

4-H General Council Minutes September 12, 2017

- I. Call to order 6:07pm
- II. Flag Salute & 4-H Pledge
- III. Roll Call:
 - a. Donna Brewer, Best of Times & Secretary
 - b. Dan Teuteberg, WSU
 - c. Corree Downing, Brady Bunch
 - d. Nancy Graham, 4-H Factory
 - e. Linda Howarth, Panhandle
 - f. Farralee Walseth-Burnett, Country Pride
 - g. Connie Brown, Country Pride
 - h. Denise Shupbach, Best of Times
 - i. Cathy Cozad, HVH
 - j. Tracie Hanson, WSU Extension
 - k. Linda Waltenberg, Brady Bunch
 - l. Mary Peterson,
- IV. Approval of previous meeting minutes
 - a. Minutes from June & July General Council meetings are available
 - b. Denise motioned to approve both minutes
 - c. Connie Seconded
 - d. Motion carried
- V. Financial Report
 - a. Tracie passed around Treasurer Report
 - b. Connie had questions about how to remove the items marked in yellow to clarify the correct and true balance on hand
 - c. \$977.35 made on Cowboy Breakfast event with approximately 300 people served
 - i. Made approx. \$3.33 per person served
- VI. Communications
 - a. No communications
- VII. Reports of Project Groups
 - a. Horse Council
 - i. August Horse Council meeting was cancelled – no report
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - a. Fair

- i. Nancy reports she felt fair went well but would like feedback from others
 - ii. Wonders if we need to schedule a Fair De-Briefing meeting or Survey for feedback, perhaps a working dinner at a time after State Fair – would like to schedule at a time when Mason County reps can attend
 - 1. Dan will work with Mason County to find a good time
 - iii. Denise asked if there was any way to track numbers in each project & whether those are growing, staying the same or getting smaller
 - 1. Tracie will find the information and report back
 - iv. There were 5 dogs in the Dog project, which is an increase of more than 50%. Mary has kids in her club who want to show dogs. A parent in her club is willing to join as a project leader.
- b. Fundraising (Celebrate Our Kids)
 - i. Mary reports that now is the time for donations of food or Auction items
 - ii. There is a Donation Letter to assist with solicitation of businesses
 - iii. Coreen will contact Chapman Farms for decorating items – Chapman Farms donated all the table decorations last year
 - iv. All vegetables and meat have been donated from local restaurants
 - v. Mary will go to Cash & Carry to file out documents to see if they will donate ice cream for desert
 - vi. Items still open are drinks, rolls & spaghetti
 - vii. Mary will call each club leader to discuss the event to make sure they are aware of the event, give them a personal invitation, let them know about awards available and invite each club to put together a basket for auction
 - viii. Staples is donating all the printing. They will make the flyer, table banners, program, list of awards, etc.
 - ix. Mason County will be putting on their Achievements Award ceremony at the Business After Hours in downtown Shelton on Oct 25 from 4:30pm to 6pm. Anyone interested in attending can contact Dan.
 - x. Denise is concerned that the Awards ceremony last year was very horse-heavy. She is wondering if there is a way to bring more balance to the ceremony.
 - 1. Pins both for projects and years in 4-H

- c. Cowboy Breakfast (wrap up and review)
 - i. There are several items (griddles, crockpot, etc.) left after the Cowboy Breakfast. Those belong to Mary and she will pick them up.
 - ii. Connie will not be able to assist with Cowboy Breakfast next year. Connie will be happy to go over what she has learned to whomever takes over.
 - iii. Everyone who worked the breakfast seemed to have an enjoyable time working. Dan looks forward to next year and watching it grow.
 - iv. Thank You cards are on hand to send to Mason County reps, who did all the dishes afterwards

IX. Council Reps Report

- a. Panhandle
 - i. Linda Howarth reports things are moving along.
 - ii. Fee rate increases were approved but do not affect 4-H. Those increases may affect Grays Harbor 4-H in a few years.
 - iii. They will be starting a couple meetings a year with different groups to discuss changes those groups would like to see.
 - iv. They are working to update the website. They have had to let the previous web designer go.
 - v. Jeff Wetzel is not on hand due to a friend's hospital stay.
- b. G.H. Youth Livestock Auction
 - i. Auction went well but no wrap-up meeting yet
 - ii. Brought in about \$187,000.
 - 1. One turkey went for \$1800, average was \$700.
 - iii. Mason County will not be able to participate in Grays Harbor Auction but they could put on their own auction in Mason County either before or after the fair.
 - iv. Concern over numbers in some 4-H projects and how growing those numbers may be hindered by Auction exhibits.
 - 1. Dan says that any 4-H eligible project that wants to come to fair, will have room. This is an issue that we will continue to work on, with the Fair Board to make sure all kids have the ability to bring their projects to fair.
 - 2. Will start work on this potential issue earlier in the year.
- c. Camp.
 - i. Rhonda, not present but has sent written report with summary and financial overview.

