

## **4H Council Meeting**

**1/21/2016**

**Attendance:** Nicole Gray, Katrin Finch, Lisa O'Neil, Carrie Molitor, Lisa Toth, Reba Domire, Travis Velk, Shelma Seidel, Amanda Powell, Jasmine Powell, Kari Riley, Paula McLain, Stacey Waid, Lon Waid, Donna Barkley, Debbie Barkley, Kari Lien, Kodi Peterson, Sydney O'Neil, Karla Vaughn, Cori Meldrum, and Skylar Powell

Lisa called the meeting to order 7:01pm

Pledges

Minutes were read – addition to minutes: Milk River Raccoons also had a window display @ Norman's. Shelma moved to accept the minutes with additions, Karla seconded, motion carried.

Communications: thank you cards were passed around from Betty Rae Mowen, Angelina Toth and Skylar Powell

### **Committee Reports**

#### *Livestock-*

Held election of officers, Kodi Peterson -- President, Dave Bischoff – VP, Travis Velk --Secretary.

- ARBA Show, March 19 in Great Falls
- Swine and Sheep/Goat weigh in April 17<sup>th</sup>, 1pm at fairgrounds. Swine not attending the weigh in need to have their info and photo turned in to office no later than April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Now mandatory that a photo be turned in with tag showing, age and weight for ALL animals
- Committee is asking to raise the fees to have an animal sell at fair, will need to be passed by Council. (in New Business)
- Committee is updating and making changes to Livestock Show General Policies in regards to substances given to an animal for the purpose of mood changes. A copy of policy changes are available at office.

#### *Foundation -*

December meeting cancelled. They have not met since September (2015). An investment of \$50,000 was made into a Waddell & Reed account

#### *Teen/Queen -*

no report

#### *Chuckwagon - ( Lon Waid )*

- met right before the Council Meeting. Capital campaign at the end of December has approximately \$120,000
- Legacy wall. Picking a date of inception of Jan 1, 2008 and any donations of \$1000 or more will be added.
- Still working on H/C system and a contractor that will build/design it.

- Western Trailer Sales have donated a 2015 Flex AT29RL Travel Trailer (winner will be responsible for title and registrations and any taxes)– 2000 tickets were made up at \$50 each. Tickets sales run through July 1, with drawing at the Livestock Sale. Each club is to take tickets and sell. – need not be present to win
- Independence Bank donated \$25,000 and will donate another \$25,000 at ground breaking. \$10,000 from Browning Kimble, US Bank Grant donation
- Would like more people involved in the committee, next meeting is Feb 9 @ 6pm

#### *Exchange -*

Dinner was on November 22, with 171 attending. Brought in over \$6,000 (net)

In the process of looking at locations for next Exchange by February

#### *Agents –*

- State office has a new Director
- Project books will need to have 5 of the 7 projects done in order to show at fair. Project books will need to be included in Record Books. At June club meetings, books need to be done and turned into office for approval. If they are done online, the books need to be emailed to the office . Books turned in to office for approval can be picked up for fair. The other two activities will need to be done prior to end of the 4H year.
- Activity revolving around “Why are we here for the kids” The different critical needs, to help, advise, support and advocate for them. Structure, rules and letting them thrive in 4H. What are our (as the adults) priorities for Hill County 4H.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### *Nominating Committee -*

no report

##### *By-Law Changes- ( Reba, Lisa Toth, Nicole )*

The existing By-Laws were looked over and need many changes and additions of sections that are required by State law. Changes need to be read at two Council Meetings to be approved or rejected. Copy of Bylaw (changes/additions) can be found at the office. Take home and read through them, will discuss at next Council meeting.

An issue that was brought up, Hill County 4H needs to not only focus on market projects, it needs to look at all the other projects that the kids do.

##### *State Leaders Forum –*

- located in Havre at St Judes Parish Center. “Harvesting Seeds of Leadership”
- 75 attended, had workshops, meals, tours, entertainment and an auction
- Next Forum will be in Lewistown Sept 30-Oct 1, 2016

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### *Livestock policy changes-*

Discussion of the addition of #4, "Use of any substance, such as but not limited to: natural, homeopathic, herbal and any pharmaceuticals, whose purpose is to change the disposition of an animal is prohibited." Motion made by Travis Velk, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa Toth, passed

Discussion of fee changes for market animals:

Beef & Swine change from \$35 to \$42

Sheep & Goat change from \$35 to \$38

These increases will cover the trucking & grading fees along with the higher cost of newspaper ads. Motion made by Karla vaughn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa Toth. Passed.

### *CAMP-*

Still looking for youth leaders, camp director. What do we need to do to increase participation to camp. Since 2012 Camp has been losing money due to low numbers and high expenses. Discussion on what should be done, how do we make camp a priority again. When the age cutoff was changed to 13 years old, participation dropped. Can we co-op with another 4H camp. Allow the older kids to be counselors and campers.

Discussion on bring back more outdoor activities less crafts. We want the kids input. We need to go back to our clubs and ask the kids what they would like to see camp turn into, and get back to Nicole or Kat by the end of the month with suggestions. As the office needs to send the deposit into the Park.

Nicole handed out sample budgets with 3 nights or dropping to 2 night camps. Comparing it to the existing budget (if no changes were made).

A motion was made to Budget for the 2 day camp scenario by Carrie Molitor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stacey Waid. Passed.

*Travis Velk will be taking over the fair plaque job.*

***PROJECT DAY WILL BE FEBRUARY 21***

Motion to adjourn the meeting was passed at 9PM.