



## THURSTON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

### MEETING MINUTES

April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Virtual, Zoom

#### 4-H COUNCIL OFFICERS

Jenny Taylor, President  
Chris Swearingen, Vice President  
Molly Pestinger, Secretary  
Doreen Tudor-Bennett, Treasurer  
Lucas Swearingen, Teen Rep.

Meeting called to order by Jenny at 6:54 pm.

#### PLEDGES

#### INTRODUCTIONS

#### ATTENDANCE:

ATTENDEES
Molly Pestinger
Jenny Taylor
Doreen Tudor-Bennett
Emily Killeen
Laura Killeen
Lucas Swearingen
Christine Swearingen
Charlotte Pestinger

#### MINUTES (3/22/2021):

- Additions/corrections: None
- Motion to approve/second – Charlotte/Lucas
- Motion to approve passes – unanimous approval

#### TREASURER'S REPORT (Doreen)

	General Checking	General Savings
STARTING BALANCE (as of 3/1/21)	\$14,258.21	\$ 25.00
Deposits:		
•	\$400.11	
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Withdrawals		
• None		
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ENDING BALANCE (as of 3/31/21)	\$14,658.32	\$ 25.00

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Horse Committee:** Leaders looking forward to start in person activities soon.
- **Dog Committee:** None
- **Peterson Barn Committee:** Next meeting will be May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **Teen Club/Know Your Government:** Have had a planning meeting and some planning emails. Laura helped with the Tumwater Hopes grant project.
- **Shooting Sports Committee:** None

#### 4-H OFFICE REPORT

- We launched the new Tumwater Hopes grant project. 34 families (46 kids) have showed interest. 21 families (31 kids) have signed up. The grant has paid for all the supplies for the families to get started on take home kits. Things are going well. The teens from Teen Club have been helping. Summer sessions for the healthy living grant are also planned.
- The small animal group has been offering small animal workshops as part of the Experience 4-H project. They have also been working on holding Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease vaccinations clinics. RHD is a disease that has been spreading through rabbits all over the west coast. It is very dangerous for rabbits so they are trying to have some drive thru vaccine clinics for rabbits. Only three vets in the state of Washington are licensed for it.
- All the in-person plans have not been approved yet. Things are moving slowly at the step above Emily, so proposals need to be submitted well in advance.
- Fairboard meeting is May 5th. They are 7pm virtual meetings. They will vote on whether or not to hold a public Fair.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Covid-19 Safety Orientation dates:
  - If a club or group wants Emily to hold a training meeting during their regular meeting, please contact her. A Covid training will be held before the Peterson Barn Committee meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Emily will send out more meeting dates soon.
- Gambling License update:
  - JoAnn Sabisch renewed the gambling license.
- Jenny, Emily and Doreen met at Twin Star Credit Union and updated the 4-H Council account. Dianna Ullery was removed and Emily Killeen was added. Chris Swearingen needs to go in and sign the paperwork to be added as the fourth signer. Emily is the “owner” of the account. Emily also got a new debit card for the account.
- Bylaw/Policy Updates:
  - The Bylaw/Policy Committee meeting was postponed. The group will meet on May 19th at 7pm.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Kris and Emily have discussed that it might be an interesting idea for Thurston County 4-H Alumni and young adults be allowed to show at Fair. The idea is to try to keep young adults involved in a way that they are able to still participate but also would provide opportunities for service. Maybe an Alumni group with separate classes at our county fair? The members would need to be enrolled as 4-H Leaders. Council members will bring this idea up at committee meetings.
- 4-H Online will only work for collecting fees for events if the people registering are already in the 4-H system. If the general public or FFA are participating in an event, there is no way to have them pay through 4-H online. Other counties are collecting fees in other ways. There are quite a few fees for money going through 4-H online. Emily brought up the idea of getting a Square account set up for the 4-H Council which would allow payments through that system so that events (like the rabbit vaccine clinic) can be paid for and accessed more easily. King county 4-H has a Square account.
  - Doreen made a motion to agree to have a Square account set up for the 4-H Council Twin Star account. Molly seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously. Emily will look into using the Square account to collect enrollment fees and other fees.

- Molly made a motion that the Square account will be used for the rabbit vaccine clinic. Doreen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- The extension office used to have a bulk mail account for large 4-H mailings. Kris and Emily were thinking about getting a bulk mail account again and doing it through the 4-H Council since the 4-H Council is an incorporated non-profit, which would allow the bulk mail account to be free.
  - Doreen made a motion to approve the extension office to set up a bulk mail account using the 4-H Council umbrella. Lucas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- It was discussed whether we should we push the re-enrollment date out until after the Fairboard votes. Because we will have a 4-H fair/qualifying event regardless of what the Fair Board votes, it was thought that we should leave the deadline as is. If there is an individual issue, the member can submit their explanation to the Council for approval.

Next meeting Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm Virtual Zoom Meeting

Meeting adjourned by Jenny at 8:24pm  
Submitted by Molly Pestinger, Secretary