MAE4-HA Meeting

4-H Congress – Bozeman

July 8, 2015

President Mandie Reed called the MAE4-HA meeting to order at 9:08 p.m. in the Strand Union Building, room 236 on July 8, 2015.

Members present were: Jesse Fulbright, Mandie Reed, Campbell Barrett, Svea Jorgensen, Tara Andrews, Meghan Phillippi, Nikki Bailey, Roubie Younkin, Jane Wolery, Roni Baker, Jerrica Lind, Todd Kesner, Larry Brence, Kelton Jensen, Hayley Richards, Mary Meyer.

Minutes from the October 21, 2014 meeting were e-mailed out.

There was no correspondence.

The Treasurer’s report was distributed. Treasurer Campbell Barrett stated that the checking account balance as of July 8th was $895.61. In the Edward Jones Investment account $5000 was taken out and transferred to the checking account, leaving a total of $31,210.59. The MAE4-HA Endowment account through the Montana 4-H Foundation has $1,013.23 of useable funds during FY 2015. The treasurer’s report was filed.

**Committee Reports**

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

**Member Recognition:** Jerrica Lind reported the following individuals will be receiving awards at the NAE4-HA meeting in Portland this October. Ardis Oelkers and Todd Kesner will 25 year service plaques. Elin Westover will receive the A.S.A. Roubie Younkin and Mandie Reed will receive the D.S.A. Jane Wolery will receive the M.S.A.

**Public Relations:** Jesse Fulbright present, no report. Jane Wolery stated that Jamie Smith, Teton County Administrative Assistant would be willing to enter MAE4-HA minutes on the website if desired.

**Membership**: Meghan Phillippi stated there are $2000 in Professional Development funds available, from Montana 4-H as well as $2000 available from MAE4-HA for travel support to NAE4-HA 2016 in Portland. Meghan also applied for funds from the National Meeting Scholarship from M.S.U. Extension for rooms at the NAE4-HA meeting in Portland. She should receive word about that funding around August 15th.

**Professional Development:** Jane Wolery present, no report.

**Policy and Resolutions**: Campbell Barrett present, no report. NAE4-HA website has committee handbooks online if anyone desires to see them.

**4-H Center Report:** Todd Kesner reported that Cody Stone has accepted Associate Director position with M.S.U. Extension. A search for the 4-H Director is now out with reviews scheduled to start September 1st. Once the 4-H Director position is filled other 4-H Center vacancies can begin to be filled. Todd also noted the meeting of the state agent advisory committee in May. A discussion about how to improve the 4-H program was held and included moving the 4-H age to October 1st. This means that whatever age you are on October 1st is the what you will be for the 4-H year. Additional discussion at the advisory committee meeting included how to recognize good work done by agents with 4-H responsibilities. At the next 4-H agent update in 2016 a possible theme of “Going from Eeyore to Tigger” is being explored to deal with informal recognition.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business**

**NAE4-HA 2015:** Portland, OR, Oct. 24-29, 2015. Funding opportunities for members are available as previously mentioned.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respected submitted

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MAE4-HA Secretary