

**4-H Council Meeting
May 6, 2014
KTL Meeting Room, Fessenden**

Present:

Bowdon Blazers: LeAnn Hart, Kayla Hart

Bremen Friendly Neighbors: Carrie Opdahl, Levi Opdahl, Garin Opdahl, Jeff Schafer, Leann Schafer, Carol Wolkenhauer, Kent Wolkenhauer, Sam Anderson, Perry Anderson, Laurie Anderson, Kristen Allmaras, Barb Krush Lies

Livewires: Michelle Keller, Dale Schmit

Lonetree Pioneers: Kristie Anderson, Cody Anderson, Jarett Anderson, Krysten McKinven, Todd McKinven, David Lutt, Chad Friese

Also: Lindsey Maddock

Meeting called to order by President Jeff Schafer

Pledges

Minutes

- No corrections
- Carol Wolkenhauer moved to approve minutes, seconded by David Lutt and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Kristen Allmaras

- 5/6/2014 Balance Sheet
 - Checking balance is \$19,408.
 - Savings balance is \$2766.
- 6/20/2013 through 5/6/2014 Profit and Loss shows \$739 net loss.
- Leann S. moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Carol, and motion carried.

Fairgrounds Maintenance/Repair Costs – Chad Friese, Fair Board Member

- Bathrooms
 - Chad shared the plans for a 32' X 20' building designed to address the bathroom problem. The bid was \$72,000 which included \$26,000 for the plumbing.
 - Chad stated that this is a fair board issue not a 4-H council issue.
 - Financially this is not feasible for the board.
 - Today the commissioners discussed paying to take the south bathroom down, fill in the cistern and put portable toilets on the pad
 - Council suggested a hand washing station and 4 or 6 toilets that preferably are serviced every day.
 - Levi suggested putting warm water closer to the barns to be used for the bottle lambs.
 - The north bathrooms will be repaired taking care of the mold issues. The county is allotting \$10,000 to address the bathroom issues.
- Beef Barn
 - Chad got a bid to install 4 doors, tin the end and side walls, fix the sill plate, and install 18 windows for a locked bid of \$25,128. This includes labor and materials and he is pretty sure he can have it completed before the fair. The commissioners agreed that they would fund 80%.
 - Leann questioned if we have to put this out on bids since it is over \$20,000. As this is not a 4-H project we are not need to do this.

- The small door on the north side of the northwest corner needs to be preserved as ventilation for the pigs.
- Fundraising
 - Leann and Carol suggested any doors or windows that are removed from the barn should be sold at the sale as a fundraiser.
 - Jeff commented that we may need fundraising for some of the other projects.
 - Carol suggested that each club donate an item to be sold with the Explorer members items
 - Jeff suggested that the council create a committee to organize the fundraising.
- David moved that the 4-H Council pays 20% of the locked bid with a maximum of \$5,200. Carol seconded and motion carried.
- The work day went very well! We will have another work day to paint.

Committee Reports

Bylaws – Kelly

- Barb Krush Lies will join this committee

4-H Static Building – Leann Schafer

- Need 2 adults from each club to set up the building at 6:30 PM on Wednesday.
- We need 1 adult from each club according to the work schedule.
 - 4:00-6:00 Thursday Bremen
 - 6:00-9:00 Thursday will be Bowdon
- LeAnn H will order the mats for the building. This company also provides aprons and will wash them. LeAnn will check into the pricing.

Explorers Group – LeAnn H.

- 5 members are interested in going
- They have not decided on a destination.
- Will have the celebrity cake and silent auction during the fair to raise money.
- The bylaws have been changed and need approval.

Ambassadors - Carol

- The leadership workshop at 10:00 to 2:00 on 5/29 and all the ambassadors should attend.
- We are hosting the horse show but it is a joint effort of the tri-counties.
 - The ambassadors will be signed up for a shift and the other counties will be responsible to provide helpers. The ambassadors are needed in other areas also.
 - Lindsey will stress to the other counties that they must provide helpers.

Shooting Sports - Dale

- Levi reported the members did an excellent job in Washburn.
- Possibly start the shotguns on 5/18.

