

August 12, 2015 4-H Council Meeting

Meeting was opened by President Kevin Buyer at 6:32 pm

Andrew Brandt led the Pledge of Allegiance, Kit Lima led the 4-H Pledge

Council Members in Attendance

Kevin Buyer  
Jill Schwartz  
Tracy Coolbaugh  
Bruce Bradley  
Kyra Boatwright-Frost  
Nanette Seevers  
Andy Brandt  
Chuck Endicott  
Michaela Buyer  
Kitiera Lima

Others in Attendance

Dianne Boatwright-Frost	Dwayne Dunbar
Janet Kalmen	Alex Dunbar
Joel Kalmen	Josette Stenbom
Marcia Gibbons	Nadejda Taylor
Wanda Meeker	Anthony Taylor
Harry Hibler	Gavin Kavanaugh
Kay Hibler	Courtney Cass
Brian Brandt	Liam O'Hara-McLaren
Heidi Brandt	Tara Battaglia
Abby Brandt	Corrina Coan
Becky Kahlvik	Leslie Westphall
Paige Harkness	Aaron Stahowiak
Jo Weller	

WSU Extension Office Personnel

Shannon Harkness  
Renee Overath  
Pat BoyEs

Financial Report – Bruce Bradley, Council Treasurer

Council General Fund	\$ 1,926.78
Designated Funds	403.19
<u>Grants</u>	<u>4,055.43</u>
Total	6,385.43
Investment Account	50,196.14

Twin Lakes Camp General Fund	\$10,802.33
<u>Twin Lakes Camp Designated Funds</u>	<u>7,318.26</u>
Total	18,120.59

**Office Notes—Shannon Harkness**

Discover 4-H Summer Camps served 48 youth in 7 sessions

There is a partnership with the Central Kitsap School District

Leader of the Year nominations are due August 30

Enrollments: the new system is still being worked on. Kitsap County Extension is checking on what Pierce County has done. Collecting funds on line will not be a possibility until next year. Pat BoyEs reports that it has been a lot to work on this much new all at once

This Fall only the basics can be accomplished on line; only enrollment for youth and adults, but next year we should be able to do much more: record books, event registration, trainings, and paying fees, including for County events. Texas has been using it that way for 5 years

It's time to send in applications for Teen Ambassador. There are currently 6 openings state wide (2 per district) Lots of leadership opportunities for youth

Fair entries for still life are coming, Saturday 10-2 and Sunday 2-6. Exhibitor information is on line

Camping passes will be available from Norma this weekend

Shannon reports that it's going to be the best Fair ever!

### **Guest speaker--Pat BoyEs**

A letter from WSU to Kitsap County 4-H was presented to the group

Twin Lakes 4-H Camp has been a part of Kitsap County 4-H for about 56 years

Issues have come up over the last few months regarding liability

WSU did a title search for the camp, and because "back in the day" deeds were very simple

Our deed shows that the camp was gifted to the Kitsap County 4-H Council, Inc.

The State Attorney General's office and the top administrator of Extension have all been involved in investigating this deed, and it turns out that the Twin Lakes Camp has NEVER appeared on a WSU inventory list. It has never been a state property, even though the 4-H emblem has been used there. 4H Council is an affiliate of WSU. Oversight of the camp has to be separated from Council

This was all brought up by an incident last winter; a risk management issue

The attorney for WSU Extension began searching out the deed and found it to be "murky"

The University does not want ownership

Panhandle was brought up. It is a separate entity from 4-H, though it is used by 4-H. When a 4-H program is held there, liability is covered for members, but not for the camp facility itself

The original donor of the camp to the 4-H Council does need to be informed of this situation

This has to happen soon. WSU will cease to be liable soon, December 31 of this year

Wanda Meeker noted that wheels turn slowly, and wondered

how that could happen on such a short time table

The 4-H program is insured, the camp property is not

Bruce mentioned that though WSU may have been involved over the years, it was never legally liable

Pat explained a bit about the history of Panhandle. They do exist under a separate 501 3C, and they could not control that property until after an adjacent property was purchased by WSU, but paid for by the Panhandle Association

The same discussion is being held with Stevens County about their camp, Princess Pines

There are 26 camps across the state, mostly in state parks or other properties.

