

GRAYS HARBOR 4-H COUNCIL MINUTES

February 13, 2017 – 6:00 pm

@ G.H. County Extension Office, Elma WA

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm
- II. Flag Salute and 4-H Pledge
- III. Roll Call:
 - a. Donna Brewer, Best of Times, Secretary
 - b. Linda Waltenburg, Brady Bunch
 - c. Linda Howarth, Grays Harbor & Panhandle, Quilt Masters
 - d. Rhonda Borden, Panhandle, Klassy K-9's
 - e. Sarah Sigler, Barnyard Wranglers
 - f. Ed Swalander, Panhandle Board
 - g. Jeff Wetzel, Panhandle Board
 - h. Dan Teuteberg, WSU
 - i. Stefanie Terrell, Live to Lope
 - j. Cassie Engel, 4-H Factory
 - k. Nancy Graham, 4-H Factory
 - l. Mary Pederson, Brady Bunch
 - m. Cathy Cozad, HVH
 - n. Tracie Hanson, WSU Extension
- IV. Minutes from January 9, 2017
 - a. Mary motioned to Accept minutes as written
 - b. Jeff 2nd motioned
 - c. Voted and approved.
- V. Financial Report
 - a. Dan and Linda will meet to review the books that Dan has received.
 - b. Will report progress.
- VI. Communications – No Communications to report.
- VII. Reports of Project Groups
 - a. Horse Council – No Report
 - i. General Discussion:
 - ii. Hairy Horse Show went well but was a very long day
 - iii. Concern over the hard footing in area
 - iv. Dan will speak to Mike on the Fair board to discuss remedy for the situation
- VIII. Committee Reports:
 - a. Fair – Met w/Mason County 4-H
 - i. They all are very excited for the continued process to join the 2 counties for fair
 - ii. Working all Fair Book, especially for the llama project
 - iii. Mason County 4-H will be participating in the Grays Harbor County Fair.
 - iv. Classes will be judged together at County fair but will have separate State Allotments

- b. 4-H Promotion & Advertisement
 - i. Traci has worked with Donna to make use of the donated ad space from Rayonier
 - ii. Traci has a Thank You card for Rayonier, feel free to sign
- c. Camp
 - i. They have 30 counselors
 - ii. Camp will be held 2nd week of July
- d. Public Presentations
 - i. Will be held April 29
 - ii. Planned for the Extension Office but concern was expressed that the space would not be big enough or have enough of an audience
 - iii. Elma Senior Center now charges for use of the space
 - iv. Committee is asking for ideas on other venues
 - v. Sarah suggested open time to allow kids to support and mentor each other
 - vi. Discussion about how in past years, Public Presentations were held at the South Shore Mall with 4-H Promotion. In one year, there was 98 kids giving presentations
 - vii. Possible Venues:
 - 1. Tractor Supply
 - 2. Montesano Home & Feed
 - 3. Elma Feed
 - 4. Library
 - 5. Extension Office
 - viii. Mary will continue checking for venue
- e. Fundraising
 - i. Bowling
 - 1. Mary will be talking with Bulldog Lanes for dates for Bowling Fundraiser which will also serve as a good way for kids to get together and socialize
 - 2. Hoping for dates in late-May to early-June
 - ii. Celebrate Our Kids
 - 1. Committee will meet March 7 at 6pm at the Extension Office to start planning
 - 2. Hoping for both silent and live auction
- f. Cowboy Breakfast – Connie Brown & Denise Shupbach will start planning and report back to Council
- g. Recognition & Awards
 - i. Mason County 4-H are willing to put money to go towards ribbons
 - ii. Will need Presentation awards ordered early
- IX. Council Reps Report
 - a. Panhandle
 - 1. Linda Howarth reported that they are in the process of upgrading the Panhandle facilities. There are significant costs to maintain and upgrade the facilities at Panhandle.