Tractor Driving – Barb

- They have made additional markers
- Possibly have Wade Anderson, Lane Moellenkamp, and Chris Sellie judge the senior division.
- Timing and location: Chariot races should be done by 3:00. The grandstands would be available after that. This would allow more space for the course and spectators.
 - There are possible fundraising ideas to go along with this.

Food Booth – Krysten McKinven

- Work schedule is included in the packet. The committee is contacting alumni to help with a shift, but they are reluctant to commit this early.
- Building needs:
 - Steven fixed the ridge cap
 - Installed 2 more huge exhaust fans over the showers
- Levi requested bringing their cotton candy machine to the food booth. The candy can be made in the morning and it will last the whole day. Proceeds would go to the council. Levi and Aaron would make it ahead of time. LeAnn H. suggested selling during the livestock sale this year. This would be a great way to try this out. Levi also suggested selling slaves as a fund raiser.
- Charge accounts
 - Jodi and Sheila worked on the slips which include a full menu.

Communication Art, Consumer Choices and Project & Living Expo - Lindsey

- Communication Arts had 16 participants .
- It ran very smoothly this year.
- Project & Living Expo
 - They can bring their stuff over early while they are being interviewed judge.
 - Could try the last week of May, but this is very busy with FFA. Also could try the last week of June.
- Better seed and grain provided the money to the kids.

Small Animal

Dogs - ?

- David mentioned Diana would like to be removed from this committee and put on the flyer committee.

Poultry - Carrie

- LeAnn H. will pick up the antigen.
- The testing will be done at the fair. Carrie is more than willing to come out if someone has a lot to test.

Static Building Repair – Kelly

- No Report

Horse – Lindsey

- Sara Perbix and Janine Schmitz are willing to help on this committee
- Leann S. suggested that all members in the horse show should be represented on the committee.
- Dale mentioned the other counties left a mess by the barns when they left. During the horse show it can be announced that there is a hydrant by the show barn.
- Preregistration includes only that the member will be at the show and how many horses. The members will register for the classes the morning of the show.
- The other counties will not be allowed to stall in the barn this year.

Premium Sale, Opening Ceremonies - Michelle

- The schedule is completed. Michelle will schedule some helpers at the sale and email it to Lindsey.

Livestock Show, Sale - Kent

- LeAnn H. mentioned that the letter sent to the livestock families did not include the Explorers in the letter. LeAnn mentioned it to Sheila.
 - Sheila mentioned that she is willing to send out the information, but she wants the mailing list to be revised annually to verify that all is correct.

Building Maintenance – Dale

- This is the new committee that is responsible for maintenance on all our buildings
- The new calf and hog stalls are temporarily placed in the barns. Planning to schedule 2 more 4-hour work days will be scheduled to paint and secure the panels.
 - LeAnn H. suggested having an auto body shop spray the paint. This was very costly due to the overspray. LeAnn will talk to Aaron about painting and sand blasting. The gates need to be numbered before they are removed so they are put back in the same place.
 - Will schedule a work day on May 18th at 1-4 PM dependent on what LeAnn finds with Aaron.
 - Paul is getting the supplies
- LeAnn H. mentioned that everything inside needs to be painted.
- Chad said the fair board will have someone paint the outside trim. Carol and Lindsey will provide Chad with the specific areas that need to be painted and what colors.
- Lindsey brought up that at the last meeting it was mentioned to have a club responsible for the barns on a rotating annual schedule. Committee decided that the current process is working.

Fair Flyer – Leann

- Jen Fike is willing to do the livestock photos, but we will need to find someone to take pictures at the static building. Leann S. suggested an ambassador or possibly Diana Lutt.
- Leann S. said that they are looking for articles.
- Barb suggested including a thank you to TSC for the fund raising they did. They will donate \$250 to the fair in addition to the clover money.

4-H Award Selection - ?

- Dale will join this committee
- Lindsey will provide information to this committee

Honorary Award Selection - ?

- Carol suggested Donna Rau, Cheryl Fike and Laura Brynjulson
- Dale moved to nominate Cheryl Flick and Donna Rau for the Honorary Award, Carol seconded.
 - Carol will write up Donna's information and LeAnn H will write up Cheryl's.
- Council will present a certificate of appreciation for Lester Lien, Loren Schmitz, Jeff Kleinsasser, and TSC.
- Roger Skiftun thought the livestock sale went back to 1968. It would great to talk to these people and get some history.

