

McIntosh County 4-H Council Minutes 5/1/19 7:00 p.m. Big Screen, Wishek

**Leader Attendance:* Badger Bunch – Veronica; Flickertail – Jim Schnabel (in place of Pam)
Lil' Stampede Cloverbuds – Tammy Rohweder;
Archery – Nathan Pinke, Brandon Bies, Sara Gross, Amanda Lang
Other: Harlan Dallman, Missy Walth, Marsha Monson, Amanda Bader, Rocky Brown

**Call meeting to order:* Meeting called to order by Rocky Brown at 7:04 p.m.

**Secretary's Minutes:* Dispense with reading of the minutes (everyone was emailed a copy). Motion to approve by Nathan, seconded by Sara, approved.

**Treasurer's report:* Balance of \$7114.16. All premiums checks have cleared!

Old Business

**Review Constitution and By-Laws* – board reviewed items pertinent to quorum and how policybook changes can be made. No changes needed or made.

**Review McIntosh County 4-H Policybook* – Several changes were reviewed mostly in reference of administrative updates, language surrounding how youth enroll now on 4honline, and 4-H achievement showcase (formerly premium sale). Sara made a motion to approve changes, seconded by Amanda B, approved.

**Premium Showcase for Animals and Static Exhibits* – Discussed the new name for what we had called premium sale.....then premium showcase.....and decided for 2019 to call it 4-H Achievement Showcase to remove the stigma that it is only for animals. Also discussed handing out Premium Checks at Awards Banquet worked well. Premium checks include premiums from the former premium sale as well as money for ribbon placings and state fair projects. Exceptions to receiving these checks at awards banquet will be any youth with a financial or loan plan needing funds sooner than banquet time.

****Getting Archery Only Youth Involved in the Fair Suggestions?***

-Advertise tournament with a sign on bales, flag off area or pallet sign: Sara and Amanda L. will do this.
-Need to include in premium showcase? After much discussion it was decided that the archery club would put a display together to highlight their year and would be announced as a team during the 4-H Achievement Showcase (former premium sale).

**Archery group* new leaders – Brandon Bies and Nathan Pinke. More youth signing up. One of the Badger Bunch meetings was an introduction to archery combining the two groups. All involved felt it was well received and good activity. One more way for archery focused youth to attend a qualifying meeting. Archery group will discuss and inform Extension office how they would like archery related event information to be distributed to members (without sending every archery related email to all 4-H families).

**October 2018 Archery Event in Ashley* - 14 youth attended. Still need space and volunteer in Ashley.

**Awards banquet & Officer Election* – All went fine. Will recruit club help in the town the banquet is held.

**Tri-County Fair Suggestions for fair board?* -Dates will be July 11-14, 2019 (same weekend as last year). Suggestions are swine barn washrack upgrade. Changes times of 4-H event: Static exhibit judging time only for

4-H members showing animals from 8 – 9 a.m. 9 – 11:30 a.m. will be for all 4-H members. Start animal show at 11:00 a.m. (versus 11:30). Keep 4-H Achievement Showcase at 6:00 p.m.

New Business

* **Program Fee** -No more Program Fee, effective August 2019!!!

***Assign clubs to assist with events – banquet, other?** - Tabled

***Discussion regarding encouraging parent's attendance at meetings** – good discussion and ideas given amongst those leaders and parents in attendance. It is hard to communicate club plans when parents do not attend meetings. It is also hard for club leaders depending on the age of the 4-H members present. Cloverbud parents have been good about attending.

4-H members soliciting premium sponsors – review script and assignments: 4-H Council members reviewed business assignments to 4-H youth as well as the script and list of volunteer opportunities – which youth are required to do in order to receive premiums from the fair (4-H Achievement Showcase and ribbon premiums). 4-H Council felt this information needs to be highlighted to 4-H families so they are aware of all the rules which were started last year but will be more enforced this year.

Communication with 4-H families regarding fair information – email, mail or FB – It was the consensus that more information is better than too little. Extension staff will continue to email information and put on FB with VIP emails being followed with a text message reminder to families to read their email.

Bag clip Fundraiser? Amanda M made a motion that 4-H Council purchase one box of bag clips to see see them in person and then explore possibility of purchasing more for a 4-H fundraiser, seconded by Veronica. Approved.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

There will be several opportunities for those going to state fair to get their YQCA certification this year.

1-Showmanship clinics in Stutsman and Emmons Counties. Wishek Beef Showmanship Clinic May 27-29 will have a set time for participants to attend only to receive YQCA training. Online Training: You can take a single year training for \$12 or multi-year test out option for \$36. Still waiting for more details on this option as they are revising their website. <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/> (log in with your 4Honline credentials). Farm Bureau may help offset costs.

Out of County Members/Dual Enrollment – Youth will need to meet our # of meeting requirements but may attend those meetings in dual counties.

\$1000 Archery Grant – Archery group will be given cost information so they can allocate the funds. If they feel they need more money they are to bring this to the 4-H Council's attention for additional funding.

4-H t-shirts – ordered and will be here soon. Extension staff will contact families. Brandon made a motion, seconded by Missy to pay for the extra shirts which were purchased with the order to have on hand, approved.

Quarterly meetings – possibly June 11 or 18

Motion to adjourn by Brandon, seconded by Amanda B. approved.

Respectfully, Crystal Schaubman, Extension Agent