

April 28, 2022 Leaders Council Meeting held at Sheriff's Complex

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by President Corry Arntzen. There were 9 present at the time of introductions. Partial minutes from January 13 were presented as the secretary was not present for the entire meeting. A motion to approve the presented minutes as read passed. (Shelly Van Haur/Anne Bergum) The "Statement of Financial Position" dated April 27, 2022 was presented and reviewed. Jennifer Saunders stated that she would look into moving the money in the Grantier Memorial Checking to the Horse Awards. She also informed the council that any donations made as memorials are deposited into the Memorial Scholarship checking. A motion to approve the financial statement as presented passed. (Yvette Hersel/Emma Farley)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ★ Fair Entry begins May 1 - deadline June 1. Fair entries are completed on the Fair Entry website, not on zsuites.
- ★ Food Booth Shift sign up begins June 1, deadline July 1. The link to sign up will be sent via email.
- ★ Sr Camp for members 13 and older June 1-3 Registration due May 16
- ★ Cloverbud Camp, June 16 - registration due June 7
- ★ Tween Trip for members entering grades 6-8 in the fall of 2022 June 14-16 - registration due June 3
- ★ Junior Camp for members 8-11 as of June 21, 2022 is June 21-23 - registration due June 9
- ★ Small Animal Showmanship Clinic June 6th at 5:30 p.m. at the Small Animal Barn

REPORTS:

Ambassadors: Emma Farley reported the Ambassadors hosted Farm Safety Day on April 19. 154 students as well as teachers and chaperones came to the pavilion and were taught how to stay safe in agriculture situations. She also stated Traveling Farm was held on April 18. Several members brought a variety of animals and took them to area nursing homes. Maggie Barth stated the Ambassadors hosted a self care/spa day for the community. It was not as well attended as they would have liked and the Ambassadors may host another in the fall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Livestock: No report. The committee met 4/25/22 however no one present at the Leader's Council was at the meeting.

Small Animal: No report - the committee has not met. The Small Animal Showmanship Clinic will be held June 6 at 5:30 p.m. at the Small Animal Barn with a meeting to follow.

Horse: Yvette reported the Horse committee met on April 4 and finalized horse clinic dates. The members were given sponsorship forms and are required to find \$50 in sponsorships. If the member gets \$100 or more in sponsorships, they are entered in a gift card drawing. The committee is looking for members to participate in hippology at Montana Congress. A team of 4 is required. The extension office has educational material for anyone interested. The horse committee voted to change the awards for the Ranch Horse show. Yvette stated the awards have been chosen and are in progress.

Static (previously Miscellaneous and FCS): Corry stated Outdoor Day will be June 25th at East Fork and will focus on camping and survival skills. There will also be shooting and dutch oven cooking.

The Indoor Auction will be held on Thursday July 28 at 4:00 p.m. on the Midway. In order to sell at the auction, Intent to Sell forms must be completed and turned in by June 1. The committee voted to charge a \$5 per item fee, which will be refunded if the member is unable to sell their item. The members' record books must be complete and up to date on pre-fair interview day as well as receive a blue ribbon on their entry.

There will be a marketing workshop on June 28, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the Sheriff's Complex for those participating in the auction.

Awards: No report as the committee hasn't met.

Food Booth: Yvette Hersel stated Mindy Henderson is helping her run the Food Booth again. They have decided to increase the length of the closing shift from 2 hours to 4 hours. They have also adjusted shifts to have more adults working. The cloverbuds will not be taking orders this year and instead will be assisting with cleanup and drinks.

Yvette reported the cost of food has increased, nearly 2 times the cost of last year. They are exploring a Farm to Table option and she is contacting local ranchers to see if any are interested in donating beef in exchange for advertising. Each supplier would provide roughly 60 lbs of beef for every day they are interested in sponsoring. The Food Booth would post a sign, advertising the producer. Yvette stated that the ranch must be FDA approved to sell to the public in order to participate.

Special Committee: State Rec Lab in Hobson was a success. Jennifer stated the local committee stayed behind to clean as all the other participants left. She will be suggesting, everyone be required to stay and help clean for future events. There were many good workshops held and a great turnout by members from all over the state. Rec Lab 2023 will be held in district 4 - possibly Glasgow.

OLD BUSINESS

Maggie Barth reported she has been in contact with the fairgrounds and has chosen places for the new trees for the monument improvement project. She and Jennifer will meet to write a grant for this project. The original monument was made by 4-H leaders in 1939.

NEW BUSINESS

Corry Arntzen stated, after all the fires in the last year, she is initiating a project to put together "Truck Kits". These kits are easily stored in the fire trucks and contain items such as chapstick, wipes, granola bars, eyedrops, etc. She will be sending out a list, via sign up genius, regarding the specific items they need. Corry is asking that each club donate \$100 of the requested items. The items will be listed on sign up genius for clubs to choose. She is also applying for a grant from the foundation. Once the items are collected, a kit assembly day will be scheduled for members.

Jennifer stated a float with 4-H members was part of the parade last year and is hopeful to do another float this year. The parade will be held Thursday, July 28. Anyone who wants to help decorate the float can arrive at 10:00 a.m. Yvette suggested making a banner to advertise the Indoor Auction. Clubs are encouraged to participate, especially the cloverbuds.

The backdrop, which was voted on by Leader's Council members via email, has been ordered.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 13 at 5:30 p.m. at the Sheriff's Complex.

Meeting Adjourned (Maggie Barth/Emma Farley)

MEETING PARTICIPANTS

- Corry Arntzen, President - Christina Busy Bees
- Michelle Farley - Secretary - Creative Critters
- Jennifer Saunders - Extension office
- Yvette Hersel - Creative Critters
- Anne Bergum - Winifred Mustangs
- Jada Bantz - Big Sky
- Shelly Van Haur - Hilger High Goalers
- Emma Farley - County Ambassador - Creative Critters
- Maggie Barth - County Ambassador - Creative Critters/Silver Spurs

