

McIntosh County 4-H Council Minutes 8/29/18 7:00 p.m. Big Screen, Wishek

**Attendance:* Harlan, Rocky, Marsha, Nathan, Missy, Crystal

**Call meeting to order:* Meeting called to order by Rocky at 7:05 p.m.

**Secretary's Minutes:* Dispense with reading of the minutes (everyone was emailed a copy)

Motion to approve by Nathan, seconded by Missy. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:* Balance of \$14,661.91 (Crystal read report provided by Pam in her absence)

Motion to approve by Nathan, seconded by Harlan. Motion carried.

Old Business

****Premium Showcase for Animals and Static Exhibits***

-Reviewed premiums requested, received and used

-Consider adding Honorable Mention Statics to be paid higher than blues-add Honorable mentions in the static category paying \$20

-Suggestions for next year? – move Premium Showcase outside (rather than in livestock barn)

-When to hand out checks? – Missy made a motion to hand out county fair ribbon and premium checks along with state fair premiums to youth at the awards banquet – with the exception of any 4-H member who has filled out a financial plan for the year expecting to receive premiums in September (please let Crystal know), seconded by Harlan. Motion carried.

-Sponsor thank you's - Window Clings and letters from office; youth will receive a list of sponsors to thank.

- The "Sponsored by" signs which were hung over youth projects during the fair along with the banners and signs listing sponsors were well-received.

- Need to reiterate at club meetings what exactly the premium showcase is and who can attend.

**Can collection during the fair*-thanks Pam! Collected 4 big bags of cans to be added to the cans to sell in Ashley. Other locations are still welcome to do community can collections.

**Picnic* – The picnic for ALL 4-H families on Saturday night during the fair was well-attended – will consider doing again next year.

**THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS DURING THE FAIR!* Sandwich makers, picture takers, helpers at static and livestock shows, writers, monitors, archery tournament, etc.

**Other Fair Suggestions?* Put a sign on the archery bales noting that there will be a 4-H archery tournament on Saturday morning with the time (that way more people will know when and where it is).

- Find a way to include archery youth in the premium showcase. One idea - invite our county archery team to premium showcase and announce that premiums will be paid based on their placing during the county tournament held on Saturday during the fair – one way to get these kids involved and also advertise the Saturday tournament. Other ideas welcome!

New Business

**Archery group* will have two new helpers/leaders – Brandon Bies and Nathan Pinke are in the process of completing volunteer paperwork and will attend the archery training on September 15. It was discussed to combine an archery meeting with the Badger Bunch meeting a couple times throughout the year so youth have more options to meet the meeting requirements to complete their year.

****Discuss possible new plaques and plan awards banquet, new 4-H year, etc.***

- Location, Meal, Date, Entertainment – Motion by Marsha to plan to host this in Ashley at Wild Rose, Sr. Center or Legion; kid friendly meal on Sunday, November 4, second by Harlan. Motion carried.
- Entertainment ideas to have Cassidy talk about merits of being in 4-H and FFA and picture slideshow.
- We will keep our current plaques (new ones are nice but expensive).
- Will have election of officers at the awards banquet.

****Archery this fall in Ashley?***

- Plan to host a fun day in Ashley with archery and shooting sports to gauge the potential of another shooting sports themed club to either work with the Flickertail club or stand alone. Crystal will organize.

****Year-end 4-H member paperwork is due by Sept 30.***

- clubs will swap to evaluate paperwork
- Leaders sign off on paperwork and double check attendance. From the McIntosh County Policybook:
“Attend and take part in five (5) club meetings OR four (4) club meetings and participate in one (1) state or county contest/event (which could include county Achievement Day) as approved by the leader. Members not completing this requirement will not be allowed to exhibit projects at the State Fair or complete their 4-H year. To get credit for a completed 4-H year, members must also complete required year-end paperwork.”
- Extension will send out new secretary’s books for clubs to use.

****New Year Enrollment and Program Fee (around Sept 5)***

- Enrollment for the new year will start about Sept 5. The \$20/family program fee will go into effect this year for all families – more information will go out to families soon. Clubs are encouraged to use resources such as trunks, curriculum, leader training, etc. to get the most we can from the \$20 fee.
- Extension staff will see if clubs would like Extension staff at their first meeting to sign up new members.

****Review Club Resource Ideas***

- Crystal will email project ideas to families and leaders – many easy group activity ideas!

****Changing Fair Weekend?***

- The Tri-County Fair board is questioning whether to change their fair dates (nothing in stone). 4-H Council recommends our fair stay on the same weekend as usual as moving dates makes things complicated and competes with other events in the state.

****Other***

- McIntosh County 4-H Policybook needs updating – Extension staff will look at by-laws and begin to edit with changes to be approved by Council. Will be emailed out to all families when corrections are complete.
- Representatives from each of the clubs and archery team attending 4-H Council meetings is important.
- Emails and texts from Kristie regarding meetings works well (text Harlan all the time though).

Quarterly meetings – Will elect officers at awards banquet so next meeting will plan for February 6.
Motion to adjourn by Marsha, seconded by Harlan, meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully, Crystal Schaunaman, Extension Agent