

Mountrail County 4-H Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 24th, 2022

Mountrail County South Complex

The Mountrail County 4-H Council meeting was called to order at 6:39pm by President Jodi Obert.

Meeting Attendees – Susan Vachal, Amanda Hynek, Trinity Hynek, Bailey Hawbaker, Julie Woodbury, Emma Brewer, Eli Brewer, Lane Vachal, Melissa Vachal, Krista Littlefield, Laura Fransen, Venessa Fransen, Wendy Mauer, Aniyah Mauer, Marli Honrud, Jazlyn Ulledahl, Jodi Obert, Keylie Sem, Cooper Sem, William Sem, Lindsey Vachal (Zoom), Jocelyn Vachal (Zoom), and Lynette Vachal (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 Melissa Vachal motioned to approve the secretaries notes and Krista Littlefield second. Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report was read by members, and Krista explained that we have \$58,421 and still have \$7,625.75 in premiums to write. The Motion to approve the treasurer's report was moved by Bailey Hawbaker and second by Melissa Vachal. Motion Passed

Old Business:

4-H Horse Show:

- Attendance is growing!
- Some members have talked about splitting the show into 2 days
- Another option would be to use both arenas and have the Trail classes outside
 - o Would need to hire a second judge
 - o There are a lot more certified 4-H Horse Judges in the area now
- Suggestions from the Horse committee should bring suggestions back to the council on what they would like to see done with the future show.

Achievement Days:

- Numbers of livestock have gone down on average, but number of participants is on average the same or more.
- Recommendations/Suggestions
 - o Add back in the requirement that each exhibitor is required to have one static exhibit to show livestock.

- Melissa Vachal moved to add to our Premium Sale Requirements that exhibitors must enter at least one static exhibit to go through the premium sale. Second by Julie Woodbury
 - Julie Woodbury amended the motion to add before static exhibits “a state fair eligible or cloverbud”. Second by Melissa Vachal
 - Amendment Passed
 - It was discussed about the pushback from livestock exhibitors. It was said that we would like well-rounded opportunities for our members and that members are still able to show if they do not complete a static exhibit, they are just not able to go through the premium sale. Also, exhibitors can do a static project about their livestock (record books do not count). It was also stated that if the horse committee were to bring a proposal to join the premium sale, they would also need to follow the static exhibit rule.
 - Motion Passed.
- Release Exhibits at the beginning of the premium sale
 - This would make it so that we do not need to police those taking exhibits
 - It was decided not to change the release time of exhibits as it would be a lot of traffic with buyers trying to come in and people taking exhibits home.
- New Ideas for Fun Activity
 - An Alumni Showmanship contest was talked about.
 - Krista Littlefield made a motion to table discussion of the Alumni Showmanship contest until next meeting. Seconded by Melissa Vachal and it passed to table the discussion.
- There is a document of suggestions/comments in the comment box from Achievement Days that we can review closer to next year’s event.
- Additional Input?
 - It was discussed that the Buyer’s Supper was packed up early and therefore buyers felt rushed to eat.
 - Krista Littlefield made a motion to place on our Achievement Day Schedule that the buyer’s supper time be advertised and tear down of the supper does not occur until 15 minutes after advertised end time. Julie Woodbury seconded the motion and it passed.
 - It was also discussed that we need to try to find a better way to distribute help of tearing down the South Complex during the Premium Sale because most want to watch the sale and we do not have many families that only exhibit static exhibits.

New Business:

2022-2023 Registration- New Year Starts 9/1/2022 – Can Start Enrolling on September 8th:

- 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
- Only need to do the background check every 6 years.

Achievement Days:

- Approve % to take out of Premium Sale to Cover Expenses
 - o It was decided to keep the percentage the same as usual which is 2.5%.
- Underweight Market Animals at Achievement Days Deduction
 - o The policy in our handbook was made to have weight requirements so that we have high quality, market ready livestock at our show.
 - o Krista Littlefield motioned to strike out “red or” in the 2b section of our handbook under “Ownership Dates and Weight Requirements” Pg. 24. William Sem Seconded the Motion
 - 2B Currently States: Underweight Market Animals will be shown in a substandard lot and will not qualify for championship placing. Only red or white ribbon placings will be awarded.
 - Discussion was had that if we take out the words “red or” then the animal would automatically receive a white placing ribbon and not be allowed in the premium sale so we would not need to discuss a price deduction on the premium. We also would not need to contact a buyer to let them know that the animal they bought would need a price deduction due to being underweight.
 - It was also discussed that scales may be different from their own scale to the scale at Achievement Days, however, it was discussed that state fair takes the weight of the animal that day and they have minimum weight requirements as well. Therefore, we should stay like them. (Premier Preview Class)
 - Due to this being a change in the Policy Book, this will need a second reading and be passed/failed at the next meeting.

Summer Camps:

- 6 Mountrail County youth attended
- 3 of the 6 youth have a parent within extension so receive a reimbursement already, therefore we only have 3 youth to reimburse.
- Julie Woodbury motioned to pay the max 50% reimbursement for the 3 campers. Susan Vachal seconded the motion and it passed.

