

4-H General Council Minutes July 24, 2017

1. Call Meeting to Order 6:05
2. Flag Salute & 4-H Pledge
3. Roll Call:
 - a. Correen Downing
 - b. Dave Downing
 - c. Donna Brewer, Secretary, Best of Times
 - d. Tracie Hanson,
 - e. Kathy Kozad, President
 - f. Linda Waltenberg, Treasurer
 - g. Mary
 - h. Connie Brown
 - i.
 - j. Nancy Graham
 - k. Gwen Carrel
 - l. Charlene Gillispie
4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. Minutes were reviewed
 - b.
5. Financial Report
 - a. Linda presented Financial Report
 - i. Items in Yellow have still not cleared
 - ii. General Fund info includes only items that have cleared
 - iii. No questions
6. Communications
 - a. No Communications
7. Reports of Project Groups
 - a. Horse Council
 - i. Donna & Connie reported from Horse Council Meeting
 1. State Allotments & how they effected the Horse Program
8. Committee Reports
 - a. Fair
 - i. Nancy expects that we will have a good fair.
 - ii. Superintendent meeting was last Wednesday
 - iii. Nancy sat with rep from Mason County, Mason County participants are very excited to be included
 - iv. Need to set a date to set up the Pavilion.
 1. Correen said her family could be available to help.
 2. Donna said that her girls were available to help as well.

3. Mary has the Rabbit area staged, so her club is available to help.
4. Will set up Thursday, Aug 3 at 5:30pm
- v. Problem area last year was Poster. Last year several Equine kids brought posters in early which caused a backup & put them behind. Need to let everyone know that Poster check in is not until 1pm.
- vi. Tracie reminded that if anyone needs extra documents (such as Livestock Haul-In Procedure or Exit Procedure) she has extras.
- vii. Important to remember that it may take longer to check in, keep animals hydrated and calm
- viii. Nancy ordered 18 tables but not expecting to get all the tables she ordered
- ix. Discussion about Parade & Opening Ceremonies for the Fair, happens on Wednesday of fair at 6pm
 1. Looking for kids to go on stage to say the 4-H Pledge, during the ceremonies
 2. Concern raised that this information has not been shared with the Horse Project
- b. 4-H Promotion & Advertisement
 - i. Donna reported that she has attempted thru email & telephone messages left with no reply
 - ii. Faces of the Fair will not happen this year
- c. Camp
 - i. Rhonda not able to be here to report
 - ii. Dave Downing reported that Camp went well
 1. Lots of kids
 2. There was a cougar sighting by a father & 2 kids who were hiking, the dad was able to throw rocks & scare away the cougar. Family was brought back to camp.
 3. First cougar sighting in many years
 4. Incident was used as a teaching moment to talk about wild life safety & importance of staying in groups of 2 or 3 & have flashlights
 5. They had a carnival. It was a fun weekend.
 6. Dave reports that he was sick of dishes by the end of the week. Next year he will be a counselor.
- d. Fundraising
 - i. Bowling Fundraiser
 1. Was attended by 6 people
 2. Was a very nice weekend
 3. Made \$120 on the event that didn't cost anything
 4. Will try again in the Fall, will be used as a 4-H Year Kick-Off

