

Spring 4-H Council Meeting

April 16, 2012

Members present: Tom Nord, Jackie Birchem, Kristy Bear, Zach Bear, Dan Bear, Jacob Bear, Wylie Geyer, Duane Carlson, Kim Myers, Kendra Myers, Kylee Myers, Norma Rasmusson, Deb Lee, Carletta Qual, and Brian Zimprich

Visitors: Jay Anderson

Meeting was called to order by President Kristy Bear.

Pledges were recited.

Secretaries' report was read by Carletta Qual. A motion to approve was made by Norma Rasmusson and Tom Nord 2nd. Motion carried.

Treasurers' report was photo copied and passed around. A motion to approve was made by Tom Nord and Zach Bear 2nd. Motion carried.

Jay Anderson, Director of the ND 4H Foundation, updated the members of the council on what the foundation is currently working on. Their 16 member team meets quarterly. They have been put in charge of running the Western 4-H Camp. They are fundraising to help pay for renovations to the camp. He reminded us about selling tickets for the Case IH Scout that is being raffled off in September. A percentage of money from tickets sold by our members will come back to our local 4-H council. Any other donations from clubs or individuals given as gifts, memorials, etc... go toward the yearly county goal. If that goal is met, counties also receive a percentage of that money back. The 4-H Foundation sponsors many awards and trips. The Ransom County Livestock Team received \$500 from the 4-H Foundation to put toward their trip to the national contest. Other life-skills events such as District Communication Arts are also sponsored by the 4-H Foundation.

Each member present is asked to go back to your club and remind them to get the \$65.00 sent into the office (voted on at the fall council meeting), so the **new sign in the expo building** can be ordered and put up before the fair. Brian had received a phone call from one club who didn't have the funds to participate in the sign project last fall. Since then they are working on a fundraiser. The extension office will check with that club to see if they now have the funds. Deb will also check with the shooting sports club to see if they would like to be included on the sign. Discussion was on what will be on the sign. It was stated that each club that pays the money should get to have their club name on the sign. When Deb knows that there is enough money turned in for the sign she will go ahead and order it.

Poultry, rabbit, static, and livestock ribbon premiums were discussed. Some members felt that all ribbon premiums should be the same value. Kristy asked if she should take this request to the fairboard. Discussion was dropped due to lack of a motion.

Deb encouraged members to participate in the **Healthy ND Clubs**. To participate, each club must pick 6 things to do on the list and fill the sheet out and submit it by July 1.

Deb is asking for **ideas for Day Camps** for this summer. She told us that their office will have an intern and a mentor to help with things this summer. Please e-mail or call her with ideas.

Reminder to each club and member to please sell **raffle tickets on the IH Scout** because some of the proceeds will come back to our county and the money raised last year helped the council immensely.

Independent member guidelines were reviewed. It was decided to add examples under each number to better explain the guideline.

❖ Examples:

- 5.01 **Example of community service:** Helping at the food pantry filling baskets, stocking shelves ... Just donating food to the food pantry is not acceptable; help during community events such as Happy Days; Help with fairground clean-up....
- 5.02 **Example of leadership activities:** Take the lead on organizing and conducting an event; teach a group, other than your family, how to do something.
- 5.03 **Examples of presentations:** Communication Arts Contest, Showcase Contest, doing a presentation at the Senior Center or other public place. A school assignment or a presentation for your family is not acceptable.
- 5.05 **Mentors:** The independent member's parent cannot be a mentor for their child. A mentor needs to be someone outside of your immediate family and will need to complete the official ND 4-H Volunteer Screening Process.

Postage cost savings was discussed. Brian and Deb explained that the budget in their office for postage will be phased out in 2 years. Members discussed how we will need to start implementing the use of e-mail for most things and put every form and all information on the county website. Also club leaders will be asked to pick up certain things in the office to distribute to their club members.

Members asked if the office e-mail could be added to all the forms.

There will be a **showmanship clinic** at the fairgrounds on Saturday, June 30. Details will be coming out soon.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Duane Carlson and Jackie Birchem 2nd. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Kim Myers
Secretary