

#### 4-H General Council meeting October 9, 2017

- I. Call to order 6:07pm
- II. Flag Salute & 4-H Pledge
- III. Roll Call:
  - A. Donna Brewer, Best of Times & Secretary
  - B. Linda Waltenburg, Brady Bunch
  - C. Cathy Cozad, HVH
  - D. Tracie Hanson, WSU Extension Office
  - E. Mary Peterson, Brady Bunch
  - F. Coreen Downing, Brady Bunch
  - G. David Downing, Brady Bunch
  - H. Gwen Carrell, Live To Lope
  - I. Connie Brown, Country Pride
  - J. Linda Howarth, Master Quilters
  - K. Jeff Wetzel, Panhandle
- IV. Approval of previous meeting minutes
  - A. Linda W. requesting that the spelling of her name be corrected for future minutes
  - B. Mary motioned to accept minutes as written
  - C. All in favor. Motion Passed.
- V. Financial Report
  - A. Financial Report was passed around
  - B. Outstanding check from camp for \$250
- VI. Communications
  - A. Spring Tractor Supply fundraiser are close to being sent out. We should receive those funds soon. Approximately \$250 expected.
- VII. Reports of Project Groups
  - A. Horse Council
    1. Gwen has resigned as Horse Superintendent. She is hopeful that 2 people will step up to the position. It is a lot of work for just 1 person. She will be available as much as possible but also has family obligations. She was Horse Superintendent for 6 years.
    2. There are vacancies on the Horse Council for President and Treasurer.
    3. Only a few kids qualified for Versatile Horseman or Outstanding Gamer.
    4. There has been a lot of talk about Mason County joining Grays Harbor. Mason County has dissolved their Horse Council and would like to fully join Grays Harbour County. This would allow them to hold office in Grays Harbor County 4-H.
- VIII. Committee Reports
  - A. Fair - Nancy
    1. Successful Fair Wrap-Up Meeting where the success es and opportunities were discussed.
    2. Mason County people were in attendance.
    3. A lot of good ideas for improvement next year.

## B. Fundraising

### 1. Celebrate Our Kids - Mary

- a) Moving along
- b) Has created an event on Facebook
- c) Meeting on Oct 19 at 6pm at the Extension Office for anyone who would like to get more involved and to report donations.
- d) Will work on event schedule at that meeting
- e) There is a list of those donations so that no one contacts those donors a second time
- f) Mary has requested Cash & Carry donate the ice cream & will have an answer next week.
- g) Mary will contact each club to ask for a donated center piece as well as an auction basket. Action will be a ticket auction as opposed to a silent auction
- h) David Downing is willing to be emcee again this year, as long as he can work schedule with football

### 2. Aluminum Can Collection - Linda W.

- a) She called Pay-More Recycling, they are paying \$0.35 per pound
- b) She's thinking this could be a way to fund the \$25 per child 4-H fee
- c) She's thinking this could be something that a club could take on
- d) She will be doing more research to check places and prices
- e) Will take until next meeting.

## C. Awards - Cathy

### 1. Ribbon & Pin Orders

- a) Cathy has called Hodges for information but has not received a call back yet
- b) Mary said that Crown Rewards will supply our needs
- c) Gwen said there is a place in Centralia as well
- d) Connie said that Tags in Olympia could assist
- e) Cathy's concern is the turn-a-around time
- f) Cathy will work with Tracie on Year and Project pins

### 2. Record Book Judges

- a) Have received 9 Record Books, 3 juniors, 3 intermediates & 3 seniors but need someone to judge
  - (1) Looking for someone who knows how to put together a record book
  - (2) There are 2 forms that judge(s) fill out for each one
    - (a) 1 for record keeping
    - (b) 1 for the project itself
  - (3) Judging is broken down by age group
  - (4) Donna, Gwen and Mary volunteered to judge. Gwen will judge the Seniors. Donna will judge the Intermediates. Mary will judge Juniors.