4-H Awards Day:

- November 6th, 2022, at 1:00pm
- We will be eliminating the meal and instead be doing an Ice Cream Bar that the Council will pay for instead of having clubs bring food
- We will be allowing Fort Berthold youth to participate in our event (about 4-6 youth)
- The 9 senior members, youth representatives and adult representatives will be planning the games for the event.
- Any Friends of 4-H nominations need to be sent to Heather Tomlinson – Heather.Tomlinson@ndsu.edu by October 1st. After the first she will send out the nominations to the council members to vote.

Shooting Sports:

- We have some great coaches right now, but it is always welcome to have more. There are trainings available to become a coach. The trainings are based on participation numbers. There will possibly a training in Williston, hope to get more information later.
- County Air Rifle & Archery Dates will be announced as they start the beginning of January.
- Two air rifles were purchased by Chad Rismon for younger youth totaling \$200.
- Krista Littlefield motioned to pay Chad Rismon \$200 for purchasing two air rifles. Melissa Vachal seconded the motion and it passed.

Council Bank Account Category Addition – Fort Berthold:

- Currently Fort Berthold does not have a bank account. Due to their Achievement Days being ran through the Mountrail County Achievement Days Event, they have given the Extension Office \$75 to cover their youth premiums.
- Melissa Vachal motioned to add a category for Forth Berthold in our funds to run premiums through until they are on their feet. Julie Woodbury seconded the motion and it passed.

Hippology/Livestock/Crops/Meats Judging:

- Crops coach is needed for northern portion of the county – Julie Woodbury said if there was any interested youth, she would be willing to help coach, but is not able to travel everywhere with members.
- Season starts typically at the beginning of the year and most information will be released once it is gathered regarding practice times.
- The State Meats Judging contest is possibly going to be moved to December so practices will be starting up again soon likely with Gary Martens.

Multi-County Exploration Day – October 29th in Minot, ND:

- Presenters are needed – 4 sessions
- Lynette will be doing a morning session and would like someone for the afternoon
- If interested let Lynette or Heather know ASAP

Dates to Set:

- Awards Day – November 6th, 2022
- Winter Council Meeting – January 18th, 2023

Election of Officers:

- President Nominations:
 - o Barb DeTienne – Eli Brewer Nominated, Emma Brewer Second
 - o Melissa Vachal – Krista Littlefield Nominated, Laura Fransen Second
 - After voting, Melissa Vachal was elected President
- Vice President Nominations:
 - o Barb DeTienne – Julie Woodbury Nominated, Jodi Obert Second

- Jodi Obert ceased nominations and casted a unanimous ballot for Barb as Vice President. Eli Brewer Second and motion passed.
- Secretary Nominations
 - Bailey Habaker – Jodi Obert Nominated, Eli Brewer Second
 - Eli Brewer ceased nominations and casted a unanimous ballot for Bailey Hawbaker as Secretary. Emma Brewer Second and motion passed.
- Treasurer Nominations
 - Krista Littlefield – Emma Brewer Nominated, Jodi Obert Second
 - Jodi Obert ceased nominations and casted a unanimous ballot for Krista Littlefield as Treasurer. Lara Fransen Second and motion passed.
- Adult Representative Nominations
 - Sarah Brewer – Eli Brewer Nominated, Keylie Sem Second
 - Susan Vachal – Emma Brewer Nominated, Susan Declined Nomination
 - Jana Enger – Bailey Hawbaker Nominated, Jodi Ober Second
 - Laura Fransen – Vanessa Fransen Nominated, Jodi Obert Second
 - Bailey Hawbaker ceased nominations and casted a unanimous ballot for Sarah Brewer, Jana Enger and Laura Fransen to be the Adult Representatives. Jodi Obert second and motion passed.
- Youth Representative Nominations
 - Eli Brewer – Emma Brewer Nominated, Krista Littlefield Second
 - Emma Brewer – Krista Littlefield Nominated, Eli Brewer Second
 - Vanessa Fransen – Emma Brewer Nominated, Eli Brewer Second
 - Jodi Obert ceased nominations and casted a unanimous ballot for Eli Brewer, Emma Brewer and Vanessa Fransen to be Youth Representatives. Eli Brewr second and motion passed.

Election of Standing Committees:

- Livestock Committee
 - Barb DeTienne, Bailey Hawbaker, Steven Littlefield, Mark Vachal, Grady Uran, Curt Vachal, John Woodbury (Current)
 - It was voted to add Heather Braaflat and Melissa Vachal to the committee and take off Jodi Obert and Heather Underdahl.
- Horse Committee
 - Sarah Brewer, Bobbi Johnson, Jess Niemitalo, Katie Steele (Current)
 - It was voted to add Monica Sem and Eileen Enerson and take off Jodi Obert and Bonita Hornberger.
- Static Committee
 - Jana Enger, Laura Fransen, Krista Littlefield, Melissa Vachal, Susan Vachal (Current)
 - It was voted to add Amanda Hynek to the committee.

Julie Woodbury moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:51pm, motion was second by Jodi Obert and the motion was passed. Respectfully Submitted, Bailey Hawbaker Mountrail County 4-H Council Secretary