MAE4-HA Meeting

Annual Conference- Bozeman

October 21, 2014

President Roubie Younkin called the MAE4-HA meeting to order at 11:55 a.m. in the Strand Union Building Ballroom A on October 21, 2014.

Members present: Jesse Fulbright, Wendy Becker, Mandie Reed, Bobbie Roos, Roubie Younkin, Kimberly Suta, Shelley Mills, Sheila Friedrich, Denise Seilstad, Tara Andrews, Kendra Seilstad, Katrina Mendrey, Jason Badger, Kelton Jensen, Christina Holland, Sandra Germann, Brenda Serrano, Erik Seilstad, Jerrica Lind, Lisa Terry, Wendy Wedum, Marsha Goetting, Stephanie Davison, Campbell Barrett, Rene Kittle, Svea Jorgensen, Tyler Lane, Rose Malisani, Jerry Marks, Tammy Walker, Dave Brink, Todd Kesner, Mary Anne Keyes, Allison Kosto, Jeff Bader, Pat Brown, Martha Klaumann, Ardis Oelkers, Alice Burchak, Lea Ann Larson, Jane Wolery, Laurie Lautt, Sharla Sackman, Katelyn Andersen, Meghan Phillippi, Jodi Pauley, Josie Evenson, Brett Schomer, Nori Pearce, Larry Brence, John Pfister, Cody Stone, Darren Crawford, Byron Hould, Marc King, Torie Haraldson, Kevin Chamberlain.

Minutes from the July 9, 2014 meeting were distributed. Wendy Becker moved to accept to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion carried.

There was no correspondence.

The Treasurer’s report was distributed. Treasurer Campbell Barrett stated that the checking account balance as of October 21st is $3,074.63. Expenses totaling $531.06 were detailed. The Edward Jones Investment Account has a balance of $34,684.75. The endowment with the 4-H Foundation is valued at $25,330.70 with $1,013.23 in useable funds for FY 2015. The treasurer’s report was filed.

**4-H Center Report**

Todd Kesner, Interim Director for the Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development reported. Due to the interim nature of his position the following people have been asked to take on additional responsibilities that were previously Todd’s.

Sharla Sackman will be the coordinator for the horse and livestock program and a local Gallatin County volunteer, Scott Francis will act as coordinator for the shooting sports program. Both will act as coordinators until June 30, 2015 when the positions will be re-evaluated.

Allison Kosto has recently completed a series of webinars on 4Honline.

An agent advisory committee was briefly mentioned with an anticipated 6 agents serving on it. More information to follow.

Concerning revised bylaws for councils, committees and clubs Todd advised county offices to keep those on file in the respective offices and the region department heads will check for compliance.

Regarding end of year financial reports for local clubs, councils and committees Todd asked that those paper copies also remain at the local Extension offices. All that needs to be sent to the 4-H office is the Excel file of the end of year financial report and the 1% fee due from each organization.

Due to the current quality assurance handbook not having a contract included for 4-H youth to sign off on Sharla Sackman will be putting one together in the coming months.

According to reports compiled through 4Honline enrollment numbers report that 4-H is down approximately 8,000 youth. Cody Stone believes this is a result of more accurate reporting rather than losing numbers. Todd emphasized the continued need for each Extension office to be reporting on impacts in 4-H.

Each Extension professional was encouraged to take part in a payroll deduction program for the Montana 4-H Foundation in any amount.

4-H Institute will be held in Miles City February 3 and 4 and in Butte on January 28-29. Topics may include conflict resolution and volunteer development.

**Committee Reports**

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

**Member Recognition:** Allison Kosto gave a report on award winners from Montana. Laurie Lautt will receive the M.S.A. award, Bobbie Roos the D.S.A. award and Jesse Fulbright the A.S.A. award. For Specialty Communicator awards Meghan Phillippi received a national award for her published photo and Jane Wolery received regional and national awards for her work in the personal column, news story and feature story categories. Additionally, Roubie Younkin received a national innovative award.

**Public Relations:** Jesse Fulbright stated a willingness to step down as Public Relations chair. Jane Wolery will replace him.

**Membership:** Meghan Phillippi, no report. Meghan will contact Campbell to visit about membership.

**Professional Development:** Tammy Walker reported that Western 4-H Institute is February 2-6, 2015 in Salt Lake City, UT.

**Policy and Resolution:** Campbell Barrett mentioned the need to amend the bylaws to reflect current IRS standards for 4-H entities. Tara Andrewsmoved to amend to current bylaws to include the additional articles. Lea Ann Larson seconded. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business**

MAE4-HA donated $500.00 to the Centennial Dinner Celebration via an e-mail vote.

**New Business**

**4-H Foundation: Jacobsen Scholarship:** Sandra Germann discussed the N.A. Jacobsen Scholarship, an underfunded endowment with $4055.00. This scholarship is given to juniors and seniors looking at a career in Extension. MAE4-HA was asked if they would be willing to donate. Meghan Phillippi moved to spend $2000.00 from the allocated invested funds for the Jacobsen endowment. Sharla Sackman seconded. Motion carried.

**WRLF 2015:** WRLF 2015 is a virtual conference and as travel funds will not be used districts are eligible to receive $375.00 per district to use to put on conference events during the months of January, February and March, 2015. Allison Kosto has a short application for funds for those interested.

**Nominating Committee and Election of Officers:** Mandie Reed, current vice president has agreed to continue on to be MAE4-HA president. There were no other nominations. Meghan Phillippi moved to cast a unanimous ballot. Sharla Sackman seconded. Motion carried. There were three candidates for MAE4-HA vice president, Josie Evenson, Tammy Walker and Wendy Becker. Tammy Walker was elected vice president.

**NAE4-HA 2014:**  Minneapolis, MN, October 26-30, 2014.

**NAE4-HA 2015:** Portland, OR, October 24-29, 2015

**Dues and online membership info.:** NAE4-HA has raised membership dues. Campbell Barrett moved to increase MAE4-HA dues from $80.00 to $90.00 for all members (no ½ price for new members.) Jane Wolery seconded. Motion carried.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted

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Jesse Fulbright

MAE4-HA Secretary