

**McIntosh County 4-H Council Meeting
August 30, 2016, Ashley Courthouse, Ashley**

Present:

Officers: Sara Gross, Chairperson; Melissa Walth, Vice-Chairperson; and Lori Gropper, Treasurer

4-H Parents and Leaders: Kim Muller, Pamela Schnabel, Marsha Monson, Amanda Bader, Harlan Dallman, Amanda Metzger Lange

Extension Agents: Crystal Schaunaman and Karen Bettenhausen

Sara Gross called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Secretary's Report: Melissa Walth read the minutes from the September 1, 2015 McIntosh County 4-H Council meeting. Lori Gropper made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Amanda Bader. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Lori Gropper read the treasurer's report stating a balance of \$6599.16. Amanda Bader made a motion to approve the report with a second from Melissa Walth. Motion carried. Harlan Dallman made a motion to approve reimbursing the county for some checks that had been given to the 4-H council that should have gone to the county to pay for the livestock exhibitor's picnic in the amount of \$292.17 with a second by Amanda Lange. Motion carried. Amanda Lange made a motion to approve reimbursing McIntosh County \$150 for arrows purchased for shooting sports with a second by Kim Muller. Motion carried. Amanda Bader made a motion to approve paying for the meal at the youth livestock quality assurance training for \$77.42 with a second Harlan Dallman. Motion carried. Amanda Lange made a motion to approve Sara Gross purchasing shooting sports supplies with the proceeds from the ice cream bar fundraiser done with BEK during the fair, which was \$371.80 minus the \$150 already spent on arrows. A second by Kim Muller. Motion carried.

Old Business

Karen asked the group if there is a need for parent/leader trainings. The group would be interested in another webinar/E-Forum, such as was provided this past 4-H year, feeling those were very beneficial. Karen will watch for these trainings and will keep parents posted on availability, sending out all information when it becomes available.

Parents were very happy with the Tri-County Fair, felt it went well and was well-organized.

New Business

Crystal asked the council to consider the possibility of a Shooting Sports Only Club, with the request coming from the Ashley community. Several parents and youth have expressed an interest but no potential leader has been identified at this point. Some discussion was held on what that might look like. Melissa Walth made a motion to table going forth with a Shooting Sports Only Club for now until additional information can be reviewed on how other counties are running Shooting Sports clubs, including the club requirements. Amanda Lange seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Karen discussed the NDSU Extension McIntosh County web page at <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/mcintoshcountyextension>. Kristie Schnabel, support staff, has been loading pictures, slides of the Tri-County Fair, and much information such as the McIntosh County club forms. Parents are encouraged to use our website and should find it very helpful. Please also use the NDSU Extension 4-H website for information and forms they cannot find on the McIntosh County web site.

Karen discussed and referenced the goal sheets in the packets, importance of youth working on these throughout the year, the importance of thorough completion of the form on just one or two focus projects, rather than completing lots of them and doing a poor job. Other county 4-H programs are having club leaders evaluate each other's goal sheets rather than having the Extension Agents complete this task. Melissa Walth made a motion to

have the leaders of each club delegate a committee to do the judging of the other club's project sheets and should there be a tie, Extension staff will make that decision. The motion was seconded by Amanda Bader. Motion carried. Goal sheets are due by September 30 and will be sent to leaders within the first couple of weeks of October to evaluate.

Karen discussed the online registration process and referenced the helpful printout in the packets with directions for navigating 4honline. A paper copy of the health form will need to be completed for each child and is not valid without a signature. It is important for families to take care of this process early on in September at the first club meeting. All parents should attend the first meeting. An email will be sent to Badger Bunch parents to attend the September 18 meeting and bring their insurance cards to fill out the health forms. Kristie Schnabel will attend the meeting to help parents with the online registration.

Karen referenced the Home Helper, Parent Interest Survey, the 4-H Wheel and Sample Yearly Schedule, for helping run the club and with parent volunteers. The clubs indicated they have been running more efficiently with parents stepping up to volunteer. Karen encouraged using community volunteers also as they want to help. The 4-H trunks information sheet was referenced. Karen also shared subject matter and contact information from Lauryn Hinckley, a 4-H Ambassador from Morton County, who would very much like to attend one of their club meetings to explain what the 4-H Ambassador program is. The group felt it would be good for the two clubs to work together, having her visit them both on the same Sunday as they both meet the third Sunday. Email frequency was discussed with no concerns regarding the volume forwarded by Karen from the specialists and 4-H State office.

Awards Night will be held in Ashley this year. Karen discussed several options she had put together. Amanda Lange made a motion to hold the McIntosh County Awards Night at the Shed Café in Ashley on November 13 at 5:30pm with a buffet meal of broasted chicken, mashed potatoes, a vegetable, bun and dessert with beverage, at \$9.50 per plate, held in the back of the restaurant with bar area closed off to our function. Motion was seconded by Melissa Walth. Motion Carried. Karen presented an entertainment idea for the youth, "The Superheroes Game." The group asked Karen to provide this entertainment.

National 4-H Science week is October 3-7 this year, experiment is "Drone Discovery." Karen asked for an interested parent volunteer to help her and Crystal take this into the schools as there is a lot of technology involved. Amanda Lange loves technology and volunteered to help at all three schools on Monday and Thursday of that week.

Crystal reviewed handling Money in the ND 4-H Program, referencing the handout. The 4-H checkbooks will be audited in October.

Recruitment for the new 4-H year will be done through school newsletters, newspapers, Facebook and the McIntosh County Extension web site. The group made no further suggestions.

Karen briefly touched on Healthy 4-H Clubs and encouraged leaders to get in contact with her should they wish to pursue. Karen notes the clubs are already doing many of the required activities which would give them this special recognition.

Kim Muller made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Amanda Lange. Motion carried. The meeting lasted approximately two hours.