- a. Estimated cost of maintaining Panhandle camp is \$110,000
 - b. Insurance now costs Panhandle over \$26,000
 - c. Panhandle will be charging Grays Harbor \$5.00 per person per day. Grays Harbor has not been paying their fair share for past several years. It's unclear if invoices have been submitted.
- 2. Ed Swalander
 - a. Both Mason and Grays Harbor County 4-H members have been negligent in volunteer hours
 - b. There are many things that volunteers can do
 - c. Cathy requested a list of tasks to be down be presented to the Council
 - i. Brush Cutting
 - ii. Primitive campsites can be set up
 - iii. Painting
- 3. There has been a serious lack of communication between Panhandle and 4-H Clubs
- 4. Clubs can use volunteering at Panhandle for Community Service hours
- 5. Cathy suggested a flyer be put out to the 4-H Community to educated them of Volunteering and other Panhandle opportunities.
- 6. Panhandle meeting January 21, Linda will bring up to them the request for Flyer & other communication to 4-H
- 7. The Camp is booked solid from June thru September
- 8. Panhandle is a managed Tree Farm – the intention is to not rely on the harvesting to support the Camp, camp needs to be self-supporting
- 9. Panhandle is a non-Profit organization; therefore, they can only allow 50 days per year to operate For-Profit.
- 10. Panhandle has not been able to fund-raise
- 11. Panhandle is not intending to balance their budget off Grays Harbor or Mason counties, they are looking for reasonable stipend from the counties
- 12. No child will be turned away for lack of ability to pay, there are scholarships available for partial payment
- 13. Rhonda proposed to raise camp fees to \$125.00
 - a. Cathy said Camp Committee needs to meet for a planning session to set up the budget, plan for costs, rates and expected number of youth participants before a proposal is brought to the Council
 - b. Grays Harbor Youth Livestock Auction – no report, the meeting was cancelled due to snow
- X. 4-H Youth Development Report
 - a. Tracie Hanson, 4-H Program Coordinator
 - i. National 4-H Club Charters Awards presented to clubs with representatives in attendance:
 - 1. Barnyard Wranglers, accepted by Sarah Sigler

2. Best of Times, accepted by Donna Brewer
 3. Brady Bunch, accepted by Mary Pederson & Mariah (Terrell??)
 4. Country Pride, accepted by Connie Brown
 5. Humptulips Valley Hustlers, accepted by Kathy Cozad
 6. Live to Lope, accepted by Payton Terrell
 - ii. Charters to clubs meeting the nationwide standards which are much tougher than Washington State standards and has been a work in progress.
 1. Once the Charter has been awarded, the club will not have to go thru the process again
 - iii. Volunteer Essentials workshop was held last week
 - b. Dan Teuteberg, 4-H Youth Development Regional Specialist
 - i. Met today with County Commissioners, had 2 commissioners relate to him about how they can recognize 4-H youth due to their speaking abilities
 - ii. Reported terrific feedback regarding the reception and greeting, Mason County 4-H'ers had at the Hairy Horse Show
- XI. Current Activities
- a. Dates Coming Up
 - i. Feb 15th Fair Volunteer Meeting in Dog Barn @ 6:30pm, All are invited, please bring Dessert to share
 - ii. Feb 25 Council Officer Meeting with Mason County and Panhandle at Panhandle at 10am
- XII. Unfinished Business
- a. Signature Cards for Council Bank Accounts - Traci has signature cards to be signed for accounts
 - b. Bowling Night in May or June – Mary has already reported on Bowling Night
- XIII. New Business – No new business to discuss
- XIV. Other Topics of Interest, Club Reports, or unfinished Reports or Discussions
- a. Mary, Brady Bunch
 - i. Car wash & Bake Sale to fund Camp & Fair fees for club members
 - b. Donna, Best of Times
 - i. Working kitchen at Moose lodge for share of the kitchen profit to be shared by all club members to fund fair fees. Kids that work are also earned the night's tips, which are being put away and will be given to the kids at fair.
 - ii. Club has been invited to put on the Stick Horse Race at the Grays Harbor Rodeo in March, the funds earned will be added to the Fair Fee account for club members
 - c. Dan asked for volunteers to put on a Poster Training for Thurston County 4-H club.
 - d. Cathy, Humptulips Valley Hustlers
 - i. In Dec, they had a meeting where they made Christmas cards for Nursing Home residents.
 - ii. Yesterday, the kids made Valentine's Cards
 - iii. They had an overnigher meeting at the Humptulips Grange, all 27 club members were in attendance

- iv. They have an idea for fundraising flyers for kids to do odd jobs for club donation to include yard work, household cleaning, etc.
- e. 4-H Factory
 - i. Meets monthly
 - ii. Met last week, before Super Bowl for a cooking Demo
 - iii. They currently have a club Poster Challenge to get educational posters done early
 - iv. They have 7 girls working on quilting with Master Quilters
- XV. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

