

Sanders County 4-H Council - Minutes
December 5, 2006

Present were Sarah Naegeli - Vice President; Kathy McEldery - Treasurer; Karen Dwyer - Secretary; Roni Mitch and Margaret Whisennand - South Side Sparks; Sally Havens - Trout Creek Mavericks; Sharon Brown - Heron/Noxon Explorers; Shirley Kinkade - Thompson Falls Mountaineers; Megan Philippi and John Halpop - County Extension Agents.

Pledges were recited.

October **minutes** were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report - Achievement Day auction proceeds were \$383. Clubs submitting their own project manual orders may use member dues for payment. Dues remaining should be sent to 4-H Council.

Correspondence was received from Shannon Schaff, Abby Croft, State Leaders' Council, and 2006 State Leadership Forum committee, returning our \$200 donation because costs were less than anticipated. Leader dues of \$5 per leader are sent to Leaders' Council by our 4-H Council. Some leaders pay the \$5 themselves, and some clubs pay the dues for their leaders (since they are volunteers). State Leaders' Council and 4-H Foundation are two separate entities, and each provide many services to 4-H members and councils throughout the state.

Achievement Day was well organized, good food, fun auction, and new people. Council agreed this is a great way for local club members to meet with other county club members.

Livestock committee minutes are included in this mailing and will be added to the county 4-H website in the future. See calendar in this Dispatch for beef tagging and Quality Assurance training dates.

Ambassadors will meet on December 6th in Plains. Kara and Alex plan a presentation at the next Heron/Noxon Explorer meeting. Fall training was attended by Alex Saint, Kara Bates, Skyler Kinkade, John Garrison, and chaperon Megan Phillipi.

Awards committee met on October 29th. Committee plans to review high point awards, set up a tie breaker system, add no new awards at this time, require committee review for future new awards, and drop Best Decorated Horse Stall Award (duplication.)

Club plans are due in the office; examples are available for clubs needing help developing a plan.

Website stickies will be included on each Dispatch, to put on your computer monitors. Calendar for the year is on the website, and club minutes or reports may be added - send information as an attachment. Council discussed including a photo release with member enrollment forms in the future. Any input?

Leader training will be held on February 10th in 2007, most likely in Thompson Falls from 9-1. Attendance is not required, but organizational leaders, new leaders and all other leaders are encouraged to attend for education and fun. An Awards Committee Recap was suggested for one session. Contact Megan with more ideas.

Provider Pals is a program connecting workers in professions such as farming and logging with inner city classrooms. 4-H may be involved at some level. We will have more information in the future.

Megan introduced information on "**4-H Means Business**", an entrepreneurship program. Council agreed to offer this as a project. Materials are available from Megan.

Calendar includes Citrus sales starting Feb. 11, orders due Feb. 22, and delivery March 3; StirUps and first Demonstration Day March 11th; second Demonstration Day March 17th; Demonstration Finals March 25; and Patchwork Parade on April 29th. Karen would love to have a Citrus Sale assistant.

Check out www.4Hcouncil.edu for information on a \$1 donation to 4-H if you purchase tickets to **Charlotte's Web**. The movie includes several references to 4-H.

Megan introduced an idea for an "**Items for Sale**" category at fair, and an auction afterwards. We will check into legalities and Fair Board approval.

Shooting Sports training will be held in Kalispell December 8-9. The fee has dropped from \$50 to \$25. A request was made for council purchase of targets for air rifle groups. Council felt that members provide their own supplies for projects and council would rather help with purchase of equipment. Non 4-H members should not shoot with members in order to maintain insurance coverage (unless alternate coverage is provided.) Council discussed charging an extra \$5 dues for each discipline of shooting sports and sport fishing, since leader training is mandatory. Funds collected would be used to pay training fees.

A raise in member dues was also discussed, to \$8 or \$10 annually, and making exceptions for hardship. Feedback is encouraged.

Donation of \$30 to **Legislative Breakfast** has been paid. Check the calendar for Citizenship Seminar and Rec Lab dates.

By-Laws were presented for review. State 4-H has sent a dissolution clause to be considered: "If, for any reason, any Sanders County 4-H Club shall be dissolved, any remaining assets will be given to the 4-H Council. If, for any reason, this council shall be dissolved, any remaining assets will be given to the Sanders County Extension Service." Council will discuss this at the February meeting and either adopt the clause with or without revisions, or set up a committee if needed. Please offer your input.

Officers were elected by acclamation: President Sarah Naegeli, Vice-President Roni Mitch, Treasurer Kathy McEldery, and Secretary Karen Dwyer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Dwyer, Secretary