

STUTSMAN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING
02-22-2015 (DRAFT)
Extension Office Conference Room (New)

1. **Call to Order** – President, Deb Hatlewick called the February 22, 2015 meeting to order.
2. **Secretary's Report** – Minutes were reviewed from the September 15, 2014 meeting. Julie Michel made a **MOTION:** That the minutes as printed be accepted. Madisyn Kleven seconded the motion and motion carried.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer, Meredith Schmidt reported a balance on hand of \$29,506.47. Tonia Kjellberg made a **MOTION:** To close out line items we aren't using and aren't projected to use. Michelle Well seconded the motion, and motion carried. Robin Barnes asked everyone to help resolve outstanding checks. Heather Dehne made a **MOTION:** That the Treasurer's report be accepted. Julie Michel seconded the motion, and motion carried.
4. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Horse** – Cori Schmoker reported their last meeting was January 29th. On March 15th at 1:00pm a stall tear-out is planned. Other 4-H clubs are invited to join this as a Community Service Project. Stall assignments during the fair were outlined. There will be a Fun Night June 30th at 6:00 pm for all 4-H members.
 - B. **Livestock** – Meredith Schmidt reported minutes of their last meeting are published. A reminder market animals must meet their minimum weight to be eligible for sale. Weights are listed in the fair supplement. The Herdsman Club Award is sponsored by Ag Country. Please remember to have your club name by animals.
 - C. **Shooting Sports** – Michelle Well reported that 46 youth are in Shooting Sports. July 4th is the Archery Shoot. The fair board

- is to have more bathrooms available. There isn't rifle shoot this spring.
- D. Consumer Choices** – Tonia Kjellberg reported Consumer Choices is March 22, 2015. Study guides are available. A workout will be held followed by competition. All participants will get a t-shirt. Cash prize and certificates will be awarded to winners.
 - E. Communication Arts** – Tonia Kjellberg reported a donation of \$5000.00 for over five years was given by Dr. Betty Lok. Communication Arts will be April 19, 2015. Grand Champion will be awarded a coat and Reserve Champion a sweatshirt. Every Cloverbud participating will receive a t-shirt.
 - F. Member/Leader Recognition** – Held. By rotation of clubs, the next clubs serving on committee are: Seedlings and Woodworth Golden Eagles. Julie Michel made offer of a Barn for use.
 - G. Youth Activity Day** – Approximately 50 youth attended. Alicia Harstad is asking for ideas for next year.

5. Old Business

- A. 4-H Council Constitution/Bylaw Amendments Vote** – Christina Rittenbach reported the committee met and made changes from the last meeting. Deb Hatlewick called for Questions. Much discussion revolved on definition of a “Qualified Club”. Michelle Well made a **MOTION:** That Article VII give a definition of a Qualified Club as “A qualified 4-H club as an organized group who are chartered as a club”. Julie Michel seconded the motion, and motion carried. Cori Schmoker made a **MOTION:** That the constitution/bylaws as presented and amended be approved. Tonia Kjellberg seconded the motion, and motion carried.
- B. Fair Improvement Project Update** – Deb Hatlewick reported a barn cement quote has been obtained for \$5500 - \$7000. A speaker system with 7 speakers, 1 mixer, and cables

have been bid at \$5600. Further quote information is needed for the Crow's Nest. We have an expected expense for the Crow's Nest at \$15,000. A reminder once the Crow's Nest is built it becomes fair board property. \$39,105.76 projected as the amount we have to work with.

C. Fund Update – Howell & Melland – We transferred CD funds to the ND 4-H Foundation. The Howell Fund transferred at \$24,342.98 and the Russ Melland Fund at \$2,504.03. We anticipate receiving interest income around the month of October.

D. Other – Year End Awards – We are looking at increasing participation at Member Leader Recognition and presenting additional county awards. President, Deb Hatlewick asked for a Committee of 4-H Clubs for Year End Awards. Club Committee Members are: Montpelier Pioneers - Tonia Kjellberg, Prairie Pals - Deb Hatlewick, Bows, Bullets & Bullseyes - Michele Well, and Country Kids - Julie Michel.

6. New Business

A. Budget/Finance Committee – We are in need of members for fall budget preparation. Recommended members are Rhonda Michel, Tonia Kjellberg, Meredith Schmidt, and Trent VanDyke of Bank Forward.

B. Howell Trip Awards and Trip Award Applications – Three applicants have been received for Trip Awards for Livestock Camp and one applicant for the Howell Trip for Hippology. Presently \$380.00 in funds is identifiable for trip awards. Heather Dehne made a **MOTION:** That trip monies available be split between all four applications up to the amount of \$200 each. Cori Schmoker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Fair Board Meeting – Meeting is March 11th at the Quality Inn and Suites. Darin Dockter will represent Livestock Committee and Deb Hatlewick, will represent the 4-H Council.

The 4-H Leaders Council owns one share and the Livestock Committee owns one share for voting.

- D. \$200 Herdsman Award** – Last year all clubs were awarded a \$200 Herdsman Award. We need to determine what to do with these funds. Julie Michel made a **MOTION:** That the Herdsman funds be used towards Fun Night during the fair. Madisyn Kleven seconded the motion and motion carried.
- E. Judging Teams** – The Livestock and Hippology Judging Teams have received funding of \$250 for Livestock and \$230 for Hippology. They have gotten sweatshirts labelled “Stutsman County Judging Team”.
- F. Adventure Camp** – Paying for bus fee over \$30 approval. There was no motion. The council doesn’t support paying for a bus fee.
- G. Fair Schedule** – Robin Barnes presented a handout with the 2015 Stutsman County Fair Schedule. She reviewed the schedule. It was noted that livestock may be registered on Tuesday and that all livestock must be registered by Wednesday. Parade of Champions will include both static and livestock. We discussed having the Round Robin judges meeting at 3:00 pm, Round Robin at 3:30pm and Parade of Champions at 4:30pm.
- H. Fair Pre-registration** – Pre-registration deadline is Monday, June 1, 2015.
- I. Fair Judges Helpers** – Judges helpers are needed. If interested contact the extension office.
- J. Fair Sponsorships** – The question is what to do with surplus sponsorships. It was recommended to keep the same and we will review in the fall.
- K. Other** –
 - a. Independent 4-H Club** – The extension office has received a request for an independent 4-H Club. Michelle Wall made a **MOTION:** To investigate other counties

independent 4-H Clubs as a guideline. Madisyn Kleven seconded the motion and motion carried.

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- b. Fund Raiser** - Robin Barnes provide fundraiser information on an "Aluminum Trailer Wash" being proposed as an entire county 4-H event. Sparks Trailers is willing to provide space and water for a wash. 96 gallon jugs of wash would be sold. Discussion was to send information to club leaders to share and review for local club input.
 - c. Leaders Information** – March 15, 2015 is a Leaders Informational Meeting. There will be a Q&A session. 4-H On-line will be discussed.
 - d. Club Fair Booth** – Clubs will continue to decide their own themes. At fair pre-registration time, clubs are to let the extension office know the number of booth space and if electricity is needed.
- 7. Adjournment** – Heather Dehne made a **MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting. Cori Schmoker seconded the motion. Motion carried.