

Mountrail County 4-H Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 23rd, 2023

In Person/Zoom- Mountrail County South Complex

The Mountrail County 4-H Council meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by President Melissa Vachal.

Meeting Attendees –(In Person Attendees), Heather Tomlinson, Levi Uran, Sadee Uran, Kaley Uran, Grady Uran, Lisa Uran, Dylan Uran, Bailey Hawbaker, Trinity Hynek, Amanda Hynek, Molly Hamilton, Jen Hamilton, Mason Ottesen, Ziva Ottesen, Annemie Ottesen, Karen Babbitt, Lcie Meyer, Raelene Roos, Melissa Vachal, Laura Fransen, Brittney Mauer, Alaina Mauer, Krista Littlefield, Jana Enger, Barb DeTienne, Keylie Sem, Cooper Sem, Monica Sem, Luaan Nelson. (Zoom Attendees) Lynette Vachal, Brooke Vachal, Susan Vachal, Wendy Maurer, Marli Honrud, Kayston Honrud, Troy Mauer, John & Julie Woodbury and Hunter Maurer.

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, Jana motioned to approve the Secretary's Report, Trinity 2nd. Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report was read by members, \$58,305.92 is currently in our account, we have \$4,463 out in checks and we wrote out \$2,087.50 for 4-H campers. Laura motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, 2nd by Cooper. Motion Passed

Old Business:

4-H Horse Show

- Attendance:
 - o Cloverbuds (5-7): 5; Junior (8-11): 14; Intermediate (12-14): 10; Senior (14-18): 6
 - o Mountrail: 22 / Non-Mountrail: 15
 - o 315 class entries total
- Comments/Suggestions
 - o Potential ideas – Limit Cloverbud class and/or have them judged in outdoor arena, move trail outside, limit out of county participants.
 - It was discussed that by limiting Cloverbud classes could limit their experience for future years of participating in these events felt that it may be a better idea to limit outside of county participation.
 - Was said that normally out of county participants do not participate in as many events as they did this year so that was not normal.
 - Ideas will be taken to the horse committee, and they will decide the best way to handle to timing

Achievement Days

- We went over the numbers of participants, and they seemed to be pretty consistent from last year.
- Expenses for Achievement Days & Horse Show - \$11,216.67, Income was - \$11,273.06 leaving \$56.40 for other expenses.
- Suggestion Box:
 - Judge Projects before Wednesday
 - Tough to show small animal livestock/goats & judge statics on the same day along with record books.
 - Some spectators only come on Wednesday and so they are unable to look at the static exhibits.
 - Adding a day can help go over ribbons/results to make sure that everything is ready before Wednesday.
 - Ask fundraising group to sell food Monday at the static exhibit judging.
 - Bailey motioned to judge static exhibits on Monday from 2-6pm, Trinity 2nd and the motion passed.
 - Livestock Record Books
 - Have the sheet that members have signed off to be in the premium sale be put in a drop box as soon as they are done with their interview and then the Livestock Committee will need to go over the sheets at the end of interview judging to make sure that all members turned their sheet in to participate in premium sale.
 - Revise Books:
 - The current book is tough for all ages.
 - State said that they were revising the books but ended up just bringing back an earlier version.
 - Lynette has examples from McKenzie County to look at and the Livestock Committee can revise.
 - Suggested to have just 1 book/specie for members to fill out (combine livestock & market into the same book with separate sections for market & breeding information) as most livestock will be fed the same feed (otherwise they are filling out the same information several times for each animal)
 - It was said to have separate books for Juniors vs. Seniors.
 - Number the chairs during interviews so that the judges know who is next in line to be interviewed and members are not jumping in front of others to be interviewed.
 - Static exhibits for livestock exhibits
 - Members can enter an animal science static exhibit which could be done about their livestock project so the council would like to keep this a required rule.

- Photo Backdrop
 - It was suggested to change the enter/exit gate in the ring so the livestock exits the opposite gate so that it is on the same side as the backdrop to take photos at.
 - The static banner is small to take photos with, next year we will use the green backdrop behind the new one so that we have a larger photo area in the static exhibits.
- Round Robbin
 - It was suggested to add Rabbit and Poultry to Round Robbin.
 - Bailey motioned and Trinity 2nd to have a small animal livestock Round Robbin Champion (Rabbits & Poultry) and a large animal Round Robbin Champion (same as current Round Robbin). Motion Passed
- Swine Showmanship
 - Krista moved and Bailey 2nd to move swine showmanship to first class of the swine show. Krista then amended to strike out swine and change to all specie with Cooper 2nd the amendment. Amendment and Motion passed.
- Parents Names on Premium Sale List:
 - Buyers have asked if there can be parent names on the list so that they are aware.
 - Stated that if buyers are the ones asking for it, it would be smart to do it that way.
 - Name's "sake" has happened for years it is not something knew.
 - Some buyers do not send the people that are dealing with parents/kids every day to purchase the premiums so the actual buyer may not know the families directly, just parent names.
 - There were businesses that added money to premiums after sale so that is why some members had several thank you posts on Facebook.
- Rabbit Scale
 - Lynette helped with rabbits at state fair, and they had a scale there so she thought it may be smart to have one at the county level since we are just a week before state fair.
 - It was suggested to have Lynette/Heater investigate prices of scales and options of scales to bring to the next meeting.
- Livestock Scale
 - The scale was investigated and found to have low voltage, so the box needs to be changed.
 - There were differences especially in the beef weights on one scale vs. the other.
 - It was discussed to potentially get a cement pad to put the scale on to help with accuracy so Melissa will attend the next Fair Board meeting to discuss this with the Fair Board.

