Treasurer’s Report
Chuck Todd reported that the investment account has increased to $34,564.00 (about a $1,000 increase) since our April meeting. There is a current balance of $47,677.47. All counties have paid their dues. A total of $20,462.75 in registration fees has been received. This will be enough to cover our expenses for the 2016 Forum.

Recommended Changes to State 4-H Advisory Board Constitution
Don Ballard reviewed the changes proposed by the Constitution Committee to the constitution of the State 4-H Advisory Board. The term “leader” was changed to “certified volunteer”. Under Article II, Section 1 a change was made to reflect that the State 4-H Advisory Board will act in a fiduciary capacity for the State Ambassadors and State Horse Program. The constitution was changed to reflect how youth members are selected. Under Article IV, Section 2.B. mention of regional forums was removed from the duties of the President. Under Article IV, Section 4 the Volunteer Development Action Team was removed.

Motion: Jim Johnson made a motion to accept the recommended changes to the constitution of the State 4-H Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Holly Haddenham and unanimously approved by the State 4-H Advisory Board.

Window Display Contest Winner
Kittitas County and Stevens County submitted window displays for this contest. The State 4-H Advisory Board selected Stevens County as winner by consensus. Sabrina Wood will present this award immediately after she presents the Heather Rider award.

Election of Officers
The following nominations for President and Vice-President of the Washington State 4-H Advisory Board were made.

President – Don Ballard
Vice-President – Holly Haddenham

Motion: Erin Hightower made a motion that Don Ballard be approved as President. The motion was seconded by Jim Johnson and unanimously approved by the State 4-H Advisory Board.

Motion: Erin Hightower made a motion that Holly Haddenham be approved as Vice-President. The motion was seconded by Sabrina Wood and unanimously approved by the State 4-H Advisory Board.
State Director Report

Doreen Hauser-Lindstrom reported that there have been a lot of changes this year. The new 4-H on line system is in place and trainings have been held in different locations around the state. She hopes the new system will increase communication within 4-H. New 4-H policies are in place. Training has taken place and is continuing. One policy training focused on linking the State 4-H Policies to the four Essential Elements. We discovered that at this time, our state doesn’t have a lot of 4-H policies that align with generosity. There are a number of new financial policies. Three new instances of embezzlement have been discovered in the last 1.5 years. As a result, it has become necessary to randomly audit club finances. In addition to this being a good policy, it is being done to trying to keep ourselves safe. The 4-H policies are in draft form right now and will soon be on line. Hopefully, by the 1st of January it will be ready. The policy is basically the same, but it needs to be enforced. The search for a new state program leader is underway. A draft position description is in progress. More information will be available at the next meeting. This will be a national search with the position being posted in January 2017. The position will be posted for 90 days.

Doreen informed the board that youth and adults cannot share the same room at conferences. This includes the youth on our board. The only exception to this is if the youth and adult are members of the same family. Rallies are not doing that. Doreen will be checking to find out how this apply to 4-H camp.

Any adult sleeping in the dorm at the state fair has to have completed screening and be a certified A volunteer/chaperone. At Know Your Government adults driving or staying at the hotel need to be a certified volunteer. We need to ensure that our kids are safe and have the best positive behavior role models possible in our certified volunteer. There will be more information on this at our next meeting. If there is the potential that an adult could be alone with a child, they must be a certified volunteer. A non-certified volunteer cannot be with a 4-H’er that is not a family member.

2017 Forum
The 2017 forum will take place at the Great Wolf Lodge.

2018 Forum
The 2018 forum will take place in Spokane. Robin Minaker will give Jim Johnson and Don Ballard the information she has gathered to date on the Spokane hotels.

2016 Forum
- Doorprizes with a value of $10-$15 worked well.
- It was suggested we consider creating a new leader track.
- There is concern about the cost of forum. What about creating a structure for fundraising guidelines? It would be nice to have scholarships available for those who would like to attend forum. We need to identify a way to help the people from smaller counties find the funding necessary to attend forum.
- It is hard to find a way to monitor who should and should not get a meal.
- Evaluations for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and the individual workshops – Jean Lindsay volunteered to review the evaluations. More work needs to be done on how to allow attendees to do their evaluation electronically. Google forms allow multiple swipes.

Next Meeting
Jan 28-29 – Vicki Contini will schedule a hotel in Ellensburg for the January meeting. Possible hotels include the Quality Inn, the Hampton Inn, and the Holiday Inn Express. If the hotel requires a signature to hold a block of rooms or reserve a meeting room, Vicki will contact Doreen Hauser-Lindstrom.

April 22-23 (4th weekend) or 29-30 – The meeting could take place at the Great Wolf Lodge or a hotel that is close enough we could tour the forum facility. Don Ballard will schedule a meeting place and check into the possibility of meeting at a hotel in Chehalis/Puyallup.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicki Contini, Secretary