- ii. 500 acres of woods at Panhandle camp with wild animals, there was a cougar sighting during camp.
 - iii. Nancy thanked Linda for her cooking abilities at camp.
 - iv. Linda reports that she doesn't expect any substantial changes for next year. Supply costs are increasing for everyone.
 - v. Number of campers was the same as in previous years.
- X. 4-H Youth Development Report
 - a. Tracie Hanson, 4-H Program Coordinator
 - i. Tracie thanks us for working with her to be able to take her vacation.
 - ii. October 1 is the beginning of our new 4-H year. Emails will be coming with Club Kick-Off ideas.
 - iii. She will be connecting with individual clubs for anything she can do to assist with re-enrollment.
 - iv. 4-H line (website) is currently in a freeze to collect data, will be re-opened soon.
 - v. Once 4-H year begins, Paper Clover Campaign will be Oct 4-15. Clovers are \$1 per but individuals can donate any amount they choose.
 - vi. Updates to club listing, address, leader info, phone number's email, should be sent to Tracie.
 - vii. Middle of Oct is the WA State Leaders Forum, Oct 20-22 at Great Wolf Lodge in Rochester. There is info on the workshops and registration info. Oct 1 is deadline for registration.
 - viii. Watch for November 17-18, Archery will be hosting an event to train Archery project leaders. Still working on registration and decision on fees. More specific info coming soon.
 - b. Dan Teuteberg, 4-H Youth Development Regional Specialist
 - i. Dan thanks us for allowing him to go on vacation. He needed the break, as did his family.
 - ii. This is the first council meeting in quite some time that Dan is at a meeting without having to worry about tenure. He sat for it in July. He is now just waiting to hear if he will receive tenure or not.
 - 1. The tenure process is a 6-year project.
 - iii. There will be a \$25 a year project fee. The money did not come in from the state or federal level to WSU. Some counties are also charging a County fee at the same time. Grays Harbor will not be

charging a county fee, at this time. This fee goes to the state and will be assessed when a member enrolls, either online or in paper via the mail. This money will not be used locally. Dan states he is not in agreement with this fee.

1. Cathy is concerned that due to the depressed economics this fee is going to be problematic for our members.
2. Mary is hopeful that while she feels this fee policy is wrong, it may help gauge the level of dedication to 4-H especially for new members.
3. Dan will be approaching different businesses to talk about donations for scholarships
4. One fee per member for as many projects as each member wants to participate in.
5. Dan needs input from Council to help with people who absolutely cannot pay the fee but still want to participate in 4-H.
 - a. Corree asks what happens when our numbers go down due to this fee.
 - b. Corree would like to see if there is a way to pay for every child who wants to be a part of 4-H. Donna is concerned that could cut into our other fundraising.
6. Several club leaders present indicate that this year will be a concern but for next year, they will work on fundraising at the club level to cover this fee.
7. Will effect only kids in the year-long program. Not kids who join just for camp or a specific event (not fair)
8. Nancy wants to know about clubs paying part or all of the fee, she wants to know if there is a way she can change club bylaws to keep kids who are not wanting the year club experience but still want to participate in fair.
9. Each club can change their bylaws.
10. Fee is for youth members only but not project or club leaders.
11. Dan's fear is that the County Commissioners may hear about this and decide to add on a fee of their own.
12. There is a CD available in the account for Save Our 4-H that could be accessed to fund kids who are not able to pay the

fees. There would be a penalty but could be used if necessary.

- iv. Dan reports that we have \$3000 from Grays Harbor to create a 4-H Youth Development Outreach Coordinator. This is a paid part-time position of 18 hours per month. Job description was passed around.

XI. Current Activities

a. Dates Coming up:

- i. Sept 20th GH Fair & Volunteer Meeting 6:30pm
- ii. Oct 1st New 4-H Year
- iii. Oct 9th Council Meeting & Elections
- iv. Oct 20-22nd State 4-H Forum
- v. Nov. 9th Celebrate Our Kids Dinner/Auction/Awards

XII. Unfinished Business

a. State 4-H Forum

i. Very good program but costly

- 1. For just Saturday & Sunday, cost is \$190 if paid by Oct 1 or \$260 for all 3 days, 5 meals included, not including lodging.
- 2. Cathy passed around Forum registration forms with list of classes.

- a. Cathy would like to know if we want to help people attending.
- b. Linda & Connie both think it would be appropriate to assist new people with 50% of fees.
- c. Mary would like to send David Downing, who is the Executive Board Youth Rep.
- d. Nancy suggests sending out an email to the 4-H community to see if there is anyone interested and have those interested people to respond by email or phone to Tracie or Dan.
- e. Linda Howarth motions to set aside \$500 to assist people with costs, to be split by those who attend.
 - i. Corree seconds.
 - ii. Motion carries.

ii. Nancy wanted to know if there was a list of items for the delegates or auction info – nothing yet

- 1. In the past we have donated an Auction basket but Cathy does not believe we donated anything last year.

- XIII. New Business
 - a. Linda Waltenberg reports that Mike Lamb, former Grays Harbor 4-H alum passed away this past week. She thinks we should send a card to the family.
- XIV. Other topics of Interest, Club Reports or Unfinished Reports or Discussions
 - a. Window Display Entry
 - i. Oct 25 is deadline to let extension office know about intent and place of display
- XV. Adjourn Meeting at 8:12pm – Thank you for attending!