

**Grays Harbor 4-H Council
Meeting Minutes for August 25, 2014**

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Linda Waltenburg

Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge

Roll Call: Linda Waltenburg, Black Hills Gold; Denise Schupbach, Best of Times; Bobbi & Mitchell Smith, Gwen & Clayton Carrell, Country Pride; and Tracie Hanson, WSU Extension

Minutes of the July meeting *to be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.*

Financial report *to be provided by Council Treasurer.*

Energizing Activity:

A. Energizer this month was to share your favorite “H” from the 4-H pledge, “Head”, “Heart”, “Hands”, or “Health”.

B. A volunteer is needed to facilitate the activity during the October meeting.

Resources and support are available from the WSU Extension Office or council officers.

Reports of Project Groups:

A. 4-H Horse Council – Minutes will be sent out to general membership soon.

Topics covered included: Del’s Clover Campaign, Fall Bingo fundraiser, WA State 4-H Forum, and the AmeriCorps VISTA member coming to Grays Harbor to focus on mentoring as a way to reduce poverty, and ways to improve the county fair for next year, such as: increasing communication with the information booth, creating a display to educate the public about daily events and activities in the horse project area, delegating responsibilities for fair tasks to volunteer committees at the February Horse Council meeting, which has transitioned to a mandatory meeting for one representative from each club.

4-H Youth Development Report:

> Congratulations on the completion of another great county fair season! Many fun opportunities for youth to exhibit their projects, educate the community, and continue experiencing Positive Youth Development!

> Congratulations to the youth who have qualified to represent Grays Harbor County 4-H at the WA State 4-H Fair next month!

> Thank you to the wonderful 4-H volunteers and parents who support our youth during these events and throughout the entire year!

> Associate Dean/Director of WSU College of Agriculture, Human and Natural Resource Sciences will continue his tour of all counties in WA, with a visit to Grays Harbor in September.

> WA State 4-H has a new General Exemption Number (GEN) for tax ID purposes. More information will be available with the club packets next month.

> WA State 4-H has new enrollment database, so enrollment forms may look a bit different for the upcoming year. Forms should be available in mid-late September.

> 4-H Café event is scheduled for September 25th as a way for 4-H club leaders and elected council officers to reconnect.

> WSU Extension is partnering with Grays Harbor Mentoring Connections to host an AmeriCorps VISTA member who will focus their year of volunteer service on using mentoring as a way to increase education and reduce poverty in Grays Harbor County.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Food booth discussion with Fairgrounds – *Linda reported that the vendor who used the space during the fair is interested in returning in the future and dialogue is underway about sale of the 4-H equipment.*
- B. Audit of council bank accounts – ***tabled for a later date to schedule committee meeting.***
- C. Cowboy Breakfast follow-up – ***Denise and Davona are working together to finalize outstanding pre-sale tickets or monies due.***
- D. Nominations for Leader of the Year – Due September 1st - more info available at: http://ext100.wsu.edu/graysharbor/wp-content/uploads/sites/24/2014/04/NominationForm-LeaderoftheYear_000.pdf
- E. Nominations for Member of the Year – Due on the second Monday (13th) of October – more info available at: <http://ext100.wsu.edu/graysharbor/wp-content/uploads/sites/24/2014/04/NominationForm-MemberoftheYear.pdf>

New Business:

- A. Window Display Event – Entry forms due Thursday, October 30th, with displays available for public viewing throughout the community from November 2nd – 7th <http://ext100.wsu.edu/graysharbor/wp-content/uploads/sites/24/2014/04/WindowDisplayScoreSheet-12.pdf> .
- B. State Fourm in Wenatchee, October 17-19th. Additional info available at: <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/Forum/index.htm>
- C. Fall Bingo scheduled for Saturday, October 11th – ***Linda to check on availability of the grange.***
- D. Achievement Program – scheduled to be held on Sunday, November 9th at the Humptulips Community Center. All 4-H clubs, members, and families are welcome to attend! ***Linda to connect with Cathy C. about supplies and resources needed.***
- E. Promotion Opportunity – Melanie Bell, 4-H parent and Marketing Consultant for Jodesha Broadcasting, approached the GH 4-H Program about a partnership to create a marketing campaign supported by local business donors. *Gwen has volunteered to be part of the committee facilitating this process. Contact Tracie for more information about how you can be involved!*
- F. Ways to build communication between animal superintendents, 4-H fair superintendents, and the Grays Harbor County Fair Board Livestock Committee were discussed. ***Denise and Gwen to discuss the topic with the GHC Fair Board. Tracie to provide an organization chart for review.***

Topics of Interest:

Additional committee meeting dates to be scheduled and shared with the 4-H community to plan fall events such as the bingo fundraiser and the Achievement Program.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm

Next meeting: Scheduled for Monday, October 13th at 6:30 pm at the Grays Harbor County Forestry Building (310 W. Spruce St. in Montesano)

Action Items	Person Responsible	Completed Date
July & August meeting minutes to be reviewed and approved by council and membership	Mary P.	
Treasurer's report forwarded to secretary	Davona G.	
Someone to lead energizing activity for the Oct meeting.	Volunteer needed!	
Audit of council accounts	Davona G. and committee	
Finalize financial report for Cowboy Breakfast	Davona G. and Denise S.	
Secure location for Fall Bingo event	Linda W. and Davona G.	
Establish list of supplies and resources needed for Achievement Program	Linda W. and Committee	
Establish actions needed to strengthen communication between 4-H Fair Superintendents and GHC Fair Board members, especially related to animal projects.	Gwen C. and Denise S.	
Provide organizational chart to clarify the partnerships connected to the 4-H Youth Development Program in Grays Harbor	Tracie H.	