MAE4-HA Meeting

4-H Agent Update – Billings

February 3, 2016

President Mandie Reed called the MAE4-HA meeting to order at 12:52 p.m. in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Skyview 1 and 2 on February 3, 2016.

Members present were: Jesse Fulbright, Mandie Reed, Campbell Barrett, Tara Andrews, Meghan Phillippi, Roubie Younkin, Jane Wolery, Roni Baker, Jerrica Seilstad, Todd Kesner, Kelton Jensen, Mary Meyer, Steve Sieglin, Ardis Oelkers, Sheila Friedrich, Josie Evenson, Sandra Germann, Martha Klaumann, Cody Stone, Sharla Sackman, Jeff Bader, Tyler Lane, Kellee Anderson, Brett Schomer, Katie Hatlelid, Rose Malisani, Elin Kittelmann, Mary Anne Keyes, Alice Burchak, Lisa Terry, Katrin Finch, Stephanie Davison, Katelyn Andersen, Colleen Buck, Jennifer Anderson, Shelley Mills, Janell Barber, Jason Badger, Mat Walter, Ben Hauptman, Jennifer Saunders, Allison Kosto, Kari Lewis, Molly Hammond, Larry Brence, Melissa Ashley, Sara Adlington, Laurie Lautt, Mary Meyer, Danielle Harper, Mary Rumph, Nikki Bailey, Elin Kittelmann.

Minutes from the October 21, 2015 meeting were distributed. Jane Wolery moved to accept the minutes as distributed.

The Treasurer’s report was distributed. Treasurer Kelton Jensen stated that the checking account had receipts of $10,110.40 and expenses of $8160.00 for a closing balance of $2749.05 as of February 3rd. The Edward Jones Investment account balance was $26,920.57. The MAE4-HA Endowment account through the Montana 4-H Foundation has $1,005.40 of useable funds during FY 2016. The treasurer’s report was filed.

**Committee Reports**

**Programs:** Roni Baker present, no report.

**Member Recognition:** Jerrica Seilstad e-mailed out the link from NAE4-HA for 4-H agents and specialists to submit for national awards. There are some changes to the award applications. Applications are due March 1st. Jerrica is looking for one person from each region to serve on the selection committee for the state. Please contact Jerrica if interested.

**Public Relations:** Jesse Fulbright present, no report.

**Membership**: Meghan Phillippi stated that there are 52 members of MAE4-HA this year. She also presented an idea to have membership invoices combined between all state professional Extension organizations to simplify matters for agents in multiple organizations. This will be discussed with the memberships of other organizations over the course of the year.

**Professional Development:** Tammy Walker absent, no report.

**Policy and Resolutions**: Campbell Barrett present, no report.

**4-H Center Report:** Todd Kesner present, no report other than what was given previously during the 4-H agent update.

**Evaluation and Promotion Committee Update:** No report

**Organizational Stewardship Committee:** Kelton Jensen reported that they are looking for people interested in seeking regional or national 4-H offices.

**Unfinished Business:** Mandie Reed clarified the MAE4-HA bylaws which states there are no term limits on the Treasurer positon, as previously thought at the October, 2015 meeting.

**New Business:**

**Directors Advisory Committee:** The committee is fully functioning and met for the first time recently. It is comprised of the presidents of the various state Extension professional organizations.

**Association website:** Allison Kosto has agreed to update the website for the association. Comments were heard about relevant information that should be on the website and included at least the last set of meeting minutes, award winners and history, when meetings are held, information on how to join, a list of the current membership, and links to the NAE4-HA website. There was further discussion about the relevance of the website. This will be monitored over the course of the year and reported on again at that time.

**Citizenship Seminar:** Stephanie Davison reported that Citizenship Seminar will possibly be moving to January to follow the 4-H Legislative Breakfast. She also reported on the Interstate Exchange survey that there were 8-9 counties interested. She also distributed a survey on professional development opportunities to the membership.

**NAE4-HA 2016:** New Orleans, LA, Oct. 9-13, 2016.

**Western Region Leadership Forum 2016:** Fairbanks, AK, March 2-4, 2016.

**4-H Rec Lab:** Joliet, April 8-10.

**4-H State Horse Show:** Great Falls, September 22-25.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respected submitted

Jesse Fulbright

MAE4-HA Secretary