

Ransom County 4H
Spring Council Meeting
April 3, 2018

Attendees: Sara Lyons, Kristy Bear, Tara Gillespie, Billie Jo McCleod, Dana Dagman, Karla Sveum, Levi Sveum, Deb Lee, Robbi Hopkins and Brian Zimprich.

Vice President Sara Lyons called the meeting to order – the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H pledge were recited.

The Secretary's report from the Fall 2017 council meeting was read. A motion to approve the was made by Billi Jo McCleod and seconded by Levi Sveum.

The Treasurer's Report 'Fall to Spring' Summary was presented, with a copy to all present. A motion to approve the was made by Karla Sveum and seconded by Tara Gillespie.

Old Business:

Candy Coffin: With the addition of a \$20 per member state-wide enrollment fee, changes to Candy Coffin were tabled at the fall meeting. After discussion, Dana made a motion to change the name of the candy coffin fund to 'County Dues' and to cap the County Dues at three children per family so the most a family would pay in County Dues is \$45. Tara seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Tin for fair building update: Deb reported one club donated money to side the rabbit barn and another club donated money for siding.

New Business

Carnival Review: It was noted the floors in the Expo Center were much better since fair board sealed the floors. There was discussion about Showcase/Project Expo. During discussion it was brought up exhibitors were told to be setup by 4:45 however not everyone was there on time which was disruptive during judging. With so many exhibitors would it make sense to move Showcase to its own day? Deb did not want to move to a separate day, but was open to splitting the exhibitors into groups and having additional judges since exhibitors do not have to win to go to state.

There was discussion if we should continue to have a dance after the carnival. It was noted the attendance has been very light the last few years. Some options that were brought up were to discontinue the dance or to have a speaker setup and have it be an open music instead of a DJ. Leaders were asked to take this to the clubs to see if the clubs care if we continue to have a dance. Also, ask clubs what could make the carnival better - game ideas, prize options, etc.

Ransom County Dress Code – it was asked if it was acceptable in Ransom County to have the club name by the 4-H emblem on shirts when exhibiting. After referring to the TIPS book it was determined having the club name on shirts is fine at the county level, but would not be acceptable beyond county.

Western 4-H Camp – There are postcards with the camp dates. There are some new camps this year. As a reminder there is a county scholarship to help with camp expense.

Livestock Committee Recommendations – The minutes from the 4-H & FFA Livestock and Equine Committee Meeting notes were reviewed. Major items are

1. The Open Class Horse Show will be combined with the 4-H Horse Show on the Sunday prior to the fair. There will be jackpot barrels on Sunday of the fair.
2. For the livestock schedule and premium sale the committee recommended:
 - a. Leaving the premium sale on Friday.
 - b. Leaving the open show as it currently is but to change the show order with moving Dairy to starting at 11 AM with dairy goats and beef to follow. The Poultry showmanship will also be moved to the start of the show – this will allow exhibitors to show their animals in showmanship and to find a fellow 4-H member to show poultry or dairy if there is a showing conflict.
 - c. Eliminating the Goat Tying Class from the Horse Show
 - d. Eliminating the group classes that would include the production group and market pen of three in the beef division, the progeny class in the dairy cattle division, the pair of ewes and rams and the market pen of three in the sheep division, the preview pen of three and market pen of three in the swine division and the production and progeny groups in the goat division.

Brian will be hosting a Youth Quality Care of Animals class on May 30 in Lisbon. This certification will be required for those livestock exhibitors exhibiting livestock, poultry and rabbits at the NDSF in the 4-H division. This will not be required this year at the Ransom County fair.

Levi S. made a motion to accept the Livestock Committee recommendations, Billi Jo seconded. Motion passed.

Bio-Blitz – USDA Forest Service is doing a Bio-Blitz June 21 in the grasslands. The Bio-Blitz will be counting what is growing in the grasslands (plants, insects, etc). The Bio-Blitz will last approximately 4 hours and 4-Hers will be grouped with professionals and will learn how to properly do identifications. Please check with clubs and let the office know if your club is interested in participating.

In other new business, Brian asked if the Council wanted to move funds from the 4-H CD to the 4-H Foundation Managed Funds. The 4-H Foundation Managed Funds are returning a higher yield. Motion was made and carried to move funds.

Robbi asked if she could be added to the Bremer Bank so she could do inquiries. She would not be able to sign checks, however the only option at Bremer is to add her to the signature card. Billie Jo motioned to add Robbi to the Bremer Bank signature card, Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Fair Clean-Up – Fairboard asked if clubs could come after the fair to help with fair cleanup. This would not need to be done immediately after fair, but within a few weekends. This would be items like taking down cut-outs, closing up the barn windows etc. Those present felt this would be a good idea.

4-H Century Families – Deb brought up there is a form that may be submitted at any time to be recognized as a 4-H Century Family. Any family whose years as a 4-H member, leader, and/or volunteer add up to 100 or more are eligible.

Consumer Choices has been changed to Consumer Decision Making – for the seniors a group think section was added where 4 individuals will have 10 minutes to solve a situation.

For upcoming events/reminders the Showcase Bowling party was awarded to Hill & Valley 4-H. The Healthy 4-H Club deadline is July 1.

Communication Arts contest will be held April 17.

There will be day camps again this summer – if you have ideas let Deb know.

Livestock Quiz bowl will be held May 5 with practice beginning Wednesday at 5.

May 30 – Brian will have Livestock Quality Assessment which will also cover nutrition and care of livestock.

Projects being shown at the State Fair need to be brought to the Extension Office by July 1st.

Meeting was adjourned by Levi Sveum, seconded by Dana.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy Bear, Council Secretary