

Mountrail County 4-H Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 13th, 2022

Zoom

The Mountrail County 4-H Council meeting was called to order at 6:38pm by President Jodi Obert.

Meeting Attendees - Jodi Obert, Wendy Mauer, Sadee, Levi and Kaley Uran, Jana and Carson Enger, Rochelle, Trent and Eden Feldman, Jacob and Krista Littlefield, Laura Fransen, Melissa, Lane and Jocelyn Vachal, Lynette Vachal, Bailey Hawbaker and Heather Tomlinson.

The Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge were recited by the members and lead by Jocelyn Vachal.

Secretary's Report was read by the member and moved to approve by Jana Enger and 2nd by Melissa Vachal. The motion to approve the Secretary's Report was passed.

The Treasurer's Report was read by the members and Krista reported that we currently have \$50,536.32 including the Joan Uran Scholarship fund. It was moved to approve the Treasurer's Report by Melissa Vachal, second by Jocelyn Vachal and approved by the council.

Old Business:

4-H Youth Shooting Sports:

- Archery had 37 youth participate
- Air Rifle had 21 youth participate
- Lynette reported that this year went well overall.
- There will be some supplies needed but Rolling Plains will be making the purchases.

Fundraisers:

- Krista reported that the income from the fundraisers this year was \$7,307.08 which is up \$1,000 from last year
 - o 70% of the total goes to the general fund - \$5,114.96
 - o 30% of the total goes to the camp fund - \$2,192.12
- We received several compliments on the pancake breakfast and those that attended really enjoyed the meal. We also planned the amount of food out perfectly.

Hippology, Livestock & Crops Judging:

- Livestock has been paid out for their expenses
- Hippology will be getting paid out shortly

New Business:

Living Exhibits::

- Communication Arts practices begin on April 14th through Zoom
- The County Level Contest will be held with Ward County in Stanley on May 6th
- The District Level Contest will be held in Williston on June 10th
- The Project Expo/Clothing Review will be held in Minot on July 6th

Achievement Days:

- Setup: July 11th
- Event: July 13-14th
- Registration Deadline – July 1st on Fair Entry
- Poultry
 - o There is an Avian Flu that has caused the state to not allow sales or shows for poultry at the current moment, they will be reassessing the situation on June 1st.
 - o It was decided that if on June 1st we are not allowed to have a show, we will be doing our poultry show virtually for both the actual show of the animals and showmanship. However, the showman will still be required to attend Achievement Days as the judge will be doing the interview portion of showmanship live at the event. It has already been discussed with our judge and he said this is fine with him. In the judge's packet, he will have what he scored the showmanship videos so he can take that into consideration while asking the showman questions. If on June 1st it is decided that we can have the show, it will go on as normal.
 - o Poultry showman will also still be allowed to walk through the premium sale without their physical animal. They can have a photo or something to represent their exhibit. This does not usually affect many showmen so we feel that it would be beneficial to still allow them their premium money.
- YQCA Training
 - o June 13th in Person for \$3 per attendee
 - o Online version of the training is available for \$12 per attendee, and you must print your certificate and bring to the office to show proof that you have completed the course
 - o Training must be completed before 2022 North Dakota State Fair
- ND Livestock Registration Book is new this year, they have reverted to a similar book that we had in the past, so it goes more in depth on the member's projects. We will be deleting the old record books from our website so that members do not get confused at which one to complete.
- Schedule
 - o Same as last year with having the goats show start at 6pm again to allow for the static exhibits to be completed before the show starts.
 - o Suggested to have more livestock record book judges as it was getting to be very long lines for members to get their interview done

- Suggestion was made to have a letter to give to the businesses with the Booster Certificate explaining what their donation means and inviting them to be a buyer at the premium sale and explaining what they would be purchasing.

4-H Financial:

- Lynette spoke about how we will need to change how we do financials in the upcoming 4-H year. Currently, we are not in good standing with the IRS, but most counties are the same as we are. We may need to run each club's financials through the Council and become a 501(c)(3) organization to report to the IRS. More information will be coming out before September 1st and we can discuss more about how the State wants us to proceed.

Programming and Other:

- We need suggestions for who can help with the livestock showmanship clinic.
- Motion made by Krista and second by Melissa that the council purchase hoses and wash rack supplies before the upcoming Achievement Days. The motion was approved and Heather agreed to check out what items we already had and then purchase new of what was needed.
- It was also asked to have hoses by the hydrants indoors to water the sand.

2021-2022 4-H Dates:

- Fall 4-H Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 24th
- Horse Workouts – The horse committee is coming up with dates and once they give them to Heather, she will get the schedule emailed out to everyone.
- Laura Fransen will be putting on a Garden Day in Plaza again the last week in May likely on May 30th or 31st.

Fundraising Opportunity:

- Laura spoke about a fundraising opportunity for the future with ND Game and Fish. The Game and Fish Department do a lottery for 501(c)(3) organizations to receive a large game tag and they can choose who they would like to give it away (raffle, auction, etc.) Then, 10% of the proceeds have to go to a conservation effort, but the rest of the proceeds are kept with the organization.
- Currently we do not have 501(c)(3) status so cannot partake in this fundraiser, but possibly in the future.

Announcements:

- Council Executives please stay after the meeting to judge Kids for Kids applications and Scholarship Applications.

The meeting was moved to adjourn by Krista Littlefield, second by Melissa Vachal and approved at 7:29pm.

