

MAE4-HA MEETING

4-H Congress
Bozeman, MT
July 13, 2011



President Meghan Phillippi called the meeting to order at 9:00 p.m. during 4-H Congress in Bozeman, Montana on July 13, 2011.

Present were: (sign-in sheet missing)

Minutes: Minutes from the October 18, 2010 meeting were presented. Sheryl Knowles made a motion to approve the October 18, 2010 minutes. The motion was seconded by Campbell Barrett. All in favor, none opposed, Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Rene Kittle reported a beginning balance of \$3,585.45 with receipts of \$5,840.00 and disbursements of \$8,476.65 for travel to NAE4-HA Annual Conference and payment of dues to NAE4-HA, leaving a current balance in the Association checking account of \$948.80. Jill Martz clarified the reimbursement to her in the amount of \$50.91 for flowers. The flowers were for boutonniere and corsages for award recipients at NAE4-HA banquet.

The \$20,000 Endowment had useable funds in the sum of \$61.04 after removing \$800.00 to help pay travel to NAE4-HA Conference in Phoenix. The Edward Jones Managed Agency Account has a balance of \$29,313.13.

Todd Kesner Made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Ronnie Baker. All in favor, none opposed, Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Programs – Roni Baker: Jane Wolery and Ronnie Baker attended PILD and met with legislative aids. Ronnie said the meeting was beneficial and worth attending. Jane Wolery agreed on the value of the meeting.

Member Recognition – Tara Andrews absent. Meghan mentioned that member awards are normally mentioned at the 4-H update and because there was no 4-H update no announcement had been made. Meghan said she could find out who received awards she would send out an email.

Diversity – Rene Kittle: No Report

Public Relations – Jane Wolery: Jane asked how long the term is for committees and all responsibilities. She asked if someone else wanted the position. Campbell mentioned there are descriptions on the NAE4-HA website.

Finance Committee – Sharla Sackman absent.

Nominating Committee – Meghan Phillippi mentioned the nominating committee chair is held by past president. With Karol Sommerfield leaving extension, the seat is vacant. Vice President Roubie Younkin agreed to fill this position. Meghan mentioned the Secretary/Treasurer position will be open and elections will be held at Extension Annual Conference in November, 2011.

Membership – Nico Cantalupo absent.

Professional Development – Meghan Phillippi stated that she would like someone else to chair the Professional Development committee given her position as association President. After discussion it was decided that Meghan Phillippi would chair the Public Relations committee and Jane Wolery would chair the Professional Development committee.

Jane asked if agents would be good points of contact to train for speeches and demonstrations and other topics. Small animal training was also discussed and Ronnie Baker agreed this would be good training, allowing agents to rely upon each other for help with judging. After some discussion on topics and agents who could help train Jill suggested offering a workshop at annual conference and leader's forum.

Policy & Resolutions: Campbell Barrett updated the association members on the Director and Officer Insurance and the draft Memorandum of Understanding presented at a previous meeting. Since NAE4-HA has reported that 501(C)(3) status and Director and Officer Insurance through NAE4-HA for State Associations is not feasible, discussion regarding the draft Memorandum of Understanding between NAE4-HA and MAE4-HA first presented in October, 2009 is no longer necessary.

Campbell also mentioned that NAE4-HA amended their bylaws to reflect newer civil rights language.

MAE4-HA bylaws currently read:

Membership in the Association shall be available without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status.

The USDA non-discrimination clause reads:

... race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program.

In the event MAE4-HA wants to change the language of the association Bylaws, (Article II, 1. Membership) the Association can vote on amending the Bylaws at Annual Conference in November, 2011. Campbell explained that amendment to the Bylaws requires that changes be submitted at one meeting and voted on at the next meeting.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Review of Treasurer's Records. Megan informed the Association members that according to the Bylaws, following each two-year term of the Secretary/Treasurer the Treasurer's books need a financial review. Meghan requested two members of the association to review the books. Jesse Fulbright and Campbell Barrett volunteered to review the Treasurer's records. Rene indicated records will be available at Extension Annual Conference.

GEN Option for Association. Meghan informed the Association that the membership needed to select either GEN Option 1 or Option 2 as has been done with the 4-H Clubs throughout the state. Jane Wolery made a motion to select Option 2. The Motion was seconded by Campbell Barrett. All in favor, none

opposed, Motion passed. Jill Martz indicated the Association needs a Charter, an Annual Plan, and an MOU. Campbell said we have an MOU. These documents are due to the state 4-H office by August 15.

Bylaws Change. Meghan further informed the Association that the Bylaws need to be amended similar to club Bylaw changes. Meghan read the language word-for-word that should be added in the Association Bylaws under the following new Articles.

ARTICLE XIII
Compensation and Conflicts of Interest

ARTICLE XIV
Whistleblowers Protection

ARTICLE XV
Document Retention and Destruction

These additions will be voted on at the next association meeting at Extension Annual Conference in November, 2011.

October 2011 NAE4-HA Conference in Omaha. Meghan asked who was planning to attend the annual conference in Omaha in October. Those planning to attend include Roubie Younkin, Meghan Phillippi, Allison Flynn, Jill Martz and Rene Kittle.

Regional Director Visit. Megan asked association members if the membership would like to have a regional director present at the 4-H Update. Previously the regional director was Scott Nash. Ronnie asked if there were options they could offer to discuss. Megan indicated we could find out and discuss more at Extension Annual Conference.

Meghan stated that there was no other business on the Agenda. Campbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Todd Kesner Seconded the Motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Submitted by Rene Kittle.