- b) Mary suggested extending the deadline for Record Book entries.
    - (1) Council member expressed dismay at this suggestion. This could send a message to the 4-H kids that deadlines don't have to be adhered and what message would that send to the kids who actually did the work and turned it in on time.
  - c) Concern expressed that there were a lot more record books turned in at fair but not turned in now
    - (1) Gwen speculated that the Record Book numbers are down because there are fewer kids eligible for the Versatile Horsemen and/or Outstanding Gamer awards due to low performance in the Showmanship Class
    - (2) Another issue could be the frustrating Record Book format that has to be used.
    - (3) Nancy suggested revamping the awards requirements and forms. She would like to see something announced at the Celebrate Our Kids Dinner.
  - d) Record Books are very helpful in completing scholarship applications because it includes community service, school activities as well as 4-H activities.
3. Camp Counselor Recognition
- a) Cathy wants to work on some sort of recognition for the camp counselors
  - b) They put in a lot of time and effort to become a counselor, and we need to recognize their efforts

## IX. Council Rep Reports

### A. Panhandle

1. Going well
2. Harvesting right now
3. New culvert pit in, paid for by the state on one of the harvest roads
4. They have worked on cleanup harvesting because of a cleaning need and surprised themselves by making some money on the cleanup project
5. Working on getting a User Group Committee together to improve the camp for the groups that are actively using the facility.
6. Office is completely rotted out and needs to be rehabbed or replaced with a new structure
7. Have transferred all funds to Edwards Jones for management
8. Girl Scouts is their biggest user, scouts from Pacific and Grays Harbor County
9. Looking for ways to fill the off-season, not concerned with summer season, that is already booked
10. They are set up now, that if a person is employed by the sTate of WASHINGTON, they can donate directly to Panhandle beginning in October 2017. This is called the Combined Fund Drive.

### B. G.H. Youth Livestock Auction

1. Has not met recently
  2. No report
- X. 4-H Youth Development Report
- A. Tracie Hanson, 4-H Program Coordinator
    1. The 4-H year is now officially under way, -H online registration is again up and running
      - a) Several youth and adult members have enrolled
      - b) Club kick-off was last week, had a good turnout
      - c) Next club kick-off is tomorrow at 3pm and again this Saturday at 3:30pm
      - d) There are new tabs on the website to choose the payment type, either credit card, cash or check. The cash or check option will also cover if the member is getting a scholarship for the \$25 fee
    2. Outreach Coordinator Position has been advertised, they have received several applications for that position
      - a) Deadline for applicant submission is this Friday
      - b) Grant funds will be moved to State WSU to pay for that person
    3. Deadline today for Record Books and Pins
    4. Donation from a community group in the amount of \$500, the staff has earmarked that donation for enrollment scholarship fee
  - B. Dan Teuteberg, 4-H Youth Development Regional Specialist
    1. Dan sends his regards, he is home ill

XI. Current Activities

A. Dates Coming Up:

1. Oct 4-15                      Paper Clover Fundraiser @ Tractor Supply
2. Oct 20-22                  State 4-H Forum
3. Oct 25                      Window Display Entries Due
4. Nov 6, 6pm                E-Board/ Celebrate Our Kids Meeting
  - a) This will be a work meeting to set up for the Celebrate Our Kids dinner
  - b) Discussion about scheduling
  - c) Reminder that Nov 6, this is also Horse Council Meeting
  - d) Email will be sent when the date & time is confirmed with the fairgrounds
5. Nov 9, 6pm                Celebrate Our Kids Dinner/Auction/ Awards
6. Nov 15, 6pm              Fair Volunteer Meeting (vote on Theme)
  - a) Please come to meeting to help vote on Fair theme for 2018

XII. Unfinished Business

A. Scholarship Funds for Youth 4-H Membership fees

1. Last meeting it was discussed to possibly use the CD's to fund the \$25 fee in scholarship form
2. Tracie check at Timberland Bank about early withdrawal fees, which would amount to \$10-\$20

3. Mary asked if we could table this for a while due to new \$500 donation and see how it goes. She has been encouraged by feedback from her club, that most members will be ok to pay the fee.
4. Gwen said she would be willing to sponsor a few kids if they were willing to come to her place and weed a garden or muck a stall. Gwen felt that may be several people in the 4-H program who would be willing to do the same. Linda agreed that she would be willing to have someone come to her place to work as well.
5. Linda W. is concerned that using the funds from the Save Our 4-H CD;s for the \$25 fee may be an improper use of those funds.
6. Corree motioned that we move the fee to the back burner for now
  - a) Connie 2nd. Motion passed.

