

**MAE4-HA Meeting
4-H Congress – Bozeman
July 11, 2012**

President Meghan Phillippi called the MAE4-HA meeting to order at 9:09pm at the Hall of Fame Room in the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse during 4-H Congress in Bozeman on July 11, 2012.

Members present were: Jane Wolery, Dave Bertelsen, Jesse Fulbright, Rae Lynn Hays, Roubie Younkin, Alice Burchak, Lisa Terry, Allison Flynn, Tammy Walker, Roni Baker, Tara Andrews, Chrissy Cook, Cody Stone, Jill Martz, Lea Ann Larson, Todd Kesner, Sheryl Knowles, Campbell Barrett.

Minutes from the February 1, 2012, meeting were distributed. Tammy Walker moved to approve the minutes as presented, Jesse Fulbright seconded. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was distributed. As of July 11, 2012, the checking account balance was \$1187.04. On March 30, 2012, the Edward Jones Managed Agency Account balance was \$28,726.60. Campbell Barrett raised a concern about dipping into the investment account every year to make the budget balance. Roni Baker pointed out that when the money was raised by hosting the NAE4-HA Conference in 1995, its purpose was to support the state association. The consensus of the group was that there is no concern about the way the money is being used.

Committee Reports

Programs: No report.

Member Recognition: Allison Flynn noted that we had several nominations for awards this year. Regional and National winners will be announced at the NAE4-HA Conference in Orlando in October.

Diversity: Chair Position remains open. Cody Stone commented that the National Diversity Committee has developed a Diversity Curriculum. Dr. Martz encouraged someone from MAE4-HA to attend this committee meeting at NAE4-HA in Orlando.

Public Relations: New Chair, Jesse Fulbright, had some questions about the responsibilities of this committee – primarily whether this was PR within the Association, or PR externally on behalf of the Association. There didn't seem to be any clear consensus on the topic. Jesse shared a photo history book developed by his County as an idea that MAE4-HA could potentially develop as an introduction to the Association and/or to 4-H in general.

Membership: No Report.

Professional Development: Jane Wolery mentioned that the Small Animal Judging Clinic that was planned had to cancel due to low registration. Todd Kesner mentioned that he will take the lead on tying a Small Animal Judging Clinic to the State 4-H Horse and Livestock Leaders Forum that will be held in Butte in January. Todd also mentioned that the Forum will be held in the Eastern Region in 2015.

Policy & Resolutions: No Report.

Unfinished Business

JCEP Report: Meghan Phillippi gave an update on MAE4-HA's contribution to the West Region's Report, which detailed our Association's activity and accomplishments over the past year.

Small Animal Judging Clinic Report: Jane announced earlier that the clinic had been cancelled. In addition, Lisa Terry gave an update on her conversation with Leslie Taylor regarding "Liability Waivers." For 4-H events, Horse

Projects and Animal Projects, we should be using "Informed Consent" forms and not "Liability Waivers," since Liability Waivers are illegal in Montana. Lisa has a "Leslie approved" form from her Strong Women training that can be adapted for our programs.

Bylaws Revision: At the February 1st, meeting, Campbell Barrett proposed that the bylaws be revised so the Secretary/Treasurer officer position would officially be split into two officer positions – since this change was unofficially made "on the fly" at the November 8, 2011, meeting as a result of the tie vote.

Jane Wolery made a motion to approve the proposed change and to nominate Jesse Fulbright as the new Secretary. The motion was seconded by Rae Lynn Hays. The bylaws will be changed from "Secretary/Treasurer: Shall perform those duties normally associated with this office." To "Secretary: Shall perform those duties normally associated with this office." And "Treasurer: Shall perform those duties normally associated with this office." Motion carried. Jesse is the new Secretary.

4-H Summit Report: Dr. Martz reported that when the State 4-H Program Leaders met, they did not embrace the changes to the National 4-H leadership structure in the Summit Report as it stands, but were willing to work with the process. The State Extension Leaders met and recommended changes to the Summit Report. At the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP) meeting, they did not accept the Summit Report, regarding the roles of ECOP, 4-H Council, etc. They maintain that 4-H exists because of Extension, not vice versa.

NAE4-HA meeting in Orlando: Members were reminded that the registration fee jumps to \$475 after July 16th. Members planning to attend are: Roni, Jane, Allison, Roubie, Meghan, Campbell, Cody and Dr. Martz. It was recommended that those in attendance coordinate a plan so Montana will be represented in as many of the committee meetings as possible.

New Business

President and President-Elect positions: Up for election in October, 2012. A Nominating Committee consisting of Meghan Phillippi and Campbell Barrett was appointed. Members interested in running for one of the positions should contact Meghan or Campbell.

4-H Documentary: Dr. Martz informed the Association that a DVD copy of the PBS documentary *4-H: Six Montana Stories*, would be sent to each office in September. She recommends organizing a public showing at a local movie theatre during National 4-H Week in October.

Dr. Martz also recommended supporting PBS's annual fund drive, and would like to see Gus Chambers and Montana PBS nominated for the JCEP Friend of Extension (Arrowhead) Award. Jane recommended that the PR Committee work on promoting this nomination.

There being no further business, Jane Wolery moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be at Annual Conference in Bozeman in October.

Respectfully submitted,



Campbell Barrett
Acting MAE4-HA Secretary