New Business:

2023- 2024 Registration – New Year Starts 9/1/2023 – Can start enrolling on Sept. 11th:

- If any clubs have adult or parents that assist frequently at meetings/events or drive youth to events/activities, they need to enroll and complete a volunteer background check to be covered on insurance and to assist with youth.
- Please send club meeting schedules to Extension Office

Achievement Days:

- Approve % to take out of Premium Sale to cover expenses.
 - o Karen motioned and Raelene 2nd to set Ach. Days Premium deduction at 2.9%, motion passed.
 - o We had a few livestock not make weight; it was decided to follow our policy book for deductions.

Summer Camps:

- 15 Mountrail County 4-H youth attending 16 total camps.
 - o 50% reimbursements were sent to participating families 8/15/2023 for one camp.

4-H Awards Day

- Date/time: Sunday, October 22, 2023 @ 2:30pm
- Meal – Ice Cream Bar
- Games/Committee – We will not be having games, just awards and then head home.
- Deadlines
 - o Git R Dun, Project Pin, & Year End Awards – August 31
 - o Friend of 4-H Nominations – August 31 – Send nominations to heather.tomlinson@ndsu.edu
 - o Club of the Year Award – September 31

Shooting Sports:

- Coaches/Volunteers Needed – Trainings will be announced once info is received.
 - o We know of one coach for sure stepping down so need more volunteers, please contact extension office if interested or know of someone willing to help.
- County Air Rifle & Archery dates to be announced – Will start beginning of January.

Programming and project workshops:

- Please share with all adult volunteers that their assistance is needed with project workshop.

Dates to Set:

- Awards Day – Sunday, October 22nd, 2023, at 2:30pm
- Winter Council Meeting – Wednesday, January 24th, 2024, at 6:30pm

Election of Standing Committee(s):

- Livestock – Heather Braaflat, Barb DeTienne, Bailey Hawbaker, Steven Littlefield, Grady Uran, Curt Vachal, John Woodbury, Mark Vachal, & Laura Fransen
 - o Bailey moved to approve of the 2023-2024 livestock committee, 2nd from Trinity and motion passed.
- Horse – Sarah Brewer, Ilene Enerson, Bobbi Jo Johnson, Jess Niemitalo, Monica Sem, & Katie Steele and Brittany Mauer
 - o Bailey motioned to approve the 2023-2024 horse committee, 2nd from Raelene and motion passed.
- Static – Jana Enger, Laura Fransen, Amanda Hynek, Krista Littlefield, Melissa Vachal, Susan Vachal, Karen Babbit, Lisa Uran & Becky Goettle
 - o Bailey motioned and Molly 2nd to approve of the static committee for 2023-2024, motion passed.

Election of Officers for 2023-2024:

- President
 - o Bailey nominated Melissa Vachal, Raelene 2nd, Barb ceased nominations and casted a unanimous ballot for Melissa Vachal for President. Motion Passed
- Vice President
 - o Bailey nominated Barb DeTienne, Raelene 2nd, Bailey ceased nominations and casted a unanimous ballot for Barb DeTienne for Vice President. Motion Passed
- Secretary
 - o Melissa nominated Bailey Hawbaker, Jana 2nd, Jana ceased nominations and casted a unanimous ballot for Bailey Hawbaker for Secretary. Motion Passed
- Treasurer
 - o Barb nominated Krista Littlefield, Bailey 2nd, Bailey ceased nominations and casted a unanimous ballot for Krista Littlefield for Treasurer. Motion Passed
- Adult Representatives
 - o Trinity nominated Jana Enger, Laura Fransen and Amanda Hynek, Bailey 2nd, Barb ceased nominations and casted a unanimous ballot for Jana, Laura & Amanda for Adult Representatives. Motion Passed.
- Youth Representatives
 - o Kaley Uran nominated Levi Uran, 2nd by Raelene
 - o Lane Vachal nominated by Melissa Vachal, 2nd by Raelene
 - o Vanessa Fransen nominated by Laura, 2nd by Trinity
 - o Bailey ceased nominations and casted a unanimous ballot for Levi, Lane and Vanessa for Youth Representatives, Karen 2nd and motion passed.

Melissa Vachal Moved to Adjourn the meeting at 8:58pm, motion was second by Barb DeTienne and the motion was passed.

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