Old Business

Club Participation in the Parade

- The parade is at 11:00. The schedule has been adjusted to allow time to participate.
- This is a great way to promote 4-H.
- Krysten M. has a trailer that could be used and Carol could pick up decorations.
- The kids could decorate it the evening before.
- Carrie suggested a contest between the clubs to have the best float. This could be an idea for next year.

Plant Trees - Barb

- Ann Ehni was going to plant trees last year, but that did not work. They plan to plant shrubs, Dog Woods, and Lilacs. They may try to fill in some of the blank spots with trees.
- There is a matching funds grant that we can apply for to repair the farthest south shelterbelt which is starting to look rough.
- We could also put some trees on the east of the arena and maybe by the bathrooms.

2nd Annual 4-H leadership Training, Supplies and Food

- Last year the council paid for the food. This year the books are \$4.95 each
- LeAnn S. moved that the council covers the cost of the leadership training each year up to \$500. Carol seconded and motion carried.

Shuttle – LeAnn H.

- LeAnn will check into the shuttle from Carrington. We would also need to schedule drivers.
- Scott may be willing to do this. LeAnn will check with him also.
- David L. said that if they are not planting trees, we could use their tractor

T-Shirts at the sale

- Michelle asked that the long-sleeve is used for the picture and the T-shirts for the show.
 - State rules require long sleeves for poultry, rabbits and horses.
 - Council has decided to stay with the white long sleeve shirts at the show.
 - At the sale, members will wear 4-H dress code which includes club t-shirts.

New Business

4-H Foundation – LeAnn S.

- The foundation was looking for ideas for support at the county level to help fund the updates at Washburn. They suggested including an auction item at the premium sale. The proceeds would go to the 4-H camp project.
 - LeAnn H. moved to sell a barn door at the premium sale with the proceeds going to the foundation for camp improvements. Michelle seconded, and motion carried.
 - Amended to include something comparable to the barn door if the door is not available.
 - Leaders need to promote the camps to their clubs!

PEDv Fair Prep/Policies/Develop a Plan

- We need to be very aware of the risks involved. All certificates will be verified before the pigs are unloaded. The certificate must be dated in the last 30 days.
- We need a plan including a quarantine pen separated from the others if a pig comes down with symptoms. Lindsey will work with the superintendent, Chelsey Schafer, on this.
 - Jeff will contact Jessie about being available during this time.
 - Jeff made his trailer available for quarantine.
 - Carol moved should an outbreak occur, it will be declared a terminal show. LeAnn H. seconded. All animals would remain quarantined at the fairgrounds until the test results are received back.

No pets allowed in barns

- Pets are another source of disease. Lindsey will hang signs and include it in the fair information. 4-H families need to leave their pets at home.

Biosecurity Workshop (6 PM, May 22nd)

- Will discuss the virus.
- Open to all members and will receive an activity point for attendance.

Livestock workout (Saturday, June 14th)

- Change the date to Saturday, June 14th instead of Father's Day. Dale may have a conflict with work.

Extension centennial Celebration at Premium Sale

- District offices encouraging each office to have a celebration and provided \$50 for cake. Lindsey and Sheila would like to have the cake during the premium sale to celebrate with the biggest supporters in the county. They would need additional funds for the cake LeAnn H. moved that

the council and Better Seed and Grain cover the additional cost for the cake. Carol seconded and motion carried. Ambassadors will help serve the cake at 4:00. Lindsey will order the cake.

Dance for 4-H'ers

- Perry will run the music and video.
- 9-12 this year to avoid other conflicts.
- Need parents to chaperone. Each club needs to provide two adult to chaperone.

Fundraising Committee

- Levi Opdahl has some great ideas!
- Each club need to provide a member. There are some very creative people with great ideas!

Marge Anderson

- The little building has the history of the fair, but there is nothing from 4-H. LeAnn H. will bring in their scrap books. Hurdsfield could donate their banner and gavel if willing.

Livestock DVD's

- Can check out a DVD with a \$25 deposit

Carol moved to adjourn, Kayla Hart seconded the motion, motion carried.