The physical property CANNOT be under Council, because the liability would revert back to WSU's deeper pockets

DURING camp ONLY, the 4-H flag can be flown, but not the rest of the time

Pat gave a comparison of a herself at church, verses herself at a WSU function

The Council MUST relinquish interest in the camp, and do some forensic accounting

People involved in the new 501 3C group can be 4-H members, or 4-H Leaders or Council members, but they may NOT represent 4-H on the other committee

\$5000.00 - \$7000.00 will be needed just to set up the new organization and get clear title. This will need to be done because Council does NOT have a clear title

Twin Lakes Camp is currently closed, because of the water system (shut down by Mason County) and because of the need to remove dangerous trees

So far there is nothing to indicate that Olympic Resources will cooperate in this, as we've had trouble even getting them to open a letter asking about the trees and permission to cut them and instruction on what should happen to the lumber

Heidi Brandt wondered about approaching families who've been involved in the past to get them involved, and Nanette SeEVERS asked who should approach them (Olympic Resources) as the original donors. They need to be presented the

two options

How hard and fast is the December 31 date? Pat indicated that there would have to be a board formed and progress made towards making all of this work, in order for that date to be extended

The first order of business would be to form a committee that includes youth and adults, working on developing financial support and backing

It was mentioned that we may not want to “tip our hats” to them that we are being forced into this position in the immediate future, and that we need their cooperation

Council cannot do this; separation MUST happen

It was asked if it would be OK to approach people at Fair about becoming involved, and it was agreed that it would be an ideal time to be speaking with possible participants and sponsors at that time

There would be leverage to having the 501 3C title include “youth” and the deed will be available to the new organization so that they know exactly what they’re working with

Money needed up front would include the amount necessary for an attorney, gaining clear title, the facility requirements, and most expensive of all, liability insurance

Clear title can mean they retain timber and mineral rights

The first step is to have a face-to-face meeting with the Regional Manager, then proceed on a clearer path

The title needs to be updated, and they may be interested in having it donated to receive the tax break

Volunteers to meet with the Regional Manager included Anthony Taylor, Kyra Boatwright-Frost, Courtney Cass, and Gavin Kavanaugh (2 adults and 2 youth) plus Kevin Buyer

Brian Brandt moved and Gavin Kavanaugh seconded, that the above volunteers meet with the Olympic Resources Regional Manager. An alternate is named in case any are not available at the to be decided agreed upon time

### **Executive Committee Meeting Recap**

The topic of the camp situation, in a meeting with Pat BoyEs, was the topic discussed, but at the time we didn’t have all of the pertinent information, including the letter from WSU that Pat presented tonight

### **Camp 2015 Report – Becky Kahlvik**

How did it go?

It was held at Olympic Lutherhaven this year, and it went well, despite many challenges

50 campers attended, and ½ of them were first time campers. There were 7 CIF’s, 11 TC’s and 5 Adults

For comparison, 2 years ago, the number had built back up to 60

The chef from Islandwood was there, and though having a nurse there was a challenge, it worked out

The teens worked hard and the them was enjoyed by the campers, incorporating astronomy

The weather was great, the archery was in the shade, and Heidi Brandt designed shirts

A big thanks to all who contributed to a great effort; still a great experience for youth

### **Audit and Finance Committee Report – Kevin Buyer**

Not going to happen this month, but more likely in September

### **Awards Committee Chair**

We need youth to be in leadership, or at least to co-chair the committee

### **Election Committee needed**

September meeting will include elections for Council members and officers

Any 4-H youth, age 13 or 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older are eligible to be on Council and to vote

Any adults, who have attended 4 or more of the last 12 meetings, are eligible to be on Council and to vote

Volunteers for Election Committee: Shannon Harkness, Corrina Coan, Courtney Cass, and Alex Dunbar

**Old Business**

Emily Meeker won the pie sale competition, by selling 41 pies, and needs her reward

Jan Kalmen announced the time for Educational Poster and Record Book judging. Friday before Fair, from noon – 7:00

Youth and adult volunteers are needed

Keyport Festival September 19

We have been contacted about having 4-H involved

We need an Outreach Committee Chairperson and Committee

Pat BoyEs talked about Forum, which is coming up October 16-18, in Everett

There are lots of exciting classes and keynote speakers

Food Preservation volunteers need to take a training that will be available on line

4-H week is the first week of October

The Teen Rally is October 2-4 in Snohomish County

Motion to Adjourn made by Chuck Endicott at 8:29 pm





