



## THURSTON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

### MEETING MINUTES

September 25<sup>th</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 7:10 pm.

#### ATTENDANCE:

ATTENDEES
Molly Pestinger, 4-H Council Secretary, Blazing Saddles Leader, Horse Dept. Secretary
Jenny Taylor, 4-H Council President, 24 Carrots Ldr., Rabbit and Cavy Superintendent
Emily Killeen, 4-H Coordinator
Camille Talbot, 4H Member
Charlotte Pestinger, Teen Leader
Mark Fleischer, 4H Club Leader, Shooting Sports Superintendent
Lorraine and Justin Wikoff, Club Leaders

#### INTRODUCTIONS/PLEDGES

#### MINUTES 6/26/23:

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

#### TREASURERS REPORT: (As of 8-31-23)

- \$25.00 in Savings Account
- \$12,239.04 in Checking Account

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Peterson barn committee cleaned out the barn this summer.
- Horse Committee reported that many of the Thurston County horse members had a very successful State Fair.
- Shooting Sports participated in both the county and State Fairs. Thurston County members placed in the top two in all age divisions at the State Fair. They will be starting back up in October and have approval from all ranges.

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

- Emily was appointed as one of the State 4H Fair staff liaisons and was at the State fair quite a bit. State went well and Emily would like pictures of Thurston County members at the state fair if anyone has some. The State 4H fair board wants to increase opportunities to participate in the State Fair and will be looking into options.
- The 4H Showcase at the State Fair will be changing. The Showcase is a chance to promote 4H in the dog and cat barn during the weekend that there aren't any animals on display. They will try to expand on that for next year. They are talking about trying to have that weekend be a pocket pet show during that weekend.
- The 4H office is looking for more ways to do more community outreach in the county to get more kids interested in 4H.

- There will be start of the year leader/volunteer meetings next week.
- Emily is working on a calendar so that people can schedule 4H events in advance.
- Shooting Sports training will be the first weekend in November in Kennewick. Emily will be sending out more info to come.
- Our understanding is that the Thurston County Fair is currently scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup>-July 28<sup>th</sup> 2024. The Fairboard has a meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup>, we will have more information after that meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Charlotte Pestinger and Camille Talbot competed in the Equine Public Speaking Contest and won the team presentation portion of the contest and are therefore able to represent WA State at the Eastern 4-H National competition in Kentucky in November. The estimated cost for the competition weekend as well as the Kentucky equine science tours coordinated by Snohomish County is about \$2,500 for each member. They are working on fundraising from friends, family, and private businesses as well as working to help cover their costs. Charlotte and Camille asked the Council to help fund their trip. Emily said that there is a fund from Tractor Supply and JoAnn Fabric that is marked for educational trips for members. Justin made a motion to donate \$1,000 per youth plus \$500 for Molly as the adult volunteer/coach. Mark seconded the motion. Unanimous approval to give a total of \$2,500 to help them cover costs of the trip.
- Emily is trying to figure out a plan for workshops focusing on home agriculture. There will be a series of workshops. The first one will be focusing on poultry processing, with the idea of not just focusing on getting ready for Fair, but other information about poultry. Emily is hoping the 4H Council will partner to help provide some funding to help get the workshops going. The idea would be that she could use the funds to help pay for guest speakers, mileage reimbursement, etc. Future workshops will be focusing on growing and raising food in your backyard. Emily will get a flier out soon and give the Council more information at a later date on how exactly the Council can help.
- 2023-2024 Meeting Schedule was approved by the Council:
  - October 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the next meeting and Emily would like to do an in-person meeting at the fairgrounds (Fair Superintendents meeting from 6:30 to 7pm and Council meeting at 7pm)
  - Zoom meetings will be November 27<sup>th</sup>, January 22<sup>nd</sup> (Fair Superintendents at 6:30pm Council to follow at 7pm), February 26<sup>th</sup>, March 25<sup>th</sup>, and June 24<sup>th</sup>
  - April 22<sup>nd</sup> and July 8<sup>th</sup> will be in person meetings at the Fairgrounds
  - No May or December meetings
- Elections for the 4H Council need to be done. Nominations can be sent to Emily. We will vote at the next meeting.
  - Vice President and Treasurer are two-year terms
  - President and Secretary were supposed to be released last year, so they are both a 1-year term.
  - We also need two teen leader representatives
- We need to set a date for Achievement Afternoon. The weekends in November have some conflicts, so December 3<sup>rd</sup> would be the first choice. If the incoming Vice President can't help plan Achievement Afternoon on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, December 10<sup>th</sup> will be the back up date.

- We need to nominate a Leader of the Year and a Teen Leader of the Year. Jenny nominated Mark as the Leader of the Year and Joanne Killeen as the teen leader of the year. The Council voted unanimously to approve Mark and Joanne. The State has scheduled an in-person awards recognition and gathering in Ellensburg on October 28<sup>th</sup> to recognize the volunteers that haven't been recognized in person yet due to Covid.
- Jenny would like to change the Rookie of the Year award to be an award that the 4H member is nominated for, rather than a form that the member must fill out. This will align the award more with how the other awards are run. The 4H Council agreed and Jenny will change the form.

Next meeting Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00pm, TC Fairgrounds (After Fair Superintendent meeting)

Meeting adjourned by Jenny at 8:47pm  
Submitted by Molly Pestinger, Secretary