

Mountrail County 4-H Council Meeting  
September 24, 2009 @ 7:00

Those present at the meeting were: Cristi Trulson, Mary Nielsen, Rory Wolter, Scott Bredahl, Denise Billadeau, Jodi, KK, and Lily Obert, Renee Grinolds, Curt, Lynette, and Danae Vachal, Carmen Ruud, Garrett Hoelscher, John and Julie Woodbury, Jana and Dylan Enger, Bonita Hornberger, Sharon Smith, Jim Hennessy, and Jenny Smith.

The meeting was called to order by President Cristi Trulson. President Trulson asked everyone to stand and remove head gear and those present received the Pledge Of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge.

Secretary's report was read over and Jodi Obert made a motion to approve the secretary's report and Mary Nielsen made a motion to 2<sup>nd</sup> it and all were in favor.

Treasurer's report was reviewed. President asked if there were any questions on the treasurer's report. Cristi asked if a lot of caps were sold. Renee Grinolds said not a lot. Some present at the meetings did not know about the caps. Jim explained that they are sitting on the counter right where you stand. Jenny Smith made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Denise Billadeau made a motion to 2<sup>nd</sup> the report. All were in favor.

Mary N. asked if jersey number 23 was found or returned. It was not found.

A Correspondence was passed around at the meeting. A nice thank you sent to the office thanking them for all their hard work. There was also a thank you from the judging teams.

#### Old Business

Livestock Day Camp: Jim Hennessy noted that this year's Livestock Day Camp was quite a bit smaller. Sharon did something new at the Livestock Day Camp that went over quite well. At Livestock camp we did all the showmanship stuff. And Sharon did the show box quick meals that you can do with a George Foreman and foods that can be done quickly. We had roughly around about 35 kids which is about 1/2 what we normally have. The Camp had to be rescheduled and with it being a busy summer it wasn't a surprise.

Shooting Sports Camp: Jim H talked about the Shooting Sports Day Camp at the Rolling Plains Sportsman's Club. The Club members come out and help and we go under their insurance. So if you see them we should all thank them as they do a real nice job. There were 39 kids in attendance.

Log Furniture Workshop: Log Furniture was new this year. We did approximately 24 or 25 pieces of furniture this year. We found out that we are going to have to do these throughout the winter. There just wasn't enough time so that everyone could do it. The shop was real good to us. They let us setup in one of the bays and use some of their equipment in there. We were able to put together some really nice stuff. Some went to the state fair and did real well. Some kids enhanced their projects even more by taking torches to them and did a wood burning on them.

Sewing Workshop: Sharon did a sewing workshop with 1/2 dozen kids. They made a pillow bag. Sharon had a couple of adults help her out with that. Sharon also did a cloverbud workshop and they made a sewing box. They had a lot of fun with that.

Horse Work Shop: Jim H stated they did a horse workshop with Doug Hovde. He came 3 other times. The kids paid for half of the workshop and the fair board covered the rest. It cost the kids \$40.00. On the last one the fair board had a pizza party. When you see the fair board, thank them. The youth want to do it again next year.

Achievement Days: Sharon handed out a sheet that showed the number of projects under each project area. There was also a sheet of members in each club. Denise Billadeau asked if the learnabouts have been discontinued? Sharon and Renee both said no. They are revising the learnabouts book. It is not in the member enrollment sheet where you sign up for projects. Sharon said she would check. The upstairs needs a paint job. The upstairs needs to be dusted to help keep the dust down. Denise asked if anyone got the upstairs mopped beforehand. Sharon said no. Denise stated she usually comes up early and mops. Denise stated that makes a big difference. Next year we will bring the food upstairs and all the judges will all be upstairs. And we will use helpers and runners to bring the food back downstairs for the bake sale. Sharon said she and Renee talked and it would be nice to have pictures of the kids with their individual Grand and Reserve projects. We do it with the livestock. It would be nice for the businesses who sponsor the top honors to have a picture of the youth with their project. What we would do is print the listing of the Grand and Reserve and tells the kids they need to go upstairs and report to the host/hostesses who are taking care of the upstairs who will have cameras and can take pictures of the kids with their projects as they come up. When the host takes the picture with the project they can mark them off the list so we will know who is left to have their picture taken. The kids will also be able to bring up one tote of things to be judged and set it on the chairs. Then they can keep an eye on what judge is free and then can move to that judge instead of sitting in a long line. It worked pretty well having the big projects up early. Denise Billadeau said it helps not only the kids, but the parents who are working in separate areas and who have to help cart the things up. Some of the planters are terribly heavy. Do a preteen and a teen award group picture also for the paper. It was suggested to order more fabric for tables. Crisit asked if there were any improvements or changes we would all like to see?

