

September 1, 2022, Yellowstone County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes by SKelly Adkins

The meeting was called to order Brenda Rider at 6:22. There were 7 4-H teens, 10 leaders and 2 kids.

Carson Adkins and Erin Robertson held the flags and led the pledges.

Dan Robertson moved to forego the reading of the Secretary Minutes and it was 2nd from Carson Adkins since there were no June minutes provided. No discussion, motion passed.

Caroline Britto presented the Treasurer's Report from May through August. Copies were made available to all that attended. Karen Robertson moved to approve the minutes and Dixie Osborne 2nd it. There was discussion on clarification of the ending balance on the front versus the ending balance on the running journal. The front does not include outstanding checks and deposits and the journal does. Motion passed.

Yellowstone County 4-H delegates that won state awards at Montana 4-H Congress can go to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta Georgia over Thanksgiving. Cooper Koffler (stir-ups), Tanner Stott (demonstration) and Kaylin Arnold (quilting) all gave small talks about what they did at Congress in July. Boomer Taylen (State Award- Citizenship) is currently at college. Dixie Osborne moved to give each delegate \$500 to help with their trip. It was 2nd by Valory Seely. Motion passed

10 Thank you cards were sent around the room to be reviewed.

Old Business

Family Fun Night - the best date looks like November 19th.

National 4-H Week Oct 2 to 8th....National 4-H website has an online toolkit for ideas, Call the Radio and tv stations about doing an interview. Educate the public! Caroline Britto had brochures available this past week at Home School kickoff. She gave out all of her brochures.

Committee Reports

Dept N - After fair meeting proceeded the council meeting. An idea of a Rubic or check list to give to the judges who can nominate "Best of Class" entries at fair was suggested. Stronger scoops for the hard icecream. Advertising via Facebook Live video on what and when to participate in Skill-a-Thon, All Around, Hospitality, 4-H promotion was suggested along with hand outs at Family Night. Think of Activities and workshops to do for next year.

Dept A - After Fair meeting is next week Sept 7. AQA is the same as last year and teachers are needed. Volunteers are needed for NILE AG Ed, October 17, 18, 19th from 8:30 am to 2:30pm. The new herdsmanship program worked and will be discussed more and tweaked. The Intern Annie from Georgia put a lot of hours into the program, the technology didn't quite worked as planned but she left notes and ideas.

County Awards- Dates are coming and facilitators are needed.

Congress - 19 Members and 5 adults (10 first timers!!!) and 4 kids are going to Nationals.

Nominating, Policy, and Budget will meet in September.

Ambassador/Teen Leader Fall Training will take place in Bozeman Oct 21 to 23rd. Must be approved to go then apply in Z-Suites.

Exchange - If you have kids that want to be added to the waiting list, please e-mail Roni. The next 2 year commitment will start Summer of 2023 for the 2024/2025 exchange. There was some explanation and discussion on the "pause" of exchange because we didn't travel for 2 years due to covid. Marley Seeley, Tanner Stott and Carson Adkins gave a report on what we did with the Missouri kids for a whole week, how each family was responsible for the planning, preparing and clean up for the lunches for the superintendents/chairs at fair.

New Business

Yearly Calendar is being prepared, please call and add dates. It was suggested that "Shooting Sports Starts" under the November Calendar.

Agent Report - Please don't make Record Books so difficult and ridiculous that it turns kids away from being in 4-H. Work with your kids, make suggestion and let them have a chance to complete them further. Encourage "Outstanding Member" nominations to prompt the 4-Her to complete their books. When books are reviewed at the county level, they do have a chance to "complete" a page or information if it is missing. We typically review the agents info on the book and see if the 4-Her made corrections as recommended and double check all requirements to complete a project to earn the gold seal.

4-H Building - hopefully mice issue is resolved, sinks have been fixed the bathrooms, so they do not spray and the AC Units are dying and a quote is needed.

Next Meeting Oct 6th just council meeting, no Dept N.

Carson Adkins Moved to adjourn the meeting. Erin Roberson 2nd. Motion passed.