

Mountrail County 4-H Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 1st, 2024

Mountrail County South Complex

The Mountrail County 4-H Council meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Vice President Barb DeTienne.

Meeting Attendees – Samantha Wincher, Zack Upton, Drew Simpson, Barb DeTienne, Bailey Hawbaker, Amanda Hynek, Krista Littlefield, Keylie Sem, Cooper Sem, Levi Uran, Julie Woodbury, Lynnette Vachal, Heather Tomlinson, Susan & Brook Vachal (Zoom), Melissa Vachal (Zoom), Ilene Enerson (Zoom), Laura and Vanessa Fransen (Zoom), Katie Steel (Zoom)

Pledges: The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge and led by Keylie & Cooper sem.

The secretary's report was read by the members, and Julie motioned to approve the Secretary's notes with spelling corrections and Cooper second. Minutes Approved

Treasurer's Report was read by members; the balance is \$56 067.47, with \$1,133.97 in outstanding checks at the current time. The Motion to approve the treasurer's report was moved by Cooper and second by Keylie. Report Accepted

Old Business:

Fundraisers

- The fundraisers went well, and the extra items (poultry bingo and pictures) sounded well received.
- Income from the event was \$8,793.92
- Hippology enjoyed their time with the quiz bowl and said it was a lot of fun.
- Julie moved to remove the camp account, move money to the general account, and pay half the camp expenses. Krista seconded the motion. Krista then amended the motion to add to pay one camp per year per member at the end with a second from Julie. The amendment and motion passed.

Project Expo/Clothing Review

- Six project expos and one clothing review in two different categories. High School didn't have a fashion show, so the clothing review couldn't join. Participants said that they enjoyed having it at the Home and Garden Show.

North Dakota 4-H Financial/Tax Status Update – Clubs & Council

- Krista & Melissa have talked to other counties and feel it is doable to handle on our own. We are waiting to hear back from clubs to see money in their accounts and decide if we should put our clubs or council under our own 501C-3. Please let us

know how much is in your club's accounts. Once we see the account funds, the executive committee will meet to discuss.

New Business:

Achievement Days

- Setup & Static Judging: July 8th
- Livestock Judging, Record Book Judging & Other Events: July 10-11
- 4-H Online Membership & Animal Ownership – May 1
- 4-H Online Animal – Submission Deadlines – May 8th – Need to put in all animals you could potentially show as no animal entries will be accepted after this date
- Fair Entry static/livestock class entry registration opens May 20th and closes May 21st – Make sure your descriptions are as close to your project as possible.
- Livestock Record Books – use the current version on the website and in the office.
- T-shirt orders are open and must be had in by May 21st
- Lane and Jim took the load board computer to Greg Schaefer, and everything worked well for the scale, so they will use it again this year. We would like to have scale stored in a building instead of outside. They will put it in the North Building after the panels are out.
- We will have the livestock committee members check the wash rack building during cleanup to ensure everything is put away correctly.

Small Animal & Livestock Day Camp

- Small Animal Day Camp – May 28th
- Livestock Day Camp – May 30th
- Suggestions for instructors/helpers for species
 - o We currently have dairy cattle and dairy goats, but we will reach out to previous showmanship winners.
- Chickens will be tested again at the Small Animal Day Camp.

Horse Show

- Set Up – June 24, Show – June 25
- Online ownership date and submission deadlines are the same as livestock. Ownership – May 1st, submission – May 8
- Animal Registration classes open May 20th and close June 17th
- Changes for 024 are that trail, and some Cloverbud classes will be held in the outdoor arena.

Crops Judging Team

- Julie purchased new plant mounts for \$485 – Krista moved to reimburse Julie \$485 for the plant mounts. Bailey seconded the motion, and it was approved.
- Krista moved to approve Julie's Option B to reimburse parents for travel. Option B included \$.50 mileage rate.

Hippology Team

- Katie Woodbury purchased all state resources and put together a library for checkout so students can study. Julie moved to reimburse Katie for \$676.28 for horse materials. Krista seconded the motion and it passed.

- Three girls made it to Nationals for horse judging so more fundraising will likely be needed if they choose to attend.
- One of two binders full of horse smarts if anyone knows where the second is, please return it to the office.
- Krista moved to create a judging club committee to encompass each team's coach, council treasurer and one more council member and it was seconded by Juile with the motion passing.
 - o There will be open meetings for parents to attend if they wish twice a year, one will be held before judging season and one after judging season.

Joan Uran Scholarship

- Krista moved to change Item #3 in our Policy Book to read that recipients will be selected by the Uran Family and seconded by Cooper with the motion passing.

MOU by ND 4-H Office

- This went out to each county. Page 4, item 5 states that anything over \$30,000 must have a plan for how excess funds will be used each year. You must show that your funds are being used on youth. Each club and council must fill out a plan each year.
- Lynnette sent out MOUs to each club leader today. Each club will need to sign and return to the office or come into the office to sign. The council will also sign one.

Programming and Other

- If you have any ideas on spending money, please bring them to the council at the appropriate time for your idea or event.
- Members/parents can email 4-H Council members and the Extension office with plans or ideas for 4-H projects/events.
- Let the office know if you have any project workshop ideas or want to volunteer.
- It was suggested that the office spotlight the trunks that it has potentially every month to try to entice more clubs to use them.
- Also, I suggested putting a list of trunks on the website to make it easier to find the list on the site.
- Eden Feldman sent a thank you for being chosen for Bunnies for Buddies.

Upcoming Dates:

- May 1 – 4-H Online Membership Deadline for Achievement Days
- May 1 – Livestock Ownership Deadline (March 1 Market Beef)
- May 8 – 4-H Online Animal Info Deadline
- May 17 – District Communication Art Contest (Williston)
- May 20 – Achievement Days Fair Entry Opens May 20 – Horse Show Fair Entry Opens
- May 23 – Makoti Community Garden
- May 23 – Stanley Community Garden
- May 28 – Pet Show May 28 – Small Animal Day Camp
- May 30 – Livestock Day Camp
- June 6 – YQCA
- June 6 – Achievement Days 101
- June 17 – Horse Show Fair Entry Closes
- June 17-20 – Extension Youth Conference (EYC)
- June 21 – Achievement Days Fair Entry Closes

- June 24 – Horse Show Set-Up
- June 25 – Horse Show
- July 8 – Achievement Days Set-Up
- July 8 – Achievement Days Static Judging
- July 10 – Achievement Days Livestock Record Book Judging
- July 10 & 11 – Achievement Days Livestock Judging
- July 19-27 – ND State Fair
- July 21 – Communication Arts State Contest
- July 22 – Clothing Revue State Contest
- July 22 – Project Expo State Contest
- August 14 – Mountrail County 4-H Council – 6:30pm
- ????? – Judging Committee Meeting