

**Sanders County 4-H Council Meeting**  
**Dec. 4, 2007**

Present: Sarah Naegeli, Kathy McEldery, John Halpop, Anita McCoy, Sally Havens, Sharon Palmer, Sharon Brown, Charlotte Palmer, Sebrina Palmer, Raven Brown, Roni Mitch, Bina Eggensperger, Meghan Phillippi.

Pledges were recited.

Minutes from Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting were accepted as read.

Correspondence from Judy (H?), and Dinn Brothers Trophy Co. was circulated.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Kathy McEldery. The Council checking account is down approx. \$5000 in comparison to this time last year. Some discussion ensued regarding the reason for the decrease in funds. Council anticipates receiving approximately \$1,800 from scholarship and donor award reimbursements that will make up for a part of the \$5,000.

Livestock Committee met on 11/13/07. Rodney Kott led a presentation on "slick shearing" for lambs. The next Livestock Committee meeting will take place on Jan. 15, 2008 at the FSA Building in Plains at 6:30 PM

Beef Tagging will take place on Saturday, December 29, 10:00 am at Prongua scales and Bill Meadows' Ranch 2:00 pm.

Ambassadors: Roni reported that the ambassadors who attend Fall Training were Alex Saint, Charles French, Abi Mitch, and Roni (chaperone). John Garrison was not able to attend, due to football conflict. Consistency necessary to maintain requirements for Ambassadorship eligibility.

Ambassadors are planning to help the Heron-Noxon 4H Club, and a new club in Ronan.

Club Year Plan and List of Officers are due in the Extension Office.

Fundraisers were discussed. Karen will look into prices for the citrus sales. At the Feb. 5 meeting, council will decide if we should sell citrus. Sharon B. found another supplier to consider for bulbs. Moved and seconded that 5% of the bulb profits (prorated) go back to the individual clubs. Discussed the profitability of the citrus sale, and feasibility of changing products.

2008 Capitol Christmas Tree: South Side Sparks, Heron-Noxon Explorers, Whitepine Happy Workers and Thompson Falls Mountaineers committed to making ornaments totaling 170. Any other club wishing to contribute ornaments should contact the Extension Office.

Shooting Sports: Certification of Leaders was discussed. Moved and seconded to reimburse Joe Brown (Noxon-Heron Explorers) and Greg Misner (Trout Creek Mavericks) \$115 for their attendance at the certification class.

Fundraisers and training for leaders were discussed specifically for shooting sports. John will compile a list of shooting sports leaders in Sanders County. A countywide round table discussion may be helpful for shooting sports leaders.

Cost of Club Officer Pins: Discussion took place regarding which award pins the council should purchase. The council clarified that individual clubs would be responsible to purchase club officer pins (because that is an award that is "club" specific). Kathy McEldery suggested compiling data to show how much the council spent on pins / awards for each club.

Officer Elections

The council voted to retain, for one more year, the current slate of officers: Sarah Naegeli, President; Roni Mitch, Vice President; Kathy McEldery, Treasurer; Karen Dwyer, Secretary.

Strategic Planning Workshop: Bina Eggensperger prompted discussion on Leader College. Bina suggested that it would be a good idea to have a Leader College in Sanders or Mineral County (Camp Bighorn?). Bina offered to conduct a Strategic Planning workshop for the council. The council tentatively plans to hold such a workshop on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Roni discussed completion status for members who do not complete a record book. Does the State Office keep records on "years completed"? The state office does not receive that information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Next meeting: Feb. 5, 2008 6:00 PM in State Building Conference Room, Thompson Falls

Submitted by Roni Mitch