**Stillwater County 4-H Leaders’ Council Minutes**

**August 10th, 2022 @ 6pm**

**Extension Office**

This meeting was called to order by Melissa Kramer @ 5:59pm.

Attendance: Melissa Kramer (Johnny’s Buckaroos), Brian & Mindy Young (Stillwater Ranch Hands), Lee Smelzer (County Extension Agent), Tammi Kirch (Beartooth Ramblers), Haley Barker (County Extension Agent), Raya Jackson (County Extension Office), Suzi & Gracie Smith (Johnny’s Buckaroos), Jeanna Fry (Park City Wranglers), Ben & Melissa Robertus (Park City Wranglers), Joe Kovanda (Johnny’s Buckaroos), Shannon Moore (Johnny’s Buckaroos)

**Reports:**

**Ambassador/Teen Leaders** – Cornhole Tournament was successful, 4-H dance went pretty well, they just returned from Silverwood not too long ago – 7 teens went on the trip, they stop and saw St Regis, Old Prison Tour, Car Tour, Berkley Pit, played mini golf, stayed on Hayden Lake and visited the Amusement and Water Parks

**Travel Program –** they also just recently returned. They traveled to Virginia, D.C., saw the largest dairy, large poultry barn – it is a BIG poultry area, visited Virginia Beach, and a lavender farm, a water park, D.C. was amazing, there was a gorgeous fairground, everyone was very hospitable, there were a lot of 1sts for this group of kids, hoping the Augusta/Harrisburg Counties 4-Hers can come visit June 2023

**Homemakers –** nothing to report yet, haven’t had a meeting since Fair

**Old Business:**

N/A

**New Business:**

**Camp Scholarships –** currently no set amount to award kids for scholarship, should an amount be set. The Homemakers do award up to $500 total towards camp scholarships. Meredith motions to have Council pay up to 50% of camp tuition for two camp scholarships annually. Tammi 2nd the motion, motion passed.

**Re-Issuing Fair Checks –** some Fair checks are getting lost/misplaced or just not deposited in a timely manner. For bookkeeping purposes and to make sure 4-H feed bills and other expenses are getting paid, do we set a policy on how long a 4-Her has to deposit/cash Fair check? Also, the Council has been asked to re-issue one for Kiley Timberman. After a discussion, it was agreed to re-issue Kiley’s check and moving forward Joe motioned to set a time limit of 120 days from when the Council issues the checks to when they need to be deposited/cashed. Tammi 2nd the motion, motion passed.

**New Fairgrounds Committee –** Lee advised for now the plans for the new County Facility and Fairgrounds just have a base building, no furnishings or designated areas for various things to occur. We need a committee to help speak up and educate on what the needs for 4-H will be such as simple things like cork boards, display areas and accessories to loading areas for livestock, and items needed to help make fair run smoother. Lee is asking all superintendents to help think through what is needed as we may need to lobby for some things.

**Top Buyer Recognition –** top 6 buyers, do we make banners again or do something else? Brian motioned to keep it as banners, keep it the same across the board for each Top Buyer. Joe 2nd the motion, motion passed.

**Awards Night Date -** Oct 9th, 2022 for this year and then moving forward Joe motioned that we just hold it the last Sunday of September annually. Shannon 2nd it, motion passed.

**Grand & Reserve Banners for Livestock –** it slipped through the cracks this year having them made, as the family that used to make them retired from the activity. It will need to be added to the Awards Budget as the banners used to be donated. Meredith offered if no one else has interest in doing it or know of someone with interest in making them, Katrina Feddes is willing to make them. Brian moved to have Katrin make the Grand & Reserve Livestock banners with the 4-H Council re-imbursing Katrina for supplies. Suzi 2nd the motion, motion passed.

**Thank Yous to the County Maintenance Crew and Sheriff’s Office –** Meredith moved to have Council purchase meat and cheese trays from the IGA as “Thank yous” to both the Maintenance and Sheriff’s Office crews that were so helpful and much appreciated during Fair. Brian 2nd the motion, motion passed.

**Annual New Family Dinner -** Nov 16th @ 6:30pm

**Next Council meeting:** Sept 21st @ 6pm

**2023 Brainstorming Session –** following Fair, looking at feedback on the good, the bad and “that’s a good idea” to improve upon for next year’s Fair

Brian moved to adjourn the meeting, Meredith 2nd the motion, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:45pm