On May 25, 2015, Vicki Contini emailed the minutes of the April 2015 State Advisory Board meeting to the board members for their approval. The minutes were approved as of June 4, 2015. Eight (8) board members responded and indicated their approval of the minutes as submitted. The minutes were submitted for addition to the 4-H website and the Tuesday e-Newsletter.

Treasurer’s Report
There is a balance of $50,333.04. This does not include other 4-H group monies. The investment account is at $31,369.04 which is down slightly. Dues have been received from all counties. Chuck Todd estimates about $2,000 in registration fees will be received after October 10, 2015. A total of $624.11 in non-reimbursed expenses have been reported by board members.

For next fall’s forum we need to see if we can implement credit cards in the new enrollment system. A discussion is ongoing with WSU on how to implement this. The Advisory Board will discuss this at the April 2016 meeting. Less than half of the counties are using the on-line enrollment system.

Elections
Robin Minaker was elected President and Don Ballard was elected Vice-President.

Upcoming Forum Locations
2017 Forum in SW – Great Wolf needs to be checked. Looking for others.
2018 Forum in NE – Discussed several possible locations. Chelan, Spokane and Wenatchee are the possible locations. The Mirabeau in Spokane is a possibility. Jim Johnson and Robin Minaker will visit the Mirabeau to see what changes were made during their recent remodeling to make it more handicap accessible.

2015 Forum Discussion
There were a number of people with allergies that did not notify us of their allergy until they arrived at the hotel. We need to know ahead of time. Several ideas were discussed. Chuck will try to add “special dietary needs” to registration form.

Pat suggested setting up a task force to look at format structure, days, everything about Forum. Targeting 2017 and beyond. Chuck Todd will pull registration numbers and profit/loss info. What are the essential elements that constitute a forum? Forum was four days long several years ago. The results of the survey done a few years ago will be considered. Is there enough cost savings to have forum in same location every year?
Sabrina Wood, Don Ballard, Jim Johnson, Michelle Lain, Erin Hightower volunteered to be on the task force. This needs to be the focus on January 2016 meeting.

**State Director’s Report**
Advisory Board Meeting – Most of the January 2016 meeting will be comped. Lunch on Saturday will be covered in addition to some meals. We will save about $1,500 by having the meeting in Yakima.
Know Your Government – This will take place in Olympia on February 13-16. Dinner with the legislators is February 15. Advisory Board members were invited. Over 40 legislators attended this year, even though this was an extremely busy time for them.
State 4-H Conference – “Charting the Future” is the theme and will take place on July 10-13, 2016, in Pullman. This is later than usual because of the teacher’s strike in Seattle that lasted almost a month. Save the date will be a “message in a bottle.”
Nancy Mordhorst – She is retiring. It is an enormous knowledge loss. Her position is moving from Pullman to Spokane campus. Pat has sent out the job announcement.

**2016 Forum**
Erin Hightower will check on the possibility of including the RV Park as counting toward our room minimum. Some individuals at this year’s forum have asked about the possibility of staying at an RV Park in the area. The Forum Committee is doing a lot of fund raising. Possible speakers have been identified. This is still in progress. Erin is checking with the 4-H Mall about stocking a “store” at Forum. She is going to see if there are other vendors that could set up a booth at Forum.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicki Contini, Secretary