

## Sanders County 4-H Council Minutes - February 2, 2010

Present were President Sarah Naegeli, Vice President Roni Mitch, Secretary Karen Dwyer; Abi Mitch - Southside Sparks; Elizabeth Riffle and Teresa Nelson - Thompson Falls Mountaineers; Sally Havens - Trout Creek Mavericks; Sharon Brown, JJ Bankhead, Julian Watson, and Raven Brown - Heron-Noxon Explorers; John Halpop, CEA.

**December minutes** were clarified. *Sally moved that member dues be paid to the club, after which a total dues check will be written to 4-H Council. Beth seconded. Motion passed.* Materials ordering will be discussed at a future meeting with more clubs represented. In addition, new fair entry guidelines that were accepted are that Fair Entry form deadlines will be enforced; all "any other" entries will be accompanied by a description; judges will have authority to determine if an "any other" entry is a duplicate of an entry in the lots; and entries in "any other" will be limited to five per class per member (ten for Cloverbuds.)

A written **Treasurer's report** was distributed and viewed.

**Correspondence** was received from Beca Gunderson, Montana 4-H Foundation, Breast Cancer Foundation, and Stephanie Davis from Montana State 4-H Office. A VISTA worker with Healthy Montana Kids (health insurance program for children in Montana) gave a presentation/certifier facilitated by the Extension Office.

**Ambassadors** attending Fall Training were Will Fausett, accompanied by Abi Mitch, Roni Mitch and Meghan Phillipi. Abi and Roni will present a workshop for Rec Lab in April (16-18, Corvallis). Ambassadors are planning mini-Congress in June.

**Record book training** had a great turnout and clarified questions about records. Participants learned what was too much and what was not enough in record keeping, more about market animals records, and tips for goal setting. All agreed annual record book training is important.

Some **volunteer leader forms and media consent forms** have not been turned in; reminders are in club cubbies, including lists with names.

**State awards group** is meeting every two weeks and has six members working on applications.

**Livestock** minutes are included in the Dispatch. Swine should be 40-45# at tagging for proper gain by Fair; some have been 100#. Swine project members are encouraged to line up sources for pigs now so size will be good at tagging time. Livestock raffle will be similar to last year's. Sarah will work on a quilt donation and a welded item. Raffle purpose is to avoid a raise in the fee taken out of market animal payment, rather than to eliminate the fee altogether. Dog entries in the fairbook have been rewritten. Agility training will include periodic assessments to prove a dog can navigate set equipment to pass. Rally Obedience now includes novice, junior and senior handlers.

**Budget committee** concluded that 2009-2010 council budget doesn't have much wiggle room. Suggestions are to request partial fees from members for Congress (\$20 copay), and to encourage selling fruit and bulbs. Some families would like to buy t-shirts for those who didn't sell a total of 8 boxes of fruit (or the equivalent in bulbs), perhaps adding \$5 to the price to benefit council.

**Citrus/bulb sales** information and Rec Lab information are included in the club packets distributed at this meeting. Members age 13 and up planning to attend **Rec Lab** need to turn in a health form and code of conduct with applications. Registration (\$50) will be paid by the member; please contact the Extension Office if a member would like to attend but can use help with the registration fee. Mark Heyka will speak (an 11 year 4-H Alumni and the chief meteorologist for KECI.)

**Stir-Ups and Demonstration** dates are March 7th in Hot Springs, March 13th in Thompson Falls, and finals are March 21st in Plains. At least three Stir-Up members must be signed up per location. Quality Assurance sessions will be presented at noon in both Hot Springs and Thompson Falls, and will be more interactive this year. Any homemade items are welcome from members and leaders for Demonstration and Stir-up judge gifts (last year's gifts were potholders). Trout Creek Mavericks will serve lunch to judges in Thompson Falls. "Corn chip bag chili" will be available to all demonstrators and families, along with homemade cookies from clubs, all for a donation to 4-H Council.

**Fashion Revue** Committee has not met yet. The Revue will be April 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm during the FlatIron Quilt Show in Thompson Falls.

**Camp counselors and CIT** (counselor in training) applications are included in club packets.

**Colors Training** is a fun and positive workshop Meghan plans to present to leaders, parents and older members, teaching people about personality types and characteristics. Tentative dates are evenings in June, one training each in Plains and Trout Creek.

**Shooting sports** archery manuals are close to completion.

**Heron-Noxon Explorers club** is hosting a presentation March 20<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) at noon, by Tom Chianelli from Fish, Wildlife and Parks. This will include hands on education, a bake sale, and a silent auction. Contact Sharon Brown for more information.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Karen Dwyer, Secretary*