



## THURSTON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

### MEETING MINUTES

October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

Virtual, Zoom

#### 4-H COUNCIL OFFICERS

Jenny Taylor, President  
Lucas Swearingen, Vice President  
Molly Pestinger, Secretary  
Doreen Tudor-Bennett, Treasurer

Meeting called to order by Jenny at 7:15 pm.

#### ATTENDANCE:

ATTENDEES
Molly Pestinger, 4-H Council Secretary, Horse Dept. Secretary
Jenny Taylor, 4-H Council President, Rabbit Cavy Superintendent
Emily Killeen, 4-H Coordinator
Michele Drochak, Plant Science/Gardening Superintendent
Kyla Poland, President of Yelm Nerd Herd Club
Haley Poland, Secretary Yelm Nerd Herd Club
Megan Harrison, 4-H Livestock Judging Superintendent
Chris and Lucas Swearingen, 4-H Council Vice Presidents
Mark Fleischer, 4H Club Leader, Shooting Sports Superintendent
Justin Wikoff, Club Leader Yelm Nerd Herd

#### INTRODUCTIONS/PLEDGES

#### MINUTES 9/25/23:

- Motion to approve/second: Justin/Megan
- Unanimous Approval

#### TREASURERS REPORT: (As of 9-30-23)

- \$25.00 in Savings Account
- \$12,066.77 in Checking Account

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Peterson barn committee is meeting on Thursday.
- Horse Committee reported that they are working on their calendar of events for the year.
- Shooting Sports has had their first range day. The calendar is complete and will be posted to Facebook. The club has a waiting list, but is waiting for returning members to finish re-enrolling.

#### 4-H OFFICE REPORT (Emily)

- The 4-H calendar is available for clubs, let the 4-H office know if your club and members would like one and Kris can print one for you. The electronic version is available online.
- Tumwater Hopes and Unlimited Clubs have not met since they hadn't had their meeting schedules approved. Unlimited Club schedule was just approved and they will start meetings in November.
- The Youth in Agriculture Series had the first clinic on October 22. About 20 people attended. Due to not enough donations, it cost to rent the equipment. There were issues with the equipment not working, so Emily is going to reach out to see if they can get their money reimbursed. Emily and Kris improvised and bought a camp stove. Future workshops will be focusing on growing and raising food in your backyard.
- 4-H Online has changed the emails to say they are from "RegMax", so please let your families know.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Elections for the 2023-2024 4-H Council. Nominations were sent to Emily.
  - Election for Slate of Officers as follows:
    - President: Justin Wikoff (one-year term)
    - Vice President: Chris and Lucas Swearingen (two- year term)
    - Secretary: Kyla Poland (one-year term)
    - Treasurer: Jenny Taylor (two-year term)
  - Motion to approve the slate as presented by Molly. Seconded by Megan. No further discussion. Motion to pass above officers passed unanimously.
  - We also need two teen leader representatives
- Doreen Tudor needs to be removed from the 4-H Council Twin Star Credit Union bank account. Justin Wikoff needs to be added to the 4-H Council Twin Star Credit Union account.
- We will try to schedule a Bylaw/Policy committee meeting. Let Emily know if you are interested in attending.
- Achievement Afternoon will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Expo Hall. Record book and award nominations are due November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Emily suggested doing a white light and snowflake “Winter” theme. Chris and Lucas will discuss with Emily and Kris to get some plans. Yelm Nerd Herd is willing to help with a planning committee and to help coordinate. They are planning on meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup> to coordinate.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- For the last two years we have done a fundraiser with Lynch Creek to sell Christmas Wreaths. If a wreath is purchased, a portion of the sale goes to Thurston County 4-H. We’ve made about \$170 each year. It is a very simple fundraiser to set up. Molly made a motion to approve the 4-H Council participate in the Lynch Creek Wreath fundraiser. Mark seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Jenny will get it set up.
- Jenny updated the Rookie of the Year form and will send it to Emily and Kris to get updated on the website.
- Kyla Poland proposed a market animal rate of gain contest. She would like to have the kids bring their market animals in to the Fairgrounds in May to have them weighed and then when they get weighed at the Fair they can compare the rate of gain. She has already talked to the Fairboard and others and has a group to sponsor belt buckles for the winners. Kyla will be meeting with the Thurston County Youth Market Animal Sale to get details figured out and get a date scheduled. Emily proposed doing one on the first weekend in June during the Rotary Duck Dash. Emily clarified that 4-H and FFA can’t compete in the same class against each other.
- The Yelm FFA will be doing an animal feeding clinic in February.

Next meeting Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm, Zoom

Meeting adjourned by Jenny at 8:32pm  
Submitted by Molly Pestinger, Secretary