

Kitsap County 4-H Council Meeting
September 2, 2015

President Kevin Buyer started the meeting at 6:40

Kyra Boatwright-Frost led the Pledge of Allegiance and Michaela Buyer led the 4-H Pledge

August minutes were accepted as corrected for typos

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
Aubrey Malcolm

Council Members Absent

Ken Kramer
Peggy VanDeen
Kathy Cassis

WSU Extension Office Personnel

Shannon Harkness

Others in Attendance

Dianne Boatwright-Frost
Corrina Coan
Marcia Gibbons
Wanda Meeker
Brian Brandt
Heidi Brandt
Abby Brandt
Becky Kahlvik
Paige Harkness
Mark Frost
Aaron Stahowiak
Karen Jones
Earl Anderbery
Katrina Bastian
Mike Vogel

Treasurer's Report - Bruce Bradley – He will check on why the bank is charging us \$2.50 per month

The investment account has gone down, so we've lost \$1852.68. Bruce spoke with the investment broker and they expect it to go back up but often at this time of year there is negative activity. It's not just our fund; everyone in the market is down as we've all heard on the news

Treasurer's Report accepted

4-H news-- Shannon Harkness reported on the nominees for Leader of the Year. There are 2 and the winner will be announced at the October meeting

Shannon is catching up on emails after fair

The enrollment system will be opened sometime after September 15. The first step will be for families to reset their passwords. Collection of fees will not be on line this Fall

At the state level, they have, for the first time, come up with the same form for every county

Once a club leader gets the email, they should collect dues at the first meeting; that will go to the 4-H office

Heidi asked about enrolling in self-determined projects. Does that club have to have that project in its listing?

The office needs to know the anticipated projects and any club size limit.

Mike Vogel asked if for re-enrollments, can they just do their paperwork and sign it and collect dues right then?

Becky asked for clarification on whether each project needs to be listed under the club. Not sure what the system will do. It won't show under your club when the member enrolls, so they will likely call the leader

There will also be a paper option for enrolling for those who can't or won't enroll on line

Chuck asked if, as in the past, a member can enroll in 2 clubs. Yes, one as your primary club, another in addition

Earl asked if a club could be created JUST to house those self-determined. The answer is they should be under a club

Wanda wonders what a good sized group is, as she's always had a small group. The minimum is 5, each leader will have to decide for themselves. In Wanda's case, parking is an issue. She can have 16 kids from 4 families but not 16 kids from 16 different families

Michaela asked how it would be handled if a club is created in the middle of the year. It would go through Shannon to help them on all they need to do. Once a club is maxed out, it disappears so a family wouldn't even see it.

Pierce County is going live this week, so Kitsap will be watching how it goes for them

Next year when they start adding features it will be really user-friendly

Training for leaders to know how to use this system? There will be a club-kick-off and each club will be required to attend or send a representative. There will be hands-on run-throughs

Club kick-off is challenging to schedule because of state fair

Tentatively Sept 22 (daytime) and Sept 25 (Friday night)

Clover Academy in January tentatively be scheduled (like Super Saturday). Designated money from Del's Tractor Supply

More to come on future leader trainings after everything has settled down from Fair

Forum October 16-18 in Everett

Bruce - State State Fair update

More members from Kitsap are going than in the last few years

Public Presentations were given for 3 days at County Fair and Bruce heard lots of compliments from Open Class workers who heard them in the President's Hall

Quite a few are going to State, including most animal projects

Poultry show doesn't exist for 4-H at State, but NW Poultry Association invites youth to participate

Show is conducted the same way as we do at county fair; more are going this time (about 5)

Public Presentations – 25 members doing them at State

Next year the Washington State Fair wants to be open to include Labor Day weekend (Friday prior) and be closed every Tuesday. A lot of bigger fairs have been doing this for a few years—other states have been doing so for a few years

Poultry building may be moving across the street

Bruce would like to encourage more members to go for sewing and cooking contests

Someone from Kitsap should be on the Shooting Sports Committee

Mike Vogel wonders how they're going to work that given that State and National competitions have already happened by the time of State Fair

Teen Rally – Corrina Coan

October 2-4 in Snohomish County, approximately \$90.00, great bonding, first teen outing of the 4-H year

Council Executive Board meeting summary – Kevin Buyer

Camp, Dues, Fair, and the investment account were topics

Bruce did the smart thing and went to the investment officer, and there isn't an option of switching at this point

Committee and Project Reports

Several from Council met with Patrick Raymond and Land Acquisition person

They basically want to know the intent of the Council, officially, in writing

Twin Lakes Youth Camp new 501 3C Board being formed

They need to send a letter of intent as well (letter is done)

All of this hinges on whether Olympic Resources will write a new deed

They do want to harvest the land, first to get rid of the hazardous trees, and they want to make sure the group taking over has funding to do what they need to do. It was a good thing that they do want to pay for harvesting the trees. They do not intend to clear cut but to selectively harvest. They are very concerned with the viability, to make it a useful, operating camp. They also tend to replant and be careful of when to cut and replant

The date for the meeting was chosen because it was before Fair and before this meeting. Not everyone who volunteered at the last meeting was available to attend

What will happen to 4-H Camp funds that already exist? Each one will have to be authorized to see if the donor or survivor will allow it to be passed on to the new 501 3C

