

Ransom County 4-H Council Meeting

Oct. 15, 2013

7pm Courthouse

Present: Wylie Geyer, Tom Nord, Judy Oland, Kim Meyer, Robert Birkliid, Duane Carlson, Dan Bear, Monte Spadgenski, Julie Barker, Jackie Bircherm, Zach Bear, Katelyn Oland, Kaitlin Geyer, Rodd Hopkins, Carletta Qual, Deb Lee, Brian Zimprich, Deb Lee.

The meeting was called to order by President Wylie Geyer

Secretary's report: The secretary's report was read by Judy Oland and approved as read.

Treasurer's report: The treasurer's report was given by Carletta Qual with ending balance at this time of \$8162.94 Report Approved.

Old Business:

1. The 4-H clubs sign is now up in the expo building.
2. Raffle tickets: Tickets sold: \$2580 (4-H Foundation will reimburse Ransom Co. \$1290 for tickets sold). Top Sales: Tri-County Ag- \$1,100 sold (County winner of \$220.00)

McLeod Ag- \$380

Sandy Critters- \$340

Office sales- \$760

3. Healthy 4-H clubs: Tri-County Ag was the only club who participated. Deb Lee reported there is only one form for clubs to fill out to receive credit for this program.

New Business:

1. **Ransom County 4-H Rules and Policies:** review and suggested changes.

1:07- wordage change: Changed "Royal Court" to Ransom County Ambassador.

2:03- Clarify the age an individual in ineligible for 4-H is age 19 by Sept. 1

13:01-4-H passes: increased cost from \$2 up to \$3 each.

14:01 thru 14:09- Title change, broke out the animal species, added guidelines from 2012 fall council meeting ie: (horse, large animal & rabbits, poultry).

15:07- Add FFA advisor as an individual authorized to move an exhibitor up or down in premium sale order at his/her discretion.

20:01-Clarify that each council member has a vote in addition to the club votes at council mtgs.

Discussion followed regarding the weaned calf rule (14:02.1).

Katelyn Oland made the motion to approve the amendments to the 4-H rules/policies as written above; Robert Birklid seconded, passed with unanimous vote.

Fair: Extension staff requests clarification of 1. penalty for non-possession of exhibit animals by date indicated on the 'Animal Care & Lease Form'. 2. Current standards followed if lease forms are turned in late or not at all.

Discussion with following recommendation to change rule 12:01 as follows: Delete the word "only", and add "If animal not in possession by June 10th, animal will not be allowed to be shown in the 4-H show. Motion made to pass by Julie Barker, seconded by Katelyn Oland, passed with unanimous vote.

Awards Night: Rule18:02 Extension staff requesting clarification of what to do if records/project summaries turned in late.

Discussion: Staff stated that fewer turned in late this year, but late forms create substantial sorting, last minute prep B-4 county judging. Duane Carlson motioned rule should read " If records are not submitted by the due date, they will not be judged, or eligible for awards." Kim Meyers seconded, carried by unanimous vote.

Ransom County 4-H Council Investments:

Bremer Bank CD: \$11,281.79 w/ three years interest gain = \$331.75

4-H Foundation: \$9000.00 w/ three years interest gain= \$912.89

The 4-H Foundation is subject to Market Fluctuations, but original invested amount is secure. Katelyn moved to transfer Bremer Bank CD into the 4-H Foundation, Duane seconded, motion failed. Further discussion ; Robert Birklid moved to move \$6000.00 of Bremer CD to 4-H Foundation, seconded by Tom Nord, passed by unanimous vote.

Dog Obedience: Council discussed how many participants needed to hold summer classes, and how members needed to hold judged show at the fair. Summer Obedience class had 6 -7 students this year. Lynn charges only mileage of .57/mi. to instruct (costs \$500.00 plus per year). Fair Judge costs \$100.00 plus mileage. Sign up for classes varies every year, with fees more than covering costs some years. Classes are open to community too. Motion by Tom Nord to continue obedience classes and fair show, with option to schedule dog show prior to fair dates if need be due to noise distractions at fair. Julie Barker seconded, motion passed. Duane Carlson motioned that a minimum of 5 participants be needed to hold Dog Obedience classes, Jackie Bircherm seconded, carried by unanimous vote.

Ambassador Program: Office asking anyone interested in being an ambassador to call office by Nov.1. Recommend Age of Ambassador be 14 and older. Should there be funds allotted to the program (currently none specified). Deb Lee gave a brief report of how successful the program was this year. There were more than 20 kids attending the lock-in supervised solely by the Ambassadors: have received rave reports from those in attendance! Salvation Army bell ringing is again being pursued for the next 4-H year, open to suggestions for future projects. Katelyn made motion to provide annual funding of \$200.00 per year from the council budget, Zach Bear seconded, motion carried.

Upcoming Events: Backgrounding Meeting- Thursday, October 17 at Lisbon High School

Horticulture Meeting- Monday, October 21 at Courthouse Community Room

Equine Nutrition- Thursday, October 29 in Courthouse Community Room

Awards Night-Monday, November 18 at Lisbon High School Commons

Leaders Banquet-Tuesday, November 26 at the Stakeout in Lisbon

Election of Council Officers: Nominations for Vice President, Secretary, and three leaders at large as follows, with a unanimous vote to approve officers as note below.

President: Kim Meyers (past vice president moves to president position)

Vice President: Dan Bear

Secretary: Judy Oland

Leaders at Large: Robert Birkliid, Monte Spadgenski, Tom Nord

Friends of 4-H: Ballots open to those not listed(presented at awards night)

Family of the Year: Ballots open to those not listed (presented at awards night)

Fair Board: Council asked Julie Barker if she is aware of any issues that need discussing post fair on behalf of the Fair Board. None Stated.

Fair: Further discussion re: any post-fair issues. The effect of changes for 2013 fair: maximum age for kid & calf and pail calf exhibitors; the elimination of aged ewes, yet adding aged goats; all calves need to weaned; elimination of lot grand and reserve champion ribbons and the use of smaller ribbons—it was noted by some present that beef barn seemed bare and attitude of some exhibitors was gloomy/discouraged. The ribbon recycling bins are being used more frequently, decreasing the overall cost for fair ribbons. The livestock committee consists of: the superintendent of each animal barn, (1) fair board member, the FFA advisor, and anyone interested in reviewing changes. The motion was made by Judy Oland, seconded by Julie Barker to have Brian organize/publicize a Livestock Committee in January to review rules/changes and bring recommendations to the Spring Council Meeting to be voted on. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Tom Nord; seconded by Julie Barker; passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted By: Judy Oland, Council Secretary

