

4-H Council Meeting
June 9, 2011
7:30 Wishek City Hall

President Jim Schnabel called the meeting to order.

Present: Melissa Dalke, Lisa Eszlinger, James and Pam Schnabel, Gerri Horner, Faith and Clark Nies, Janet Wolf, Kayla and Linda Rohr, Cindy and Crystal

Pledges:

Secretary's Minutes were read by Crystal from the February 16 meeting and approved as read.

Vice President Election-Melissa Dalke volunteered if no one else wanted the position. Gerri nominated Melissa, seconded by Lisa, motion approved.

Policies to Review and Revise

Ribbons: -Discussion was held on ribbons at the fair for livestock and static projects with an emphasis on unifying the ribbons between the static and livestock ribbons and awards.

-Will continue using single streamer blue, red and white ribbons. Livestock will use up the red and white rosette style ribbons and then switch to single streamer ribbons. (blues were changed to single in 2010)

-Lisa made a motion to switch to smaller rosettes for grand (purple) and reserve (lilac) for livestock and static projects and use leftover green ribbons for honorable mentions (they currently say superior project so when we need to reprint have them say honorable mention), seconded by Gerri, motion carried.

Year End Awards: A discussion was held on unifying the year end awards for livestock and static Champion winners.

-Currently there are 5x7 plaques which are given to static Champions in the following 6 categories: Consumer & Family Science, Communication and Expressive Arts, Health Livestock Education, Plant Science, Environment and Natural Resources, and Engineering, Science and Technology and trophies are given to livestock Champions for beef, sheep, swine, dairy, goats, horse, and small animals.

-Gerri made a motion to check the price difference between trophies and plaques and if the difference is not more than \$5 to give champions the option to pick whether they want a trophy or a plaque; but if more than \$5 difference then plaques will be ordered for all Champion winners, seconded by Melissa, motion carried.

-Some discussion was held on the disks that are currently given out to those that apply for the yearend award in that category. Cindy mentioned that the application process oftentimes did not reward the most deserving candidate, instead rewarded the ones that take the initiative to apply. The system should be revised. Those present looked at a couple other counties and the state project paperwork and will discuss and make a decision after more discussion.

Paperwork to earn awards? Record books-look at samples: Looked at a couple of samples but will discuss at a later date.

Livestock premium sale: time held, market and/or breeding, static exhibits, sell animal or just premium??

Much discussion was held. Crystal had met with the Tri-County Fair board to come up with a better time for the sale to try and get an audience there. The time for the premium sale will be Sunday at 4 p.m. south of the livestock barn. It was decided to have a parade of Champions including all champion and reserve champion static, small animal and livestock projects which will be followed by the premium sale. The premium sale will stay the same with 4-H members allowed to bring one market animal to the premium sale. We will do more advertising and education about what the premium sale is-selling only a premium for a market animal which goes to reward the 4-H member-not selling the animal.

No fit or blow and go show: Crystal will define no fit in the livestock letter (no adhesives, or altering natural appearance)

Cats & dogs need health certificate or rabies shot: This was agreed upon and exhibitors will have to present at check-in.

Club Policies (Audit, Charters, and Club info sheet)-Crystal has requested Charters from the State 4-H office since they had no record of charters for our McIntosh County clubs. Clubs will also be required to approve and adopt constitution and by-laws (sample given), turn in a club information sheet and provide checkbook for a yearly audit.

4-H Council bylaws and constitution: Showed samples from other counties; will review and adopt at a later date.

Other Business

Arctic Cat and Dakota Performance will be sponsoring all livestock (not horse) premiums including 4-H premiums.

Money to start 4-H Council checkbook: Will review and discuss this at a later date.

Brought up at the Meeting

Horse Show: Some discussion on having to stay until Sunday at 3 p.m. in order to receive premiums. The Tri-County fairboard pays premiums for the 4-H and open horse show and therefore all 4-H members have had to abide by this rule. However, given the accommodations at the fairgrounds, other health and safety issues and the fact that the 4-H portion of the premiums is not that much, the Council felt that requiring McIntosh County 4-H members horses to stay until Sunday was a burden for 4-H members. Crystal will bring this up to the fair board and try to exempt horses from having to stay until Sunday. If they do not like this idea, the 4-H Council would be willing to pick up the 4-H share of horse premiums. *Gerri made a motion that horses shown for 4-H can leave early for health and safety reasons and still collect premiums, seconded by Linda, motion carried.*

Scrapie tags: Crystal reminded exhibitors of sheep and goats of the following, "The USDA requires that all sexually intact sheep and goats have an official USDA scrapie tag when attending fairs and shows." Crystal has contacted most of the 4-H members who had indicated that they would be exhibiting sheep and goats and has made them aware of this rule so they can be in compliance at showtime.

Showmanship Clinic: Several at the meeting expressed an interest in having a livestock showmanship clinic. Crystal will try to arrange one in the next several weeks.

Exhibit Tags: It was mentioned that it would be nice to have small exhibit tags like the static exhibit projects for small animals to put on cages.