Many were not meant for improvements but for helping kids get to camp

The intent of Council is to work with Olympic Resources and new 501 3C as much as possible

It's a negotiation with the goal of handing it over to a group that will make it continue it on as a camp

Becky asked about \$18,000.00 that exists. We paid for the engineering study for the Grade B water system

Total amount required to do the water project is far in excess of the amount that has been raised

The property that is on the property that belongs to 4-H needs to be inventoried

This is not a simple process

Mark Frost reported that the 501 3C is ready to move forward. They have applied for a business license and will apply for a non-profit status by November 1

Audit-Finance Committee

The focus will be on Archery, Equine and Dog as soon as possible

An Awards Committee Chair is needed. We want teens to be in charge

Cass Taylor is willing to help with that, all input is welcome

Shelley Bookenogen might be a good resource for helping

Kevin asked if any youth would like to be on this committee

Election Committee

There is a slate of nominees for Council and then for Officers

Horse Arena Project

It has started! Yesterday and Monday, Andy Brandt and the Taylors removed the fence

The announcer's booth has been cleaned out and is being stored elsewhere on the fairgrounds. Silver Spurs may take it

The equipment will all need to be stored

Trees above the arena will be logged next week, and then the building will begin

It should only take about 6 weeks to be rebuilt. There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony and an MOU is being developed

Check for photos and updates on the 4-H Leaders Facebook page

Old Business

Camp was already discussed; attendees were asked to look over the letter that is going to Olympic Resources Management by Friday. A letter of intent from the newly being formed 501 3C will be sent by Friday

Kevin asked for a motion to allow him to sign and send the letter

Nanette moved and Heidi Brandt seconded that the letter be sent after the one typo is corrected

Everyone will be allowed to join after the initial groundwork is laid

Mark Frost is consulting, not leading the group. The state license paperwork has been filed

New Business

There has been a struggle for fund raising for the whole 4-H Year

The only successful one was the pie sale that raised about \$1000.00

The Council is suggesting that the dues be raised by \$5.00 per member and that the increase will go to the Council, which has about a \$4000.00 budget each year. This is one of the options that will allow the Council to continue to operate in support of 4-H

Heidi Brandt moved that we increase the 4-H enrollment fee by \$5.00, and Aubrey Malcolm seconded. Brian Brandt asked to amend the motion to clarify that the \$5.00 will be for each member, except to amend it to say that the same discount that already exists for families will apply, meaning the maximum increased amount any family will have to pay is \$15.00. Nanette seconded the amended motion.

The amendment to the motion passed, though not unanimously, by a count of 16 to 4. So the 4-H Council is going to ask for \$5.00 per youth enrollee, with a maximum of \$15.00 per family. The motion was voted upon and passed.

A lot of it depends on how the County government funds the program

If we find other ways to generate revenue, we can back off this and reduce it (such as the horse arena)

It is understood that this will help towards Council funding, not be the only source

The 4-H office will make sure that scholarship availability is made known

Elections

Youth positions are 2 years. Adult positions are 3 years, though currently one position is to complete the term of JP Harper, 1 year in length

When terms are up:

Youth: Kyra's expires 2015, Kit's expires 2015, Addie has left

Adult: Aubrey and Peggy's are finished in 2015, JP Harper, Kathy Cassis, and Jill Schwartz in 2016

The Election Committee approached possible Council Members:

Youth: Kit Lima and Paige Harkness are available and willing

Adult: Brian Brandt, Aaron Stahowiak, Aubrey Malcolm, Katrina Bastian (1 year term), and Mark Frost

Kyra declined the nomination by Andy Brandt, then later decided she will accept the nomination after all

Those on the slate introduced themselves

A paper ballot was taken, with Shannon Harkness and Jill Schwartz tallying the results

Once all the Council Members are elected, the officers will be nominated from that slate

We will elect in order, from President, to Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer

Everyone present is eligible to vote except (because they have not attended 4 meetings in the last 12) Karen Jones, Aaron Stahowiak, and Mark Frost

All 3 youth were elected, the paper vote was a formality since there were 3 positions and 3 nominees

Adults Aaron, Mark, Brian, and Aubrey

Brian volunteered to take the 1 year spot

The slate presented by the Nomination Committee:

President: Kevin, Vice-President: Jill, Secretary: no nominee and Treasurer: Bruce, Brian

Floor opened for nominations for President

Mark Frost accepted the nomination

Abby moved, Brian seconded that the nominations be closed

Kevin was elected

Jill was nominated by the election committee, Kevin asked for any other nominations

Chuck nominated Mark Frost

Brian moved and Abby seconded that nominations be closed

Jill has been reelected as Vice-President

Secretary: no nominations from the committee

Kyra was nominated, but declined

Abby nominated Kit, she accepted. She changed her mind and declined

Heidi nominated Kathy Cassis (she was not present so needed to be contacted by phone)

Chuck Endicott was nominated by Heidi Brandt.

He agreed, as long as he may record the sessions. Paige Harkness will assist. Since there was no other nominee, a vote was not required

Treasurer: Bruce and Brian Brandt have been nominated by the elections committee

Brian moved to close the nomination and Abby seconded

A paper ballot vote was taken

Bruce will continue as Treasurer. Brian will work with Bruce so he can take over

Shannon has not had any response in helping with Keyport Festival

Multiple motions to adjourn at 8:57

