

Sanders County 4-H Council
Minutes - February 6, 2007

Those present were Sarah Naegeli, President; Roni Mitch, Vice-President; Karen Dwyer, Secretary; Sharon Brown, Heron/Noxon Explorers; Sally Havens, Trout Creek Mavericks; Meghan Phillippi and John Halpop, County Extension Agents; and Guest Joseph Rocheleau, Sanders County Historical Society.

December **Minutes** were approved as read. **Treasury** is in good shape. **Correspondence** was received from Reiley Winebrenner, Ciara and Bryant Normandeau, and Beca Gunderson.

Ambassadors met last week. Mini-Congress for 6th to 9th graders is February 18-19 at T Falls Junior High gym. Invitations have been sent; registrations are due February 9.

State Award candidates are meeting. Four members are working on applications so far.

Seven 4-H members have signed on for **Business adVentures**, the new entrepreneurship project. Members interested in learning to market a product for themselves or others may join by March 1.

Shooting sports members may be asked to pay \$5 each for signing up for a second discipline, to offset mandatory leader training costs. Annual member dues may be raised to \$8 or \$10. Please give us input!

Livestock minutes are included in this mailing. Quality Assurance training will be offered at the March 17 Demonstration Day in Plains. Beef project members may meet with Dan Lucas March 17th, also. Animal vaccination schedules were given out.

The State recommended **By-Law change** was tabled until the April meeting. Please gather input as to whether assets "in case of dissolution of a Sanders County 4-H Council" will be given to Sanders County Extension Office, or Montana State 4-H office.

Joe Rocheleau, member of the Sanders County Historical Society and the National Board for David Thompson Bicentennial, introduced a community service project for 4-H members. A flag can be sewn, or a candle lantern may be crafted as a woodworking project. The patterns will be available in the Extension Office next week. Products will be displayed in the T Falls Library and possibly in local businesses. Folks following the David Thompson trail will go through Canada and end up in T Falls, site of the last David Thompson trading post. Projects will be displayed from mid-May through the next 4 years. Sewing members may work on flags during Fashion Revue. A **kitchen committee** meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, February 22nd, 6:30, Courthouse.

Rec. Lab attendees will stay in a motel this year. Registration is \$75. Gallatin county hosts April 20-22.

Leader training will be February 10th, 9-1, Community Church in T Falls. All are encouraged to come work with Cody Stone, Volunteer & Leadership Development Specialist, on communications training.

Shooting sports leader training will be held in Dillon March 16-17. *Roni moved that Jolene Dryden be reimbursed \$100 for shooting sports training expenses; Sally seconded. Motion carried.* John will look into having a training offered in Sanders County.

Stir-Ups score card has been revised as recommended. Is someone interested in teaching Mineral County about Stir-Ups?

Demonstration lunch for judges on March 17th will be hosted by Whitepine Happy Workers. Remember, members may demonstrate on March 11th or 17th, and must contact 4-H Council if this is not workable.

Camp CIT and counselor applications have been sent by e-mail and distributed to club leaders.

Information for the 4-H "Learn By Doing" **photo contest** was distributed. Applications are also available on the Sanders County 4-H website.

Pavilion floor stripping date is June 12th, and finishing dates are June 14-15. Mark your calendars!

Montana Department of Motor Vehicles has changed the recordkeeping system, and 4-H will no longer receive a list of **4-H license plates** distributed. Thank you letters will no longer be sent, but 4-H will still receive the funds generated. We thank all who have purchased the plates!

A "request for rule exception" form was presented; *Sally moved that Sanders County 4-H adopt the form. Roni seconded. Motion carried.* Please use this form when a member is unable to follow a 4-H rule (i.e. cannot demonstrate on county dates, or will be late with an application.)

Fashion Revue may be changed to April 22nd (Quilt Show is April 29th.) Input is requested on the number of items members can enter in Fashion Revue/Patchwork Parade.

Citrus sales will not include oranges this year (damage to crops by hurricanes and freezing weather.) Council recommended apple and flower bulb sales, hopefully starting on February 11th as planned.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Dwyer, Secretary

