

4-H Council Meeting 2/7/23

Attendance: Michael Bigelow, Lucy Teuteberg, Al Walker, Melissa Seals, Marilyn Brennan, Mckenzie Vance, Wendy Vance, Heather Doran.

6:02 pm called to order

Pledges were recited.

Michael moved to accept the minutes from the January meeting. Mckenzie seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carries.

Treasurer report

\$80,015.28 in council OCCU checking account

\$18,189.56 in council OCCU certificate of deposit

March 25, 2023 CD 3002 will mature. \$5,022.77

CD 3004 matures in September \$6,024.47

-Alan moved to renew the certificate expiring in March and September when they mature and Lucy seconded. All voted in the affirmative, motion carries.

-Amendment of a motion to roll the interest into scholarship fund. For each CD we get a one time bump if we ask for it mid-term. (Amendment moved by Alan, Mckenzie seconds). All voted in the affirmative, motion carries.

-Lucky Dog Casino donation was deposited into the council account for "outreach".

President's Corner

-Wendy would like to discuss starting a peer selected 4-H member of the month to nominate a youth member to be spotlighted and receive a prize. Each club can nominate by the due date each month.

-Alternative proposal is to put all member names in a hat and draw one at random. (Marilyn)

-With 8 clubs we could ask 4 of the clubs to pick a member one month, and the next 4 the following month. (Lucy)

-If we draw names, put each club in different hats so we aren't picking the same club each time. (Mckenzie)

-Recognition committee to come up with a plan (Lucy and Mckenzie will drive this forward! Natalie will also participate. Thank you, youth leaders! All are welcome to join this planning committee)

-Discussion about making council meetings mandatory for clubs to attend a certain # of meetings per year. This is a great goal, but it might take some time.

-In the past there was a mandatory meeting in the beginning of the 4-H year.

-Take this year to visit with clubs, and establish an engaging relationship and encourage participation at in person meetings as a start.

-In person meeting in March, have a youth led activity. Proposed to encourage youth and adults to attend meetings. Have food and fun, plus the business portion of the meeting. Lucy shared she would like to help doing a baking activity in May. Steamboat Island 4-H Club will ask at their all club meeting if anyone is interested leading an activity in March. Melissa will also share this opportunity with Barn Bums.

Club Spotlight

-Barn Bums: discussing fundraisers for their club, and doing some educational trips. Club is focusing on public presentations and record books.

-Steamboat Island: In addition to the regular club meetings and projects – this club is open to have other youth club members join their virtual baking (1st Sunday at every month at 3:30 pm virtually). Please reach out to Jamie Teuteberg for the information: steamboatland4h@gmail.com Archery is happening 2 times a month through April. The club will be voting on possibly donating money to the council to pay for wear on equipment that is borrowed (bows/arrows/targets) – thank you!. Club is also doing an all club camp at Panhandle Lake 4-H camp. Field trip with sewing group going to Love Covers Washington, nonprofit that will share quilting and sewing techniques. They are also writing letters to seniors as a service project.

-Alicorn Adventurers: The club leader shared pictures with Heather about the presentations they are working on and the email was shared with the council. Lots of wonderful learning is happening – great job.

-Robotics: First Wednesday family robotics is going strong. Youth like the drones. Trying to start some teams or clubs within this outreach program to further learning. Please reach out to Michael Bigelow if you are interested in robotics!

Committee Reports

-Summer camp: counselor training is starting this month, and counselors in training are helping create fun and games. Lucy gave update on this, thank you!

-Summer camp committee meeting: please join us the 4th Wednesday of the month, 6pm. Taylor Sample and Rhonda Borden are leading this committee and all are welcome to join and volunteer at camp. Specific needs will be identified and shared soon for mason county volunteers to help. Zoom link: <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/97557445495>

-Fair committee meeting: Please join us on the 4th Monday of the month, 6pm. Volunteer roles are being established and will be shared with the council and clubs so we can identify people to help. Zoom link: <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/96845673362>

-Clover Kids: first meeting was yesterday 2/6/23. We have 2 wonderful leaders and are looking to establish a Shelton and North Mason outreach program monthly. Council funds come from “outreach” and are about \$150 per month currently. Heather applied for a grant to increase funding to provide more opportunities.

-Archery: need new arrows and a bow rack for the trailer. Discussion resulted from this ask. Requesting \$150 for a bow rack for the trailer and \$200 for 5 dozen new arrows. Michael moved that the council authorize \$400 for these costs. Melissa seconded. Vote taken, motion carries. (money will come from the general fund). Ask to identify how Grays Harbor wants to contribute to the trailer expenses. Also ask was made to create a budget for this project for yearly costs and come up with a fund for paying it moving forward.

-4-H Club camp: May 12-13, cost will be about \$30-\$40 per member. All clubs will be welcome to bring members and volunteers to join us for a camp experience. Cost includes, lodging, food, activities and camp counselors to lead. More information will be sent, please save the date. Clubs will need to provide chaperones to attend as this is not a drop off camp.

New Business

-Lucy will be going to the 4-H Tech Change Makers Conference in March. She is the delegate from WA to go to Alabama to learn and connect with other teens. This program teaches digital literacy skills. This program is being evaluated to bring to Mason County. It is grant funded. Heather is going to seek funding with the hopes of starting in 2024 in Mason County. More information to come.

-Help us brainstorm some outreach ideas. Do you know of any people who could lead activities/volunteer? Any places you can think of that we are not currently serving? Email Heather: heather.doran@wsu.edu

-SWAG: shirts, sweatshirts, car stickers, water bottle stickers, aprons. Please send your ideas to Heather: heather.doran@wsu.edu. These can be used to sell and give out to youth for fair participation or by the recognition committee for awards. Heather proposed to use the same company Panhandle camp uses because they are located in Mason County.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

Next meeting: 3/14 at 6pm at Mason County Public Works, 100 West public Works Drive, Shelton. Or via Zoom: <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/91092255786>

Notes submitted by 4-H Program Coordinator Heather Doran, in absence of council secretary.