bringing them, so to reduce the chance of this happening for Mountrail County 4-H, there will be slips at Check-In of Achievement Days to be filled out and turned in by 4pm on Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> to indicate what projects (both static & livestock) will be going to NDSF.
  - o Projects at State Fair will be arranged by class number this year instead of county for judging purposes, but they hope to have enough help in time for pickup to arrange items by county.
- Photo sleeves are required for photography entries, it has been suggested for counties to purchase the sleeves and make available for purchase to the contestants or provide for free.
  - o Krista Littlefield moved to have 4-H Council purchase 8x10 and 11x14 photo sleeves for each photography exhibit at Mountrail County Achievement Days. Barb DeTienne 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed.
- Since there are so many changes to the North Dakota State Fair book, Mountrail County 4-H Static Committee will meet to discuss changes to the Top Honors Awards
- It was discussed to purchase a new Photo Backdrop through The SHOWTIMES company.
  - o Bailey Hawbaker Moved to purchase a 9'x20' banner for \$1,000 without The SHOWTIMES logo plus shipping and handling with Sarah Lee to help design. Cooper Sem 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was passed.
    - It was also discussed that if we cannot get it in time for this year's show, we would like to purchase it for next year
  - o Krista Littlefield motioned to purchase a banner for the static area for up to \$600 that Heather and Lynette can purchase. Bailey Hawbaker 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was passed.
- It was discussed that last year we were not able to host the poultry show in person at Achievement Days, however, we held an online show.
  - o Lukkis Old Rock motioned to run the poultry show as normal unless a poultry disease arises, then, we will do an online show again. Trinity Hynek 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was passed.

- Comments: Barb DeTienne brought up the fact of exotic animals and pet shows becoming more popular at area county shows and so wanted to bring it to the council to see what the opinions are to add these shows. It was discussed that if someone wishes to add a “County Only” show, a proposal will need to be brought to the 4-H Council for approval.

#### Small Animal and Livestock Day Camps:

- Specie Presenter Suggestions – It was suggested to ask previous champion showman to come in and teach the members or if you have any names of good presenters please let Lynette and Heather know!
- Bailey Hawbaker motioned to provide Small Animal & Livestock Day Camps for free to Mountrail County 4-H members and any non-members would pay \$15 to attend along with giving members the option to receive a t-shirt from the camp. Krista Littlefield 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was passed.
  - o The \$15 will help cover the cost of the T-Shirt and lunch costs.
- Bailey Hawbaker moved to pay for mileage at the state rate for presenters to come teach at the day camps. Lukkis Old Rock 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was passed.
- Jennifer Old Rock discussed that they do a testing for birds at the Small Animal Day Camp which often runs into the Pet Show time so she is offering to come in at 10am the day of the camp to start testing early.

#### Horse Show:

- It was discussed to set up a Trail Class outside and have a separate judge so that the show could be quicker. After discussion council thought it would be easier to just have one judge with one opinion as that is what the original judge wanted. It is a long day, but then a 2<sup>nd</sup> judge isn’t waiting for members to come compete at the outdoor arena and then we become dependent on the weather.

#### Senior Graduation Cords

- Krista Littlefield motioned that 4-H Council purchase graduation cords for graduating seniors beginning this year and continuing annually every year. Trinity Hynek 2<sup>nd</sup> and motion passed.

#### Programming & Other:

- Marla may be putting on a stained-glass workshop soon, but let Lynette or Heather know if you would like to put on a workshop or a project day.

#### Civil Rights Discussion:

- Must be discussed yearly.
- As a council, we would like to work on ways to reach out to schools and reach a more diverse group of members. We hope to diversify both our 4-H members and Council Members.
- We encourage our youth to reach out to other youth to bring them into our organization.

Dates to Set:

Spring Council Meeting – Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm

Melissa Vachal Moved to Adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm, motion was second by Lukkis Old Rock and the motion was passed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bailey Hawbaker  
Mountrail County 4-H Council Secretary