

Mountrail County 4-H Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 25th, 2023

Mountrail County South Complex

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

Meeting Attendees –Barb DeTienne, Keylie Sem, Cooper Sem, Monica Sem, Melissa Vachal, Krista Littlefield, Amanda Hynek, Trinity Hynek, Tessa Hynek, Emma Brewer, Eli Brewer, Sarah Brewer, Julie Woodbury, John Woodbury, Lisa Uran, Sadee Uran, Levi Uran, Kaley Uran, Tylada Nichols, Ty Nichols, Bailey Hawbaker, Heather Tomlinson (Zoom), Vanessa Fransen (Zoom), Laura Fransen (Zoom), Murphy’s (Zoom), Wendy Maurer (Zoom), Trent Feldman (Zoom), Katie & Gina Steele (Zoom), Honrud’s (Zoom), Sidney Enerson (Zoom), Troy & Zach Maurer’s (Zoom) and Eden Feldmen (Zoom)

The **Pledge of Allegiance** and 4-H Pledge were recited by the members and lead by Emma Brewer.

Secretary’s report was read by the members, and Emma Brewer motioned to approve the secretaries notes and Eli Brewer second. Minutes Approved

Treasurer’s Report was read by members, and Krista explained that we have \$45,941.29. \$1,000 was accidentally labeled as Small Animal instead of Livestock Judging on the front page of Treasurer’s Report, but in itemized budget it was correct so the change will be made to the front page. The Motion to approve the treasurer’s report was moved by Trinity Hynek and second by Eli Brewer. Report Accepted

Old Business:

Shooting Sports – Assisted by Rolling Plains Sportsman’s Club

- Archery – Reid Murphy & Garrett Stubstad are coaching, and you are still able to enter, you do not need to be a 4-H member, but it is encouraged to become a member. Practice is held on Thursday nights; you can call in to get a 30-minute time slot to shoot.
- Air Rifle – Started on Monday, January 23rd and there is currently one opening for the 6:30pm time slot, each time slot is 1 hour.

2022-2023 Registration – Started 9/1/2022:

- 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.
- Highly recommended to sign up as a volunteer!

State Meats Judging Hotel Reimbursement Vote – Coach Gary Martens:

- Total expense - \$451.50. \$364.20 covered by State Judging Hotel fund and \$87.30 covered by General Fund. Voting took place to approve this payout on December 18, 2022. Passed with approval from seven 4-H Council members.
- Several judging team members were at the council meeting and spoke about it being a great opportunity for them to judge.

Achievement Days:

- Second Reading – Per August 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes
 - Please see “Underweight Market Animals at Achievement Days Deduction” section of August 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes
 - It was discussed that when previous rule was made it was so that if a judge deemed the animal as a red ribbon animal, it has the conformation, and the member should have the ability to sell the premium. It was also stated that we have a livestock judging committee for a reason so we should utilize their expertise and opinion to make decisions regarding the livestock at Achievement Days.
 - Due to the motion already being on the floor from the last meeting, there was no new motion needing to be made.
 - Motion failed and the policy book will remain the same.
- *Policy Book:*
 - After researching, it was found that to change policy within our policy book, it does not require a second reading and changes can be made at any meeting. It is only constitutional changes that need a second reading.

New Business:

4-H Meeting Minutes:

- Located on website at <http://www.co.mountrail.nd.us/pages/ndsu-extension>
- Lynnette showed everyone how to access the meeting minutes on the county website. 4-H will be utilizing the county website for all 4-H materials as the NDSU webpage is harder to navigate, so it will be easier to use the county site.
- All meeting minutes will be posted here for as far back as we have.

Project Guide:

- The state has made a new project guide that shows what projects you are able to sign up for and it is located on the NDSU website.
- Watch for an email from Heather about projects and make sure to check your years enrolled in that project.
- You will now have to sign up for every project every year instead of the site automatically signing you up for projects that you have done in previous years.
- Page 5 of the project book will help you sign up for projects – revisions are coming so be on the lookout for that.
- It was discussed that club leaders should explain the project guide to their members and the new information regarding how to sign up.

