

## **Ransom County 4-H**

### **Spring Council Meeting      April 7, 2014**

Present: Kim Myers, Shelly Schwab, Tom Nord, Jeff Perleberg, Libbie Perleberg, Duane Carlson, Brady Carlson, Zach Bear, Kris Bear, Robert Birklid, Darla Smith, Kaitlyn Geyer, Wylie Geyer, Katelyn Oland, Judy Oland, Robbie Hopkins, Brian Zimprich

The meeting was called to order by President Kim Meyers. Minutes from the Fall Oct. 15, 2013 were read by Judy Oland and approved as read.

Printed **Treasurers' Financial Report** was provided to all present. Beginning balance \$8162.94, Ending balance \$11,732.24, Net income: \$3569.30. Carnival income after expenses was \$2,867.19. Questions answered by Brian in Carlettas' absence. Robert Birklid motioned to approve report as presented, Darla Smith seconded, passed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **Investments:**

On Nov. 25, 2013, \$6,000.00 of the Bremer CD # 507973 was transferred to the ND 4-H Foundation as voted upon in Fall council meeting.

After early withdrawal fee of \$26.63, Bremer CD balance is \$5,255.16.

Current ND 4-H Foundation balance is \$16,658.15

##### **Livestock Changes for this years' fair:**

A print-out of the Livestock Committee Recommendations was handed out to all. Those participating on the Livestock Committee were: Brian Zimprich, Dan Bear, Kim Meyer, Robert Birklid, Jeff Perleberg, Ryan Galbreath, Darren Lyons, and Monte Spadgenski. After Discussion, the recommendations were adopted as written(motioned by Robert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff), with the exception of changing the static AND the livestock interview judging to finish at 6:30pm rather than 5:30 ( motion made by Duane, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darla). Brian also explained how a new Performance Beef/livestock class would work (4-H only).

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Carnival Review:**

Brian reported the carnival fundraiser went very well with funds raised after expenses: \$2867.19.

Discussion: Several requests that cake walkers be allowed to choose their own cake; expo building floor extremely dusty even b-4 carnival started; office staff request at least 2 new games needed to replace worn out and/or ones that are not popular. Please contact staff with any game ideas.

**Swine Testing:** PEDV Disease (Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus) is highly contagious through fecal transmission. The North Dakota Swine Health Recommendations Exhibitor Rules/Guidelines have been emailed to all livestock exhibitors. A certificate of health by a veterinarian must be presented for any pig exhibited in the state, including our 2014 fair. Certificates are good for 30 days. A handout with all new state rules is available at the extension office. Members of the Fair Board stated that they will be discussing the issue of swine exhibition at their meetings. Brian stated that if an Outbreak of PEDV occurs in North Dakota, swine shows will likely be shut down.

Katelyn asked about the outbreak of **Equine Herpes** in Minnesota. A brief discussion followed, extension staff will keep 4-Hers informed of important updates.

**Western 4-H Camp update:** The weekend of June 22<sup>nd</sup>, information available on extension website.

**Shotgun Training:** Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> in LaMoure: Registration deadline is April 10. Greg and Neal Welton have signed up, and Dan Bear is also considering instructor training.

#### **Awards Night AND Leader's Banquet:**

Discussion regarding poor attendance at the Banquet with 'no-shows' causing considerable unnecessary costs. Suggestion was made to possibly combine the two events. Tom motioned to consolidate Awards Night and Leader's Recognition, Katelyn 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

**Club Recommendation:** Members holding an office must be an ACTIVE member.

Discussion that clubs should be reminded of this; suggestion that Candy Coffin \$ AND Enrollment forms both be due October 15<sup>th</sup> to be an active member, and should be added to policy book. Club Leaders should be reminded to adhere to the policy when club elections are held. Kristi motioned to adopt, Darla 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

**Check cashing policy-6 months:** Office Staff report that many checks (big and small) are not cashed in a timely manner, making accurate balancing of accounts difficult. After discussion, Judy motioned, Katelyn 2<sup>nd</sup> that future checks issued will be "void after 6 months". And a Mass Email should be sent to all clubs/members that all current outstanding checks will be voided January of 2015.

**Billing 4-H Council for Photocopies** made in extension office: Currently the charge is .20 cents per page for any individuals; and .10 cents per page for groups. From Jan to March, 4-H has required 1,999 pages of copys. It was a consensus that the 4-H council should pay their share which fluctuates each quarter, but could cost \$800.00 plus per year. Much discussion re: how to raise funds to cover additional costs ensued, as well as continuing to increase the use of email (paperless) communication as much as possible. Judy motioned to raise the Candy Coffin fees per member to \$15/year. Duane 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed; Tom & Robert opposed.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS/REMINDERS:**

**Showcase Pizza Party Winner:** Tri-County Ag: **Way to Go!**

**Communication Arts Contest:** April 8, 6:30pm in Lisbon Courthouse

**Consumer Choices Contest:** April 29, 6:30 in Lisbon High School Commons (workout offered April 23<sup>rd</sup>).

**SE Activity Day:** Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Lisbon schools

**Healthy ND 4-H club deadline:** July 1<sup>st</sup>

**Purple Up for Military Kids:** April 25

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Robert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brady.