

Mountrail County 4-H Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 14th, 2024

Mountrail County South Complex

The Mountrail County 4-H Council meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by President Melissa Vachal.

Meeting Attendees – Levi, Lisa, Grady, Kaley and Dylan Uran, Katie Woodbury, Julie Woodbury, John Woodbury, Laura Fransen, Vanessa Fransen, Krista Littlefield, Melissa Vachal, Bailey Hawbaker, Sarah Brewer, Lynnette Vachal, Heather Tomlinson, Susan Vachal (Zoom), Wendy, Troy, Marli and Aniyah Mauer (Zoom), Katie and Gina Steel (Zoom), and Laura & Alice Anderson (Zoom).

Pledges: The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge and led by Vanessa & Levi.

The secretary's report was read by the members, Laura moved to accept the secretary's report with a second from Kaley. The report was accepted.

Treasurer's Report was read by members; the balance is \$ 54,051.22, with \$1,061.23 in outstanding checks at the current time. The Motion to approve the treasurer's report was moved by Bailey second by Sarah. Report Accepted.

Old Business:

4-H Horse Show

- Went very well, but only had one Cloverbud as a lot of our members moved up an age group.
- Numbers were almost the same for our county from last year.
- Would like to hear feedback on having a second judge/split arena, if the horse committee would like to go back to one judge or keep two judges their opinions would be appreciated.
- The judge commented on how well our show ran and how much help we had.
- If we get short on help, it has been suggested to have a sign-up available for each parent/committee member to sign up to help with an event.

Achievement Days:

- Numbers were average for the most part, sheep and swine were likely the largest drop.
- Lynnette reported that we have received a lot of compliments on our Achievement Days and felt it went smoothly and great.

Suggestions Box Notes/Post-Event Discussion:

- Was suggested to have judging from 2-5 pm (Shorten up the time available) so that judges aren't waiting and potentially do not split up members by species. Just have an open judging time.
 - o Was asked to put in the newsletter and have club leaders tell their members that if you have several projects to come early.
- Suggested that we need to set up the panels for the arena before we set up any of the livestock areas.
- If you have suggestions on facility updates/panels/cages, etc. John has invited anyone interested to come to a fair board meeting. Contact Lynnette or Heather to let them know you would like to attend, and they can let you know when the meeting is.
- Discuss at our January meeting how we would like to move forward with static judging times lining up with set-up times and how to complete the check-in process.
- Registration/check-in time for livestock shortened.
- Suggested to have static judges turn in their book to a static committee member to make sure that their books/papers have been completed correctly.
- Suggested to have poultry moved a little further away from the show ring so they do not scare the animals.
- To add in the intermediate showmanship division.
- Potential to add small animals and horses into the round-robin.
- If horses or other species would like to make premium sale changes, please bring them to the January meeting.
- It is dark on the North Wall of that building.
- Suggested that if you would like vendor space, to come to the 4-H council for permission.
- Have a "due date" for vendors/sponsors to apply for a spot and then the board can approve the vendors or sponsors.
- Asked how we know who is watching the exhibits and was suggested to only have one club at a time.

New Business:

2024-2025 Registration – New Years Starts 9/1/2024

- Can start enrolling on September 11th
- Suppose any clubs have adults or parents that assist frequently at meetings/events or drive youth to events/activities. In that case, they must enroll and complete a volunteer background check to be covered by insurance and assist with youth.
- Please send club meeting schedules to the extension office and invite Lynnette to your meetings.

Achievement Days:

- John moved to charge 1.5% on 2024 premiums with a second from Julie. Motion Passed

Summer Camps:

- In the May meeting, we made a motion to pay 50% for members attending 4-H camps.

4-H Awards Day:

- Suggested giving out the buckles at awards day next year.
- Laura moved to host the 4-H Day on October 27th at 1 pm with a second from Krista. Motion passed.
- Ice cream bar with a lactose free option
- Deadlines
 - o Git R Dun, Project Pin & Year End Awards – August 26th
 - o Friend of 4-H Nominations – August 31st – send nominations to heather.tomlinson@ndsu.edu
 - o Club of the Year Award – September 30th
- Award Recipient Selection – September 3rd at 5:30pm – Board Members

Programming & Other:

- A horse workshop has been suggested.
- Asked to contact Game & Fish to utilize the Wildlife Tracks kit for a presentation.
- Received new livestock & pet boxes that are great for clubs to use!
- Duck Stamp Program
- Dog Training
- Volunteer Leaders Training – Thursday, November 14th at the South Complex in Stanley in the evening
 - o Must have at least 20 people for it to be held here.
 - o Registration will come out later.
- Lynnette will investigate what goes into hosting an Archery Meet here in Mountrail County

ND State 4-H Office MOU

- 501c-3 has been submitted; we are just waiting on it to get approved.
- State 4-H wants to make sure that the money is being spent on educating the youth. Melissa has made a budget proposal to show how the money is coming in and going out.
- Treasurer would meet with the extension office to set the budget around the May meeting so that it is done before the start of the 4-H year.
- MOU needs to be signed by a club leader from each club and council members.
- Please take MOU back to your clubs.

Dates to Set:

- Awards Day – October 27th at 1 pm – South Complex
- Awards Selection – September 3rd at 5:30 pm (Council Members)
- Laura moved to have the January Council Meeting at 6:30 pm on January 15th it was seconded by Krista. Motion Passed.

Officer Elections:

President – Melissa Vachal Nominated by Julie, 2nd by Krista. Bailey cast a unanimous ballot for Melissa Vachal for President. Vote Passed.

Vice President – Krista nominated Barb DeTienne, 2nd by Bailey – Bailey cast a unanimous ballot for Barb DeTienne for Vice President. Vote Passed

Secretary – Sarah nominated Bailey Hawbaker, 2nd by John – Laura cast a unanimous ballot for Bailey Hawbaker for Secretary. Vote Passed

Treasurer – Bailey nominated Krista Littlefield, 2nd by Julie – John cast a unanimous ballot for Krista Littlefield for Treasurer. Vote Passed

Adult Representatives – Kaley nominated Lisa Uran and was 2nd by Krista, Bailey nominated Laura Fransen & Amanda Hynek, 2nd by Krista, Bailey cast a unanimous ballot for Lisa, Laura and Amanda. Vote Passed

Youth Representatives – Krista nominated Erika Littlefield, 2nd from Laura, Melissa nominated Kaley Uran, 2nd from Bailey, John nominated Vanessa Fransen, 2nd by Julie, Julie moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Vanessa, Kaley and Erika. Vote Passed

Election of Standing Committee(s):

Livestock – John moved to add Joe Hynek to the livestock committee with a second from Bailey. Nomination passed and the livestock committee will consist of Heather Braaflat, Barb DeTienne, Laura Fransen, Bailey Hawbaker, Steven Littlefield, Grady Uran, Curt Vachal, John Woodbury, and Joe Hynek.

Horse – Sarah motioned that the horse committee consists of Sarah Brewer, Ilene Enerson, Brittney Mauer, Monica Sem and Katie Steele. Bailey 2nd and motion passed.

Static – Melissa nominated to add Julie Woodbury to the static committee, with a second from Krista and Melissa nominated to add Laura Anderson to the static committee with a second from Bailey, both nominations passed. The static committee will consist of Karen Babbitt, Laura Fransen, Rebecca Goettle, Amanda Hynek, Krista Littlefield, Melissa Vachal & Lisa Uran.

Krista moved to adjourn with a second from Bailey and meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.