

Sanders County 4-H Council
Minutes - September 25, 2007

Present were Vice President Roni Mitch, Treasurer Kathy McEldery, Secretary Karen Dwyer, Sally Havens - Trout Creek Mavericks; Anita McCoy - Little Bitterroot; Sharon Brown and Sharon Palmer - Heron/Noxon Explorers; Abi Mitch - South Side Sparks; Alex Saint - Senior Ambassador; Meghan Phillipi and John Halpop - County Extension Agents; guest Kathleen Huntley..

Pledges to the U S and 4-H flags were recited.

Kathleen Huntley, a member of the Montana Geographical Alliance and third grade teacher in Noxon, introduced the website "My Wonderful World". United States has funded 9 core subjects for schools, and geography was not included. Our schools are falling behind. Visit www.mywonderfulworld.com. Ambassador Alex reported that Battle of the Barns had a good turnout and was a success, even though rumors say the beef barn cheated. Wrist bands are still available. Fall Training is October 18th at Fairmont Hot Springs.

August minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report included figures on 4-H kitchen and fat stock sale. Leaders, please submit club financial records to Kathy asap for audit.

Correspondence was received from Skyler Kinkade, Allen Havens, and Sanders County Fair Board.

Customers at the Fair kitchen were extremely happy with the food. Shift schedule needs some revisions. Committee may look at raising meal prices in response to inflated food costs. Sharon B. reminded us of the positive social aspect in the dining hall. Winners of the drawing for working extra kitchen shifts were Ben Dryden, Ethan Snell, Anna Snell, and Tristan Riddle. Fair management will furnish paint for the shelves in the Home Ec barn. Silent Auction attracted quite a bit of activity, including a \$20 donation to council. Suggestions were to close the bids at the end of the livestock sale; to display in a location with more traffic (Ag barn?); to offer a choice of either livestock sale or silent auction; and to investigate requiring complete record books.

Quote from former SC Extension Agent Don Nicholson: "Fair is an emotionally significant event."

Livestock committee will critique fair September 27th. Shows, record book checks, judges, barn patrol went well. Camping coordinator and rabbit/poultry superintendent positions need to be filled for next year. Thanks to Roni & Doug Mitch, and Bill Naegeli for helping and cooking at the Wednesday BBQ. Concerns were raised about fairgrounds safety and evacuation.

New 4-H year ads have been placed in newspapers and newsletters, and fliers and posters were printed to display throughout the county.

After discussion, *Karen moved to raise member enrollment fees to \$10 per member (first 2 family members - \$5 each additional) and a suggested \$10 donation for leaders; Sally seconded. Motion carried.*

Check the Sanders County 4-H website for all kinds of new information.

Shooting Sports training was last weekend, attended by Doug Mitch. *Council executive committee approved \$50 registration and \$65 motel in advance.*

Achievement Day is 2:00pm, November 4th, Thompson Falls Senior Center. Mountaineers and Whitepine Happy Workers will host. Bring potluck dishes, silent auction items, and project displays.

Sally suggested another term for current council officers. Election will be held in December.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Dwyer, Secretary