

Leaders Council Meeting September 13, 2022 held at the Sheriff's Complex

The meeting was called to order at 5:19 p.m. by President Corry Arntzen. The American and 4-H pledges were performed and introductions given. The minutes from the April 28, 2022 meeting were reviewed and a motion to accept the minutes as presented passed. (Stacie Arntzen/Anne Bergum) The Fergus Petroleum 4-H Profit & Loss by Class October 1, 2021 - September 13, 2022 was presented by Treasurer Stacie Arntzen. Stacie noted that the livestock checks have been issued however have not been entered into quickbooks. A discussion was held regarding the Food Booth expenses/profit/loss. A motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented passed. (Maggie Barth/Judi Martin)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Record book completion reports are due September 15
County Award Nomination, Club Nominations, & Friends of 4-H Nominations due September 15
Enrollment begins October 1
National 4-H week October 2-8 - Send Jennifer 4-H pictures
Round Table Discussion Groups, October 16
County Awards Program, November 6

REPORTS

AMBASSADOR: Maggie Barth, on behalf of the Ambassadors, reported the fair went well. Fall training for members 14 & up is in October.

CHOCKECHERRY JAM: Jennifer reported that Chokecherry Jam was cold but had lots of volunteers. She stated 231 tickets were sold whereas there are usually 350 or more sold. The band and food trucks were good. Jennifer posed the question "would more 4-H families be available to help if it was held on a different weekend?" If you have feedback, let Jennifer know.

COMMITTEE

LIVESTOCK: Judi Martin stated the committee discussed fair. Several animals left early and the families responsible were given a warning. A discussion was held regarding when is the appropriate time to take the animals and how to handle the situation in the future. The top 5 members in each market class were awarded a cash prize this year, which was very popular. Judi also stated that a discussion regarding the scale was had. A motion passed last year to purchase a new scale however the committee is hesitant to spend the money.

SMALL ANIMAL: The petting zoo had over 500 visitors during the fair. The members were happy with the judges in each show. Maggie stated the dog show had less competitors and audience members than normal.

HORSE: Both the Performance and Ranch Horse shows went well.

STATIC: Corry stated there were lots of entries and lots of people walked through to see the exhibits. The Indoor Auction was a success. There were several members unable to sell due to receiving red ribbons on their entries. There were 16 items sold at an average sale price of \$109.69. 31 buyers registered.

FOOD BOOTH: See Treasurer's Report - neither Yvette Hersel nor Mindy Henderson were present to discuss the Food Booth.

AWARDS: The Awards Committee will meet September 21, 2022.

This is the second year awarding rosettes to the members. Everyone seems to like them. There were some 1st place rosette premium payments missed. Members who received 1st place rosettes are encouraged to double check their receipts and contact Jennifer if there's a discrepancy.

Members are encouraged to write thank you's to the fair board for increasing the premium amount paid.

There were no Special Committee or Activity Reports

OLD BUSINESS

Jennifer reported that the grant application to replace the base on the monument was successful. She stated that in 1943 the Leaders Council had the monument created, planted the grove of trees, and buried a time capsule. The base of the monument is currently falling apart. Maggie has been discussing tree purchase and placement with the fairgrounds. Anne Bergum stated she knew of a tree farm that would have trees potentially at a lower price than in town.

Corry stated the Fire Truck Packs project is at a standstill. The grant to purchase the capsules was received and county clubs donated pieces to place inside the capsules. She is working on organizing a day to assemble the packs.

4-H Year Revue

See Post Fair Report

The float was successful at the fair parade.

NEW BUSINESS

National 4-H Week - the Extension Office will put 4-H flags out. Clubs are encouraged to put displays up in local business windows. The Ambassadors will be on the radio at least 1 day. Heidi Weber at KXLO wants to get 4-H kids on the radio - contact her if you are interested.

2022-2023 Leaders Council Budget Committee - Sonja Gregory and Stacie Arntzen

2022-2023 Leaders Council Officers Nomination Committee - Corry Arntzen and Anne Bergum

The position of secretary is open as Michelle Farley is termed out.

The committee will contact Yvette Hersel regarding serving a second term as Foundation Representative.

The committee will contact Chris England regarding serving a second term as District Council Representative.

2022-2023 Leaders Council Annual Meeting and Banquet - Sonja Gregory and Maggie Barth

The Annual Leaders Meeting and Banquet will be held Monday, November 14 with a happy ½ hour beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the meal following at 6:00 p.m.

Stacie Arntzen proposed moving the checking account from Wells Fargo to either Bank of the Rockies or First Bank of Montana. She stated many inconveniences dealing with Wells Fargo. A discussion regarding the perks of using a local bank was held. A motion to allow Stacie to explore different banking options within Lewistown was made (Judi Martin/Maggie Barth). The motion was then amended to read Stacie will explore different banks within Lewistown and has the authority to make the final decision and set up the appropriate accounts. (Judi Martin/Maggie Barth) The amended motion passed.

Stacie also stated there are bonds held at Wells Fargo. She will explore options of what to do with them and will bring the information to the annual meeting.

NEXT MEETING: November 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. - Location TBD

A motion to adjourn, passed. (Stacie Arntzen/Anne Bergum)

Meeting Attendees

Corry Arntzen - Christina Busy Bees

Sonja Gregory - Independent

Stacie Arntzen - Christina Busy Bees

Michelle Farley - Creative Critters

Karen Barth - Creative Critters

Maggie Barth - Ambassador - Creative Critters/Silver Spurs Member

Shelly Van Haur - Hilger High Goalers

Allison Smith - Extension Office

Anne Bergum - Winifred Mustangs

Jennifer Saunders - Extension Office

Davey Storfa - Independent Member

Judi Martin - Snowy Mountain Trail Blazers