

## McIntosh County 4-H Council Agenda 1/31/18

### **Ashley**

\*Attendance: Pam, Marsha, Rocky, Mandy, Amanda, Missy, Harlan, Crystal

\*Call meeting to order: Rocky called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

\*Secretary's Minutes: Crystal read the minutes from the November 2017 meeting.

Motion to approve – Missy, Seconded by – Amanda, motion carried.

\*Treasurer's report: Pam reported \$3582.07 in checking. Two premium checks were added back in as they were not cashed ("any premium checks issued must be cashed by December 31 of the year issued, or that person will forfeit that amount." February 6, 2012 4-H Council meeting.)

Motion to approve – Harlan, Seconded by Missy, motion carried.

### Old Business

#### **\*Tri-County Fair-Review/Premium Livestock Sale/Adding static champions to premium sale**

-At the September 2017 meeting it was decided that youth can select one small animal or static grand/reserve/honorable mention project to bring to the premium sale if they do not have large livestock. If they have large livestock and choose to bring that to the premium sale instead they need to pick their highest ribbon placing project. Youth may only bring one exhibit through the premium sale (if they have static, small animals and large livestock they can only pick one of all of their exhibits).

-Discussion on how much extra premium money is needed now that we have added static and small animal exhibits. The 4-H Council decided to set amounts for grand and reserve premiums for all projects. Crystal will send this list along with current ribbon premiums out and ask for comments from families. At the next meeting we will review the amounts as well as premium sale sponsors and develop a list of sponsors.

#### **How do we get the youth involved in soliciting sponsors for the premium sale as marketing is a part of the livestock project.**

- Discussion regarding the importance of learning to market your projects and the need to increase sponsors. Develop a script for youth to use when talking to a potential sponsor. Will also assign families to certain sponsors so sponsors are not being asked by multiple youth or ask families to choose from the list and notify the Extension office before making calls. Update stall cards to include a place for youth to write their premium sponsor on them and determine something for static exhibits to use as well.

#### **\*Shooting Sports Only - Club Status**

*Badger Bunch* – 4-H Council felt the need to maintain Badger Bunch club members. However for a small number of families that need another option adding a business meeting to the beginning of archery practices and keeping minutes they could then count that as a meeting attended in order to complete their 4-H year.

*Ashley Shooting Sports* – It was decided to wait until September to host an introductory meeting in Ashley which could include archery and air rifle activities. Once the interest has been established we could build on the momentum of the group by having monthly practices/meetings with a few additional practices closer to the state contests (January and February).

**\*4-H member Volunteer Opportunities List –**

Fair clean up night

Fair Ride Set up

Fair Building Clean up (barn and static building)

Awards Night Setup

Awards Night Clean up

Make Sandwiches during fair

Pack Exhibits for State Fair

Talk about 4-H to 2-3<sup>rd</sup> grades.

Speak to local chambers/Lions Clubs regarding their 4-H activities and the importance of 4-H in their lives and how donations are needed and appreciated

Salvation Army bell ringing

Volunteer at local functions where help is needed setting up and/or serving—prom, chamber events/banquets, Legion or Lions functions (they have a couple times where they do fundraisers) or

Community events like sizzling summer days, Oktoberfest

Others?

**Will it be required for youth to attend a certain number of events in order to receive their premiums?**

Much discussion. Mandy made a motion that youth are required to participate in one volunteer event as listed above or other Extension approved volunteer opportunity related to 4-H in order to participate in the premium sale at the county fair, seconded by Pam, motion carried.

\*4-H Survey – McIntosh County took part in a survey to measure the impact of 4-H – 63% of members completed and the survey closed February 1.

\*Extension Budgets Notes – Under 2000 population differential was overruled. Now the proposal of the 60/40 split needs to be decided. (Counties would now pay 40% of salary plus benefits for their agents, vs. the old system of just paying 50% of salary. The state would pick up the 60% remaining.) Karen Bettenhausen’s FCW position may not be filled for awhile.

New Business

Static Exhibit Fair Help – Door keeper/get kids to judges, put projects on table for display, pack up projects for state fair, etc. Volunteers will be sought closer to the fair to help.

Quarterly meetings – next date? April 4, Big Screen, Wishek

Motion to adjourn –Pam, Seconded by –Mandy, Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully, Crystal Schaunaman, Extension Agent