

Wells County 4-H Council Meeting
KTL Meeting Room – Fessenden, ND

February 6th, 2020 6:30pm

“Individual commitment to a group effort. That is what makes a team work, a society work, a civilization work.”

Vince Lombardi

Present:

Bowdon Blazers: Steven Jones; Heathe & Holly Widicker, Pam Copenhaver

Bremen Friendly Neighbors: Russ & Dawn Snively; Renae Alfstad

Lonetree Livewires: Chrissie Hager; Alice, Haley, John Jr, & Breann Duncan

Also: Lindsay Maddock-Extension Agent

Meeting called to order by President Steven Jones

Pledges

Approval of Agenda

- Agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

- Nothing tonight. Chrissie has not submitted November minutes yet. She’s having trouble logging into the computer they are on.

Treasurer’s Report – Kristen Allmaras

- Nothing tonight.

Committee Reports

Bylaws & Standards – Jeff S, Barb K-L, Pam C, Carrie O

- Nothing tonight.

Static Building – Kristen A, Amy O, Dawn S

- Nothing tonight.

Explorers Group –

- Nothing tonight.

Ambassadors – Kristen A, Carrie O, Holly W, Russ S

- Nothing tonight.

Shooting Sports Steven J

- had one practice with three members in attendance, another practice this Sunday

Tractor Driving – David H, Bruce L, Eric R, Levi O (youth member)

- Nothing tonight.

Food Booth – Amanda S, Sandra D, Chrissie H

- Nothing tonight.

Communication Arts & Project Expo – Barb K-L, Carrie O

- Cannot have the contest on the Tuesday after Easter as we have the last couple of years, as there is a track meet in Fessenden that night, & Lindsay may be gone for work training; looking at possibly having it later that week on the 16th of April.

Small Animal – Dawn & Russ S, Carrie O

- May need more cages in the future because of the new market program. Carrie & Dawn have gone to a couple of club meetings to explain what the market program is about. There was a question about whether members can purchase market birds on their own, or if they can only enter birds that were ordered through the market program. Members are allowed to enter market birds not purchased through the market program.

Horse

- Show will be held at the fair this year, on Saturday! Will have to get help lined up from ambassadors and adults to get the arena ready, and during the show to help set things up. Will need someone to drag the arena. Most of the horses come from Foster County, & then Eddy, maybe Benson, as well as others. It is also an open show.

Premium Sale & Opening Ceremonies – Ambassadors

- Nothing tonight.

Livestock Show & Sale – Donny A, Steven J, Troy F

- TSC is donating pails again this year, along with a pallet of shavings for the Show Barn. We usually purchase them from Lautts, but it will be nice to have more. They cannot deliver them, so someone will have to get them.

Building Maintenance – Adrian L, Russ S, Barb K-L

- John Duncan is working on a date to start putting in the lights. Richard Leis will bring the lights to the barn.
- Lindsay is working on getting an estimate from the same guy that welded the pens for the west side of the barn. Steven suggested getting pens like the ones at the state fair. They can be taken down if needed. Steven will check on them at Lautt's, or possibly Runnings

Fair Flyer – Jennifer F, Leann S, Carrie W

- Lindsay contacted Courtney Wiesz about helping to take pictures during the shows & sale. She said she is willing to help some, at least on Friday.

4-H Award Selection – Michelle J, Pam C, Shooting Sports Advisor, Ambassador Adviser, Livestock Superintendent

- Nothing tonight.

Old Business

- A vet from Sheridan Animal Hospital will come to give a talk at the YQCA training; date & time to be determined. There will be pizza served. Members still have the option of doing it online, if they prefer or cannot make it to the training night.
- Holly informed that we can use the pig trailer for a Grand Champion's Float. Any member with Grand Champions from 2019 & 2020 fair can ride. Planning to keep it simple. Fessenden Ag Class has a banner printing machine until this March. Will have a banner made for each side of the trailer. All riders must wear a 4-H shirt of their choosing. Motion made by Dawn Snively to have the Fessenden Ag Class make the banners, second by Renae Alfstad. Motion passed.
- Looking for more topic ideas for the live talk on KHND radio. Some suggestions were: Giving Hearts Day, Smile Amazon, 4-H Camp, & asking past alumni.

New Business

- Updated dates & deadlines were passed out to take back to all club members to post on their fridges. With the fair being earlier this year, some of the dates are different. They will be emailed as well.
- Giving Hearts Day - Hopefully members are thinking about doing a video to help promote & receive donations to 4-H. LeAnn Schaffer is on the foundation for this, & is hoping members from our county partake in this. Chelsey made one and it has about 2,000 reaches already. This is good publicity for 4-H. Members can make a short video at home (about 30 seconds), maybe with their animals, saying something about why they are in 4-H, or what they enjoy or get out of 4-H, and ask to please support 4-H on Giving Hearts Day, Feb 13th. Should not use your last name in the video. Email or text it to Lindsay.

- Honorary Award Nominations – this award is for people who have had a big impact on Wells County 4-H over the years. There is a one page bio form to fill out, and must be presented at the April meeting. Premium Sale Supporter of the Year will also be chosen at the April meeting.
- Requests for early release of any 4-H fair exhibits/animals must be in by the April council meeting.
- Alice Duncan asked if the council would like to sponsor the 6th Grade Community Project t-shirt for this year, which is raising money to help purchase bullet proof vests for the Harvey Police officers. We have to decline all donation requests, as all of the money that 4-H has is donated, so it is a disservice to the people who gave the money, since they give for it to be used for 4-H.
- The ambassadors are thinking about having a dance in the show barn after the sale.
- We need to find a spot to set up a small basketball hoop for the kids to hang out and play in their down time. There will be no more playing in the livestock barn.
- Discussed ideas of where to put the flagpole by the static building.

Motion to adjourn by Holly W, second by Dawn S. Motion passed.

Chrissie Hager - Secretary