The Livestock arena was good. Denise asked if the arena was watered down. As there didn't seem to be as much dust. Jodi O said they used watering cans to water the chicken rabbit area. No judges problems.

The Horse Show had no problems.

State Fair: Did anyone pick up the banner? Our banner is now missing. They didn't have it at the State Fair. Sharon asked that we ask our clubs to see if anyone picked it up. We may need to make a new one.

State Fair 4-H shoot: Jim Stated there were 2 state 4-H shoots. The first weekend in April we went down to Devils lake. The kids won the state 4-H 3-D shoot. We had quite a few different

divisions they shot in. When then kids got their it was snowing and the kids were not dressed for the weather. The state 4-H shoot for shotgun, black powder, 22, and 300 round archery was held here. Our kids won the 300 round archery. The rolling plains were good to host the state 4-H shoot. We had kids from all over the state here. Devils Lake was the county team that won. Devils lake is going to the Nationals. Nationals are next June. Our kids need a little more practice. Sharon and 3 young gals help with a food stand (slush burger/hotdogs) and they made 148.00 to go towards an ambassador fund. We have put in a proposal for the state 3-D Shoot for 4-H and host it here, since it was snowing last year and we could have indoors. Some of the kids that were up here agreed it would be nice. It would be late March or early April. It would be right after the big shoot the sportsmen have here. Jim H stated the Rolling Plains does a wonderful job with the indoor shoot.

Leader Screening update: Most everyone has filled out the child protection forms. New leaders need to fill out. Encourage parents to fill out the form. It is good for 6 years.

Roasters need to be checked out. It was noted that there are no spoons or utensils for use at 4-H achievement days or other 4-H events. Lynette Vachal made a motion to purchase 2 dozen plastic spoons and spatulas to be kept at the extension office. John Woodbury made a motion to 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor.

Mary Nielson made a motion to buy green table cloths for tables. Carmen Rude seconded the motion. All were in favor.

New Business:

Sharon brought up the constitution. The last time changes were made was in 1984. Sharon proposes that we do reorganization every year. (one year officer/committee terms). Sharon said she would like to see more teens at the meetings. Mary Nielson said she would like to see the meetings brought south. It was explained that where they were was centralized and if they needed to look something up it was all here. Jim recommended a committee be put together to review the constitution. Mary N, Denise, Crisiti, Jenny, Lynette, John, and Scott B and we will ask other clubs for members on the committee. We will let Sharon know who will be on the committee. Jenny made a motion to have a committee to review and recommend updates to the Constitution/By-Laws. Scott Bredahl made a motion to 2<sup>nd</sup> it. All were in favor.

Sharon thought it would be a good idea to have a static committee. Julie Woodbury made a motion to form a committee for static exhibits to be chaired by Sharon. Denise Bliadeau 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor. Jana Enger said she would be on the committee and it was thought Michelle Billadeau should also be on the committee.

Discussion was held on the the 1/3 premium penalties. John made a motion to insert to the premium sale rules an option for families missing setup or cleanup to replace setup or teardown duties with optional jobs given by the Livestock or Static Committees and checked by an extension agent. Satisfactory completion of these jobs allows members offset premium sale penalties. Bonita 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor. Sharon said the most important thing to keep in mind is the kids.

At the school open house Sharon had a table setup and 15-16 names were signed up interested in 4-H.

Dates set for county events.

National 4-H week. October 7<sup>th</sup> have kids wear 4-H t-shirts.  
Awards & Fun Day Nov 1<sup>st</sup> at the Aquatic Center @2:00pm  
4-H leaders Banquet in Stanley Nov 16<sup>th</sup>  
State Ambassadors Apps due Dec 15<sup>th</sup>  
Hippology, Livestock, and crop Judging all start in Jan  
N. D. Winter Show 3-13<sup>th</sup> of March  
4-H Basketball tournament March 27<sup>th</sup>  
Spring 4-H council meeting not decided at this time  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> 4-H showcase in Parshall  
May 25<sup>th</sup> District communication arts  
4-H Achievement Days July 14-15<sup>th</sup>  
Horse Show date to be set by horse committee

Julie made a motion to setup a committee to evaluate award applications. Mary seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mary Nielson made a motion to allow goats back into the round robin showmanship. Jodi seconded it. All were in favor.

Election of officers

Mary Nielson thought Brain Severance has done an excellent job a nominated him and Jenny Smith nominated Scott Bredahl for VP. Scott Bredahl was voted for and is now the new VP. Julie Woodbury cast a unanimous vote for Mary Severance and John Woodbury seconded it. Mary Nielson is treasure.

President Cristi Trulson asked if their were any more comments or new business. Cristi called the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Secretary

Jenny Smith