- a. Will bring laptops to help any families interested in 4-H get signed up
 - e. Cowboy Breakfast
 - i. Connie reported that she met with Denise
 - ii. They have gone thru the inventory
 - iii. Still in works
 - iv. They will be putting out the schedule to sign people up for helping with the event
- 9. Council Reps Report
 - a. Panhandle
 - i. No Panhandle Reps present
 - b. G.H. Youth Live Stock Auction
 - i. There is a meeting tonight at 6:30, no report
 - ii. Correen reports that Auction Committee is providing tags for all Turkey
- 10. 4-H Youth Development Report
 - a. Tracie Hanson, 4-H Program Coordinator
 - i. Tracie has been involved in the search committee to hire a 4-H Director for the State
 - 1. Tracie will be going to Spokane this week to further participate in that process. She will be sending out links on the 3 candidates that may include their interview and other information so that we have the opportunity to give feedback. Those links may be watched via livestreaming or at a later date. Office will have limited hours while she is out of the area.
 - ii. Tracie repeated that there are resources available in the Extension Office for Still Life & Stall Cards, Canning Labels, Dehydrated Foods, Photography Labels, etc.
 - b. Dan Teuteberg, 4-H Youth Development Regional Specialist
 - i. Tracie reports that Dan is still in process of getting tenure, he is in Spokane this week to give his final presentation to the administrators about his time in Grays Harbor County.
 - ii. Dan will have a more specific report in the future
 - iii. Dan will find out in a approx. a year if he was successful in this process
- 11. Current Activities
 - a. Dates Coming Up
 - i. Aug 6th Still Life Entries Due GH Fair
 - ii. Aug 8th Plant Science Entries Due & Animal Haul-In GH Fair
 - iii. Aug 9-13 Grays Harbor Fair
 - iv. Sept 1st-24th WA State 4-H Fair
 - v. Oct 20-22 State 4-H Forum (Great Wolf Lodge)
 - vi. Nov 9th Celebrate our Kids Dinner/Auctions/Awards

12. Unfinished Business

- a. Kathy is not getting any response to her email to ask for agenda items to be added.

13. New Business

- a. State 4-H Forum Award Nominations Due August 1, 2017
 - i. The awards are available on the WA State 4-H Forms website
 - ii. Volunteer of the Year for the State
 - iii. Friend of 4-H (Business or Organization)
 - iv. Lifetime Volunteer
 - v. Staff Award
 - vi. Heather Rider Leadership Award for Young Adults
- b. Connie asked about the forms that the State Qualifying kids are given, she wanted to know who puts that packet together, if that is a form that is put together – Kathy said that the person who previously took care of that duty needs a replacement
 - i. Connie's concern is that she spends many hours, as an employee of Les Schwab, to find out the t-shirt sizes for each State Qualifying child, she wants to know if it's possible to include a line in that paperwork to find out the size of the child
 - ii. Superintendents are aware of the kids & needs to get the count
- c. Kathy is wondering if there is a form that the barn superintendents fill out with their list of the State Qualifying kids
 - i. Nancy said there used to be one in use but is no longer in use
 - ii. Correen said that she thought we should put something back in use by all barns and make sure that the form is the same across all barns
- d. Correen said she heard thru the grapevine that there may be an opening for 4-H Poultry to compete at State
 - i. Mary said that the Youth Poultry Association has a contract that is soon expiring. Once that happens, the youth poultry at state may be gone altogether.

14. Other topics of Interest, Club Reports or Unfinished Reports or Discussions

- a. Kathy is concerned that we typically pay for the Forum which costs \$250, which may not be in our budget. At Great Wolf Lodge, rooms are \$90 a night & may include 4 waterpark passes. Teens are eligible for discounts on registration fees & able to go to classes as well.
 - i. She wants to know if we are going to continue to pay for this, she's not sure if we have the budget for it
 - 1. Mary says that they may be a lot of things not currently included in the budget, that it will be a work in progress

2. Nancy feels that if people want to go, we should spread the budgeted amount out to help interested people to go but not fully fund any 1 person to go to Forum.
 3. Kathy feels that we should support at least the number of Delegates that our County gets, which is currently believed to be around 5. In 2016, we had 4 voting delegates for Grays Harbor County.
 4. Registrations are due by Oct 1 for the discount to receive the full discount
 - ii. Kathy would like to support only persons who have not previously gone
 - iii. It's a very informative and empowering event
 - iv. Inspirational Speakers, Auction, Banquet for Leadership Awards, Committee Groups to talk about potential State Level Changes, Delegates will vote on changes,
 - v. There is a website that can be found thru a Google Search
 - vi. Nancy suggests we table this discussion until the September meeting. Board agrees.
 - vii. Tracie will reach out to find out in Grays Harbor county has any duties for the Forum.
 - b. Nancy reports that 5 of her 7 kids have their quilts done.
15. Adjourn Meeting at 7:25pm – Thank you for Attending