#### B. State 4-H Forum

1. SEveral members of the board are planning to attend Forum.
2. Big issues to be voted on are regarding Horses & Goats projects
  - a) Important to remember that no matter what is voted on at Forum, that does not mean that is the new rule. Those recommendations are sent back to upper level for final decision making.
  - b) Want to allow Clover Buds to show a kid goat of an breed, other than just Pygmy's -- concern that if the rule went thru it would require families to purchase a new goat each year they show
  - c) Input from Horse Council on Horse changes:
    - (1) Rule change request regarding petting the horse in the ring is unclear -- Horse Council believe that rewarding the horse before leaving the ring is always a good thing
    - (2) Western Dressage -- is a good thing to add. More kids have Western Saddles than English
    - (3) Agree with Run-Out box being elimated
    - (4) No Council opinion on Early Release issue.
3. Nancy makes a motion that we vote no on goat issue and accept Horse Counvil recommendations on Horse issues.
  - a) Linda W. seconded. Motion passed
4. Delegates (4)
5. Request for Swag for Welcome Bags
  - a) Tracie receieved request for Swag. i.e. maps, brochsures, things to do to bring people to the area, both Grays Harbor & Mason County
  - b) Connie will be able to get some stuff from the Elma Chamber of Commerce
    - (1) Need to have amounts of donations. Tracie will follow up and get back to Connie.

### XIII. New Business

#### A. Election of Officers and Representatives

1. President (2yr), Vice President (2yr), At Large Pos. 2 and 3 (1yr), Teen Rep (1yr), Advisor to the Board (1yr), Panhandle Rep (3yr), County Fair Representative (1yr)
2. Corree motions to open for nominations. David Seconds. Motion passes
  - a) Mary nominates Nancy to be **Advisor to the Board**. Corree Seconds. Nancy Accepts. Motion Passes
  - b) Corree nominates David to be the **Teen Rep**. David accepts.
  - c) Mary nominates Linda H. to continue for the next 3 years as **Panhandle Rep**. Corree seconds. Motion carries.
  - d) Mary nominates Cathy to continue as **President**. David seconds. Cathy accepts. Motion passes.
  - e) Connien nominates Gwen as **County Fair Rep**. David seconds. Gwen accepts. Motion carries.
  - f) David nominates Mary for **Vice President**. Cathy seconds. Mary accepts. Motion passes.
  - g) Corree nominates Connie for a **1yr At Large Position**. Cathy seconds. Connie accepts. Motion passes.
  - h) David motions to close nominations but leave open to revisit later. Linda W. seconds. Motion passes.
  - i) Linda W. motions to cast a blanket ballot to accept all nominations. Corree seconds. Motion passes.
3. Nancy questions whether our County Fair Rep can be a teen or an adult. She feels that the Fair Board designates our representative on their Board. She thinks we need more clarification. This position is not a voting member of the Fair Board but only reports back to the General Council to keep us in the loop Cathy will look into the matter further.

XIV. Other Topics of Interest, Club Reports, or Unfinished Reports or Discussions

- A. Connie works for the Elma Chamber of Commerce, there are several empty storefronts downtown that are available for Window Displays as well as possibly using those storefronts to educate the public about 4-H activities
- B. Connie also thanked everyone who sent in pictures of the State Fair Teams. She is looking for pictures from the Cat and Goat teams
- C. Connie is interested in learning more about the Awards/Scholarship Committee. There currently is not a committee but the tasks fall under the Awards Committee. Gwen and Connie both say they are willing to help but not Chair that Committee at this time.
  1. A future goal is to revamp the scholarship process
- D. Montesano Education is no longer but Jeff is going to be teaching a Power Tools for Women class. He teaches this class in his shop classroom at Montesano High School. Next class is Wednesday 6:30pm. Cost is \$50 for a 4- week course. Classes are 1 ½ hours. Some lumber is supplied, depending on desired projects. Will focus on teaching safe tool use.

XV. Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm -- Thank you for attending!!