

Mason County 4-H meeting minutes
November 14, 2023

Attendance:

Rheannan Ehlers
Jamie Teuteberg
Lucy Teuteberg
Gary Barber
Wendy & Mckenzie Vance
Heather Doran
Michael Bigelow
Marilyn Brennan
Al Walker
Kymberly Norrick

Meeting called to order by President, Wendy Vance, at 6:00. Pledges were recited.

A motion to approve the October meeting minutes passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Alan Walker said clarification is needed for the budget spreadsheet. The money is off in columns on the spreadsheet after the accounting was switched. However, all checks and balances were in order, per Heather. Checking account balance: \$72,657.57 (with \$8,993.52 as non 4-H funds - Early Learning Coalition money). Certificate of Deposit balance: \$18,329.98

Heather asked for clubs to please send photos of what youth are doing in 4-H to post on the Mason County 4-H Facebook page. We want to recognize the wonderful things happening in our county from leaders. A "feel good Friday post" is an idea.

Presidents corner: nothing new

Club Spotlight:

Stirrin Up Dust in Mason said their first meeting will be 11/16 in Shelton. They have 9 members enrolled.

Steamboat Island has 45 kids enrolled with 22 adult volunteers. They are changing their club arrangements as a trial with club meetings every even month and a project meeting in odd months. They are also going to try 4-H pods with about 4 kids per pod to encourage working together in such a big club. They also have asked for 1 adult volunteer per family.

Outreach events:

Robotics night had a great turn out with 12 kids participating that are from homeschool families. Those same families expressed interest in starting their own 4-H club. Heather is following up with them. There were 6 kids at the regular family fun night at the library.

Committee reports:

Camp Committee has begun meeting. Jamie Teuteberg and Rhonda Borden are the co-camp directors this year. This is a stipend position. Jamie will be giving camp updates to the council moving forward as

she takes on this position. The camp counselor information session will be in December and the first training will be in January (1st Sunday of the month has been scheduled for recurring training of camp counselors.) Michael updated that the Panhandle Lake ropes course no longer exists and will not be rebuilt due to insurance purposes. A ground course will replace it to be more inclusive and user friendly.

The fair committee is planning to start to meet. Fair still-life superintendents are needed from Mason County to spread the workload this year and make sure the work gets done. Mason County did a great job helping and it was noticed.

Dan has been working with the Grays Harbor Youth livestock auction to include Mason County youth members in upcoming auctions. This would be for enrolled Junior, intermediate, and senior members - no cloverbuds. More information will be coming about how we can participate.

Bylaw updates:

Formatting changes very minimal A.B#4 Contradicts #1 10 to list President, vice president, treasurer as members of Executive Committee. Motion to change wording to be consistent regarding the makeup of the executive committee. Additionally a motion to change the wording in the bylaws to "council" and remove the word "board" due to various duties performed. motion to change designation to Council instead of Board.

- Motion to accept the proposed bylaw changes first moved by Marilyn Brennan second by Jamie Teuteberg.

Discussion regarding the timing of meetings to "monthly" vs the second Tuesday of each month. Flexibility is needed because meeting space is very limited in Mason County and we have not been able to consistently meet in person.

- Motion to change the wording of the meeting dates moved by Marilyn with a second from Owen. Motion carried.

Elections:

Lucy is stepping down from Vice President Nominations for council positions:

Co-Vice presidents: Mckenzie Vance and Owen Teuteberg

Co-Secretaries: Jamie Teuteberg and Marilyn Brennan

- Motion to elect the new council members as presented above was moved by Michael Bigelow, second by Alan Walker. The motion passed unanimously.

New business:

Marilyn reported that the council wants to find opportunities to support teens and she wants us to think outside the box. We should be open to discussing internships, judging clinics etc. There was discussion about allocating the "forestry" money to leadership opportunities as that program no longer exists. Leadership opportunities would have the same intent as the forestry program. More discussion is needed and interested parties should contact Marilyn.

Heather is interested in creating a Super Saturday for club leaders. After a brief discussion, we decided to form a small committee to get an idea of what is envisioned before we ask for more volunteers. It is primarily designed to bring useful content to club leaders.

Steamboat Island requested \$105 for water bottle stickers.

- Alan Walker moved and Mckenzie Vance seconded the motion to approve \$105 for Steamboat Island's water bottle sticker purchase. Motion carried.

Jamie T. requested for the council to cover the \$300 fee to attend an educational training conference.

- Marilyn moved and Michael seconded the motion to pay Jamie's \$300 fee. Motion carried.

Heather and Dan requested \$300 for Archery Training from Council.

- Marilyn moved and Michael seconded the motion to pay for archery training. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at about 7:40.

Submitted by Rheannan Ehlers, club leader