Fundraisers:

- Date & location(s)
 - o Stanley will be held Sunday, April 16th, 2023 at the Mountrail County South Complex and Plaza will be held on April 23rd or April 30th at the County Building in Plaza (Depending on building availability – 1st choice is April 23rd, but if building is not available it will be held on the 30th)
- Type of meal
 - o Sarah Brewer moved to serve breakfast at the Stanley fundraiser, it was second by Emma Brewer, Sarah then amended the motion to add and Plaza after Stanley, Emma second the amendment and both the amendment and motion passed.
- Extra activities to attract people
 - o If you have ideas for extra activities let the 4-H office know ASAP, but it was decided to have some type of animal poop bingo.
- Committee for Fundraiser prizes - (2-4 people)
 - o Committee members are responsible for purchasing prizes and getting donations for prizes
 - Amanda Hynek

- John Woodbury
 - Heather Tomlinson
- Please contact the 4-H office if you would like to help get prizes
 - Heather will give a list of past items and sponsors to committee members
- Deadline for prize submissions should be submitted before the end of February to allow for advertising
- Krista Moved to allow the committee to spend up to \$1,000 on prizes, the motion was 2nd by Sarah Brewer and passed unanimously

Crops/Hippology/Livestock/Meats Judging:

- Sarah Brewer moved to Transfer \$2,000 to pay for State Contest Rooms, Eli Brewer seconded the motion.
 - It was discussed to have an open amount and have the rooms come out of the general fund instead of transferring the amount to each of the judging team's accounts and then taking the amount back out to pay for rooms.
 - The motion passed to transfer \$2,000 to pay for the rooms.
- Krista Littlefield moved that the 4-H council pay for all registration fees for all judging events, Julie Woodbury seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Pet Shows:

- Stanley Date – Tuesday, May 30th at 2:30pm
- Location – Ragamuffin Daycare
 - It was asked if in the future if we could go back to hosting the pet show at the nursing home/assisted living for the residents to take part in. It was decided that there is a potential to do two locations so the start time may change for the event.

Small Animal Day Camp:

- Date – Tuesday, May 30th (In the morning, before the pet show)
- Poultry attendance will depend on the bird flu situation
- May need to adjust start time depending on how many locations there will be for the pet show

Livestock Day Camp:

- Date – Thursday, June 1st
- If you know of any speakers that can come teach our members how to show and care for their livestock, please contact the office. The earlier we can get speakers, the better.
- Discussed to possibly add dairy to the day camp if we can find someone to help

Horse Show:

- June 27th – 29th (Depends on judge's schedule for exact date)
- They have not secured a judge yet, but will be soon and then can have the date set

Programming and Other Business:

- Krista Littlefield motioned to host the Project Expo and Clothing Review in our county and held in conjunction with the Home and Garden Show with an invitation to the other counties that normally compete. Cooper Sem seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
 - o The event would be held Saturday, April 22nd this year.
 - o It was discussed that often Mountrail 4-H members travel to Ward County to compete but we have the most members at the contest so it would be nice to host it in our county. It would also be nice for our members to show their work to more people, so the Home and Garden show is the perfect opportunity for this.

Dates to Set:

- Spring 4-H Council Meeting
 - o Wednesday, April 26th (or if Plaza fundraiser is moved to April 30th, then the meeting will be Wednesday, May 3rd)

Current Dates:

- Pet Show – May 30
- Small Animal Camp – May 30
- Livestock Day Camp – June 1
- Achievement Days - Set-Up: July 10 / Event: July 12-13
- ND State Fair – July 21-29, 2023
 - o If you are available or interested in judging at NDSF, they need judges! Food items will be judged the Tuesday before NDSF and everything else will be judged on the Wednesday before fair, please let the 4-H office know if you are interested.

Eli Brewer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm and Trinity Hynek seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

