



THURSTON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

March 22ND, 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 6:36 pm.

INTRODUCTIONS

PLEDGES

ATTENDANCE:

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Molly Pestinger
Jenny Taylor
Doreen Tudor-Bennett
Emily Killeen
Laura Killeen
Natalee Andrews
Alena Cowell
Jamie Teuteberg
Steve Shackley

MINUTES (2/22/2021):

- Additions/corrections: None
- Motion to approve/second – Doreen/Alena
- Motion to approve passes – unanimous approval

TREASURER'S REPORT (Doreen)

	General Checking	General Savings
STARTING BALANCE (as of 2/1/21)	\$14,327.01	\$ 25.00
Deposits:		
• Amazon Smiles Donation	\$6.80,	
• Fred Meyer Donation	\$43.86	
• Amazon Smiles Donation	\$10.47	
Withdrawals		
• Teen Leader of the Year Award	\$50.00	
• Club of the Year Award	\$80.00	
ENDING BALANCE (as of 2/28/21)	\$14,258.21	\$ 25.00

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Horse Committee:** Judges have been hired for Fair. Clubs are excited to start riding meetings soon.
- **Dog Committee:** Looking forward to Fair planning and are discussing how to organize in person proposals.
- **Peterson Barn Committee:** Need a Cat and Cavy Superintendent. Also looking for an assistant Poultry Superintendent. Looking at tentative dates for a modified Last Chance Clinic on July 17th for novice members that need help learning how to manage their rabbits and poultry. Laura Killeen donated

money to purchase ARBA Standard of Perfection books which will be for sale at a discounted price for members. Next meeting will be May 13th.

- **Teen Club/Know Your Government:** None
- **Shooting Sports Committee:** None

4-H OFFICE REPORT

- “Resuming In Person 4-H” WSU Video was watched. This will be the video that club leaders and volunteers are required to watch before having an in-person meeting. There will be four or five options for the Covid Safety training in April. There will be a training on April 13th at 6:30 before the dog and horse committee meetings, April 19th, and April 26th at 6:30 before the 4-H Council meeting. Emily will put more information in the newsletter.
- In person update summary:
 - With WA moving into Phase 3 of the Governor’s plan, Thurston County 4-H is now accepting in person meeting proposals. The proposals can include plans for 15 youth and 2 volunteers for activities that can’t be done virtually. Business meetings will still be conducted virtually. In person proposals will be for things like horse riding meetings, dog agility meetings, shooting sports, goat hiking trips, etc. With a large space, meetings and events can be held with more youth as long as they stay in cohort groups of 15 members. We must also follow the Agriculture events requirements and limitations.
 - In order to conduct an in-person meeting, club leaders must attend a Covid Safety Orientation training and submit a safety plan/proposal form for review and approval by the Thurston County 4-H office. Proposal forms should be turned in 3 weeks prior to the meeting/event to give it time to get approved. One form should be submitted for each type of activity. For example, a monthly meeting that will be reoccurring (like a club dog agility meeting) will require one form with multiple dates. Different activities (Dressage event and Western Games event, for example) will need to have separate proposals submitted.
 - Kris is looking to laminate the required Covid signs for clubs to use. The 4-H office can provide masks and hand sanitizer if clubs need them.
 - Extension.wsu.edu/4h website has information, checklists, and print outs for resuming in person meetings.
 - Emily will research purchasing a hand washing station that clubs/projects can use for in person activities.
- Fairboard meeting is the first Wednesday of the month. They are 7pm virtual meetings.
- Please work on encouraging youth to enroll. Reenrollment deadline has been moved to April 25th.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Gambling License update:
 - Emily spoke to the WSU volunteer coordinator and looked through the gambling license paperwork. Snohomish county had their Council set up in a similar way. It sounds like it makes the most sense to maintain things as they are and have the horse department renew the license. The Council agrees to allow the horse committee to renew the gambling license and go forward with future raffles.
 - Doreen made a motion to approve the horse department raffle and maintain the council’s incorporation license. Jamie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- Kris talked to JoAnn about the Articles of Incorporation and it sounds like the council will be benefitted by this due to the grants that are potentially available.
- Bylaw/Policy Updates:
 - The Bylaw/Policy Committee met on March 1st. The committee got part way through updating the bylaws and policies and will meet again on April 12th.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Current Enrollment numbers:
 - 155 members, 25 Cloverbuds, 57 volunteers enrolled. 28 volunteers pending, 7 members pending.
- County Member Fees:
 - Fee report was received from WSU. The 4-H office is figuring out how much of the fees will be going to the council.

Next meeting Monday, April 26th at 7:00pm Virtual Zoom Meeting

Meeting adjourned by Jenny at 8:17pm
Submitted by Molly Pestinger, Secretary