

**2016 LaMoure County 4-H Council Meeting**  
**October 30, 2016** – Meeting Room at LaMoure Civic Center  
Following Awards & Recognition Ceremony

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Marla Berntson, Kim Robbins, Eva Lahlum, Christina Job, Sheila Wendel, Caroline Homan, Ann Moch, Rani Lloyd, Kelli Just.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER** by President Marla Berntson.

**SECRETARY REPORT**

Marla asked for a correction regarding the horse judge. Change “Marla already has 2017 judge lined up...” to “Marla has someone in mind for 2017...” Name was also corrected to Brynn Haley. Rani made a motion to approve the minutes with the above corrections. Ann seconded. No further discussion. Motioned passed.

**TREASURER REPORT**

Christina passed around a revised financial report that showed SPIN club money separate from Council money. The actual fund balance for the council is \$3,693.89. Sponsorship this past year was down approximately \$1,000 from previous years. Suggestions were made to consider having county dues again. Kim made a motion to form a budget committee to look at funds and establish budgets for different events. They will also establish short-term and long-term strategies. Kelli seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed. Kim, Christina, Kelli and Rani volunteered to be on this committee.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**WEB CALENDAR**

Christina created a web calendar for the extension website to list 4-H events and meetings. Clubs can also have meeting dates and special events added to the calendar. Please contact Christina to add these to the calendar.

**VISA CARD**

Information about a business credit card was presented. The credit application will be based on the credit history of the 4-H Council but an individual must be on the application instead of the company name. Discussion was started on who this should be but there are many factors with officer terms. This was tabled until the January meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- The office of Treasurer is open beginning January 1, 2017. Kimberly Robbins CANNOT be reelected for any position. Rani nominated Kelli Just to become Treasurer. No other nominations. Unanimous vote. Kelli is the new Treasurer.
- Office of Vice President then became open. Kelli nominated Rani Lloyd for Vice President. No other nominations. Unanimous vote. Rani is the new Vice President.
- Office of Member at Large became open. Kim nominated Kallie Lehr for member at large. No other nominations. Unanimous vote. Kallie is the new member at large.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS (cont.)**

- All new officers will begin their terms on January 1, 2017. At that time, Kimberly Robbins' name will be removed from the LaMoure County 4-H Council account at First State Bank of ND and Kelli Just will be added as a signor on the account.
- Discussion was briefly held regarding who are voting members. According to our current bylaws the Executive Board and any leader of a chartered 4-H club are voting members.

### **MEMORIALS**

LaMoure County 4-H Council received two memorials in Jim Potts' name: \$100 from Kathy Potts and \$25 from Robert Klein. Extension asked if we have a policy as to whether we send a gift after a former 4-H volunteer passes. It was suggested that if they were a past recipient of the Friend of 4-H award, a small token should be sent along with a card. Christina will come up with some ideas for gifts. Discussion tabled until next meeting.

### **AWARDS**

- It was mentioned that only State Award of Excellence was noted in the awards program. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion should also be noted as Award of Excellence is a step below these. Extension will make the correction going forward.
- The questions was raised regarding Level 2 Project Awards. They receive a pin for Level 1 and it had been discussed previously about giving something other than a pin for Level 2. It was decided that this will be an issue for the budget committee to address.
- High Point Horse Awards were discussed. They currently have one sponsor – Denice & Daryl Johnson. The recipients receive horse trophies. Caroline thought it might be nice to have belt buckles for the high point winners but one belt buckle would cost as much as three trophies. We would need two more sponsors. Please send any ideas you may have for a sponsor to Caroline.
- The 4-H Council has several older state contest pins. Christina asked if we could give those to 4-H'ers who participate in these events. The council gave permission to use up the pins we currently have.

### **CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LAMOURE COUNTY 4-H'ERS**

In a previous year, we awarded a \$35 scholarship to any LaMoure County 4-H'er that attended a ND 4-H Camp if they completed a form and spoke about it at awards. Do we want to offer this again? It was decided this would be another issue for the budget committee to consider.

### **FAMILY FUN NIGHT ROTATION**

Edgeley was voted back into the rotation at the annual meeting. Discussion was held whether to start with Edgeley this year or continue with Kulm who is next to host FFN. Both the Kulm School and the Edgeley Armory are available and at no cost for 4-H. Ann made a motion to hold FFN in Kulm this year. Kelli seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.

### **COUNCIL MEETING FORMATS**

Group emails work well to discuss time sensitive items that come up between meetings. If we do need a vote, we will put a deadline date for the vote. Council members that do not reply by the deadline will be counted as a "yes" vote. Everyone is in favor of this. Documentation of the email correspondence will be kept with council minutes.

### **NORTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR REIMBURSEMENT POLICY**

More discussion was held on the current ND State Fair reimbursement policy. It was suggested that it would be nice to set some amount to help offset the cost of going to state fair contests. It was discussed that we do not want to continue with the current policy. Kim made a motion to go back to the original policy which gave \$15 to each family for a hotel stay. Discussion was had that if we put that back in and

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decide on a different way to reimburse, we will have to make more changes. The motion died. Kelli then made a motion to completely eliminate the state fair reimbursement policy and have the budget committee develop a new policy to present to the council. Kim seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ANYTHING ELSE FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**ADJOURN MEETING**

*Respectfully submitted by Sheila Wendel, LaMoure County 4-H Council Secretary*

*Transcribed by Christina Job, NDSU Extension – LaMoure County Administrative Assistant*