

Ransom County 4-H

Fall Council Meeting

October 30, 2018

Attendees: Duane Carlson, Sara Lyons, Eli Lyons, Kim Myers, Kendra Myers, Tom Nord, Kristi Freeberg, Lydia Lyons, Gabe Lyons, Miranda Wyum, Tara Gillespie, Jackie Birchem, Janae Hughes, Kristy Bear, Karla Sveum, Levi Sveum, Emma Gillespie, Deb Lee, Robbi Hopkins and Brian Zimprich.

President Duane Carlson called the meeting to order – the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H pledge were recited.

The Secretary's report from the Spring 2018 council meeting was read. A motion to approve the report was made by Kristi Freeberg and seconded by Janae Hughes.

The Treasurer's Report Yearly Summary was presented, with a copy to all present. A motion to approve the report was made by Tom Nord and seconded by Jackie Birchem.

Old Business:

4-H Carnival Dance: Discussion if we should continue having a dance after the 4-H Carnival. Ideas to do instead were to have a bouncy house or a silent auction with clubs, families and/or the community bringing baskets. Levi made a motion to look into something different than a dance after the carnival such as a bouncy house, silent auction or bingo, etc. Sara seconded motion. Tom will check into the inflatable games at the ND/SD Fair Convention in November and leaders were asked to discuss with their clubs getting back Executive Committee by end of November. Kristi Freeberg made a motion to discontinue the carnival dance, motion was amended to discontinue the carnival dance and the carnival hours will end at 9:00 pm. Motion seconded by Janae and passed.

A short discussion if we should keep balloons at the fair. No motions made and discussion was that we should keep balloons at the fair.

New Business

Fair Review: An analysis of Livestock and Static Exhibits for the past ten years was provided to all members present. The number of livestock animals was down, however the static exhibits increased. Brian and Deb commented on how awesome the Expo center looked at fair with very nice, quality exhibits. The number of exhibits that went to state fair from Ransom County was also up from prior years, it would be awesome if that trend continues as there were so many exhibits. Sara brought up the change to the judging on Thursday seemed to work very well – we heard no complaints and the show got over earlier on Thursday.

Manure Disposal: This year fair exhibitors from the Beef/Dairy barn were dumping wheelbarrows by the pig barn. Would it be possible to use the area by Old McDonalds to dump manure instead of making kids scoop out the wheel barrows in to the spreader? Or perhaps look into getting a roll-off for manure instead of the spreader. Tom Nord will take this to fair board.

4-H Enrollment Numbers: Robbi provided clubs with updated reports showing who was enrolled and if state and county dues were paid. In 2018 seven members from Ransom County went to 4-H camps and one family will be recognized with the Century Family award. Brian brought up that YQCA is still required for North Dakota State Fair. If the member was certified last year it expires at the end of the year so the member will need to renew their certification.

Dual Enrollment: There are some members enrolled in two counties – should the families be required to pay dues in Ransom County if they pay dues in their primary county. Karla made a motion requiring all families participating in 4-H in Ransom County, whether it is the members primary county or not, to pay the county dues. Kristi Freeberg seconded, motion passed.

Club Meetings: Sara Lyons asked if there should be anything in the policy book stating what constitutes a meeting? There are some members that have issues getting in their six meetings and different clubs may count different things for 'meetings'. It was determined it is up to the leaders to insure members must be present for their meeting to count. Ultimately it goes back to the 4-H member and their parent(s) to make six meetings.

Ransom County 4-H Rules and Policy review – The 4-H Rules and Policy were went through by each page discussing changes. The major changes were changing Candy Coffin to County Dues, taking the word 'Service' off of NDSU Extension and refining dress code for premium sale to state dark pants or knee length skirt must be worn with white shirt. At the end of the discussion Miranda made a motion to approve the changes as a whole, seconded by Eli. Motion passed.

Number of 4-H Awards given from Project Sheets: Sargent County recently judged the Ransom County project sheets and provided some feedback. They said in some areas, there were only a handful of project sheets to choose from, however in other areas there was more than 30 project sheets for an area. When there are that many project sheets in an area, would it be possible to chose more than one member per area? Or should some of the project categories be broken out? An Awards Committee was created with members of Janae Hughes, Kristi Freeberg and Karla Sveum to look into this.

Samantha Bergrud donation request for Western National Roundup 4-H Hippology Horse Demonstration Contest: Samantha was requesting financial assistance to fund her trip to Denver. Janae made a motion to donate \$100 pending a separate account is setup to track expenses and she meets the county requirement for money management. Eli seconded. Motion passed.

Ransom County Giving Tree: Civic and Commerce is looking for businesses and clubs to sponsor a giving tree and donate Christmas gifts. A motion to purchase a Christmas tree, up to \$100, by the 4-H Council and the clubs will decorate the tree with gifts/gift cards was made by Kristi Freeberg, seconded by Janae. Motion passed. Gifts are to be dropped off at the Extension Office by November 30.

The Sportsman Club donated \$500 to Ransom County 4-H but stipulated they wanted every member in the county to benefit from the donation. Ideas of purchasing ribbons, Ransom County 4-H shirts, and revitalizing the Ransom County Shooting Sports were discussed. Janae moved the funds be designated to the Shooting Sports. Seconded by Sara and passed.

Council Officer Elections: Kristi Freeberg was nominated for vice president. Having no other nominations, Tom moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Kristi. Tara Gillespie was nominated for Secretary, having no other nominations, Janae moved to cease nominations and cast

a unanimous ballot for Tara. Billi Jo McCleod had sent a note saying she was willing to be Treasurer again. A unanimous ballot was passed for Billi Jo. Leaders at large are Janae Hughes, Karla Sveum and Jackie Birchem, with Jackie and Karla being on the financial committee.

Friend of 4-H and Family of 4-H were voted on.

Meeting was adjourned by Levi and seconded by Emma Gillespie.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